

# Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

## Action Request

<b>Meeting:</b>	Committee of the Whole Meeting
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	April 16, 2024
<b>Originated By:</b>	Stephanie Severin, Manager of Legislative and Information Services
<b>Title:</b>	Bylaw No. 1861 Municipal Elections Bylaw

### **PROPOSAL**

In 2023 Administration began a routine review of Bylaw No. 1662 and Amending Bylaw No. 1754 in preparation for upcoming elections. During this review, it became increasingly evident that some amendments were necessary, and Administration has prepared new draft Bylaw No. 1861 Municipal Elections Bylaw for the Committee's review and consideration.

### **DISCUSSION**

*The Local Authorities Election Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter L-21* governs the conduct of municipal elections in Alberta. As such, any changes or updates to this legislation have a direct impact on the bylaws that municipalities must adhere to when conducting their local elections. With ongoing developments in technology, demographics, and electoral practices, it is essential for municipalities to periodically review and revise their bylaws to ensure they remain relevant and effective.

Bylaw No. 1861 will repeal and replace Bylaw No. 1662 and any amendments, as well as Bylaw No. 606. Some of the changes with the new proposed bylaw include:

- Removal of reference to previous the Modified Voting Procedure Regulation 5/2007 which expired in 2018.
- Enhanced, broader definition of 'Election'.
- Streamlining election preparations and clarity of voting procedures (partially due to the removal of the reference to an expired Ministerial Order).
- Addition of clearly defined requirements following the death of a candidate.

These updates are intended to make the electoral process more clear and understandable for residents while also safeguarding the integrity of the vote.

Attached for the Committee's review:

- Appendix A: Proposed New Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw
- Appendix B: Current Bylaw No. 1662 and 1754 Elections Bylaw
- Appendix C: Current Bylaw No. 606 Taking of Votes Bylaw

### **REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Municipal Government Act, R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26  
Local Authorities Election Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter L-21

## **BUDGET IMPACTS**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Committee recommends to Council passing Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw, as presented.

## **OPTIONS**

1. THAT the Committee recommends to Council passing Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw, as presented.
2. THAT the Committee recommends to Council passing Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw with the following revisions: \_\_\_\_\_.
3. THAT the Committee requests Administration to revise proposed Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw, as discussed, and bring it back to a future meeting for further consideration.

**Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	Bylaw No. 1861 Municipal Elections Bylaw Review.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A-Proposed Bylaw No. 1861 Elections Bylaw.pdf - Appendix B-Current Bylaw No. 1662 and Amending Bylaw 1754.pdf - Appendix C-Current Bylaw No. 606.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Apr 5, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin