BYLAW 25-008 OF LAC LA BICHE COUNTY

A BYLAW OF LAC LA BICHE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND THE MEETING PROCEDURES BYLAW.

WHEREAS under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M-26, and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw in relation to the establishment and functions of Council Committees, and the procedures and conduct of Council and Council Committees;

AND WHEREAS Lac La Biche County Council adopted Bylaw 24-031 as the Meeting Procedures Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend Bylaw 24-031;

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and pursuant to the provisions of the said *Municipal Government Act*, and by virtue of all other enabling powers, the Council of Lac La Biche County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

- (1) The Meeting Procedures Bylaw 24-031 is amended by this Bylaw as follows:
 - (a) Section 2 is amended by adding a new definition in 2(m.1) which states:

"Electronic Means" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act;

(b) By adding a new section 11(3) that states:

"Participation by the public for matters under Part 17 of the Act shall be provided by electronic means provided that they have registered with Legislative Services in accordance with Schedule A Public Hearing Procedures of this Bylaw.

(c) By adding a new section 11(4) that states:

"The method for giving notice of how the public may access a Public Hearing, either inperson or remotely, is Lac La Biche County's website at www.laclabichecounty.com."

(d) By deleting 14(1) and replacing it with:

"All meetings of Council, including Public Hearings, may be conducted entirely by electronic means in accordance with the Act, and the following provisions apply to meetings held entirely by electronic means:

(a) Meetings that are held by electronic means shall be through the County's video or telephonic software.

- (b) Immediately after the call to order, the Chair must conduct a roll call to confirm the identify of the attending Members.
- (c) Except for any part of a meeting that is closed to the public, the Chief Administrative Officer will provide public access to the meeting through the electronic means (video conference) and cause notice of the method for public access to be published to the Lac La Biche County website.
- (d) The Chief Administrative Officer shall ensure notice on the Lac La Biche County website contains instructions on how the public may access information in respect of the meeting and make submissions. "
- (e) By adding a new section 13(3) which states:

"The names of individuals who are not Members but are in attendance during a closed session shall not be recorded when attendance is for the purpose of an interview with Council."

Severability

2 Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any such provision is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw will remain valid and enforceable.

Effective Date

3 This bylaw shall come into effect upon passing of the third reading.

THAT BYLAW 25-008 BE GIVEN FIRST READING THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

THAT BYLAW 25-008 BE GIVEN SECOND READING THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

THAT BYLAW 25-008 BE SUBMITTED FOR THIRD READING THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

THAT BYLAW 25-008 BE GIVEN THIRD AND FINALREADING THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

"Original Signed"

Mayor

"Original Signed" Chief Administrative Officer