

**BYLAW 20-037
OF
LAC LA BICHE COUNTY**

A BYLAW OF LAC LA BICHE COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ESTABLISH ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES.

WHEREAS the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter L-21, as amended, provides for the holding of elections by local authorities;

AND WHEREAS a local authority may establish election procedures in accordance with the *Local Authorities Election Act* that differ from those in force by default;

NOW THEREFORE under the authority and subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter M-26, as amended, and the *Local Authorities Election Act*, and by virtue of all other powers enabling it, the Council of Lac La Biche County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Title

1 This bylaw is called the "Election Bylaw".

Definitions

2(1) Except as otherwise provided for in this bylaw, the terms used in the Act, where used or referred to in this bylaw, have the same meaning as defined or provided for in the Act.

(2) In this Bylaw,

- (a) "Act" means the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter L-21, as amended;
- (b) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the person appointed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, or designate;
- (c) "Council" means Lac La Biche County Council; and
- (d) "County" means Lac La Biche County.

General Voting Rules

3 The provisions of the Act, except as modified by this Bylaw, shall apply to all elections conducted by the County.

Returning Officer and Substitute Returning Officer

4 Council's duty to appoint a returning officer and a substitute returning officer for the purposes of conducting elections under section 13 of the Act is delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer.

Nomination Deposit

5 Every nomination must be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of one hundred (\$100) dollars.

Voting Station Locations

6 The returning officer may designate more than one voting station for each voting subdivision and the location of those voting stations for that election.

Voting Hours

7 Voting stations shall be opened at 9 a.m. on election day.

Special Ballots

8(1) A vote by special ballot will be provided for those electors who qualify for this vote pursuant to the terms in the Act.

(2) Applications for special ballots will be accepted by any of the following means: in writing, by telephone, by fax, in person or by e-mail.

(3) Applications for special ballots will be accepted during regular business hours:

(a) between August 1 in the year of a general election and 4 p.m. on election day; or

(b) as determined by resolution of Council for a by-election or vote on a bylaw or question that does not coincide with a general election

(4) Special ballots must be received at the address designated by the returning officer not later than 5 p.m. on election day.

Institutional Voting

9 The returning officer may designate the location of one or more institutional voting stations for an election.

Severability

10 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.

Repeal

11 Lac La Biche County Bylaw 17-013 is hereby repealed.

Effective Date

12 This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon third reading.

THAT BYLAW 20-037 BE GIVEN FIRST READING THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

THAT BYLAW 20-037 BE GIVEN SECOND READING THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

THAT BYLAW 20-037 BE SUBMITTED FOR THIRD READING THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

THAT BYLAW 20-037 BE GIVEN THIRD READING THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

"Original Signed"

Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer