

Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261

BYLAW NO. 1-2022

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND DESIGNATED OFFICERS

The council of the Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Administration Bylaw".

PART I PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

Purpose and Scope

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish:
 - a) the position of Administrator, Assistant Administrator or any other municipal position that council considers necessary;
 - b) who may sign specified municipal documents on behalf of the municipality;
 - c) powers, duties and functions of municipal officials and/or employees of the municipality.

Definitions

3. Any capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them under *The Municipalities Act*, as amended from time to time; and
 - a) "Act" means *The Municipalities Act*;
 - b) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Municipality appointed pursuant to Section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*;
 - c) "Assistant Administrator" means the person appointed as Assistant Administrator;
 - d) "Council" means the elected officials of the Municipality;
 - e) "Designate" means a person to whom power and authority is or may be delegated from time to time by the Administrator, subject to restrictions within this Bylaw or the Act;
 - f) "MA" means *The Municipalities Act*;
 - g) "Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261.

PART II ADMINISTRATOR

Establishment of Position

4. The position of Administrator is established pursuant to section 110 of the Act.
 - a) Council shall by resolution appoint an individual to the position of Administrator;
 - b) Council shall establish the terms and conditions of employment of the Administrator;
 - c) The Administrator shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality;
 - d) Any person appointed to the position of Administrator must be qualified as required by *The Rural Municipal Administrators Act*.

Assignment of Responsibility

5. The Administrator shall perform the duties and exercise the powers and functions that are assigned by *The Municipalities Act*, any other acts, this bylaw, or any other bylaw or resolution of council.

Duties of the Administrator – *The Municipalities Act*

6. Without limiting the generality of section 5 of this bylaw, the Administrator shall:
 - a) Take charge of and safely keep all books, documents and records of the municipality that are committed to his or her charge; (MA 111)
 - b) Produce, when called for by the Council, auditor, minister or other competent authority, all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the Municipality; (MA 111)

- c) On ceasing to hold office, deliver all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the Municipality to their successor in office or to any other person that the Council may designate; (MA 111)
- d) Ensure all minutes of council meetings are recorded; (MA 111)
- e) Record the names of all council members present at council meetings; (MA 111)
- f) Ensure the minutes of each council meeting are given to the council for approval at the next regular council meeting; (MA 111)
- g) Ensure the safe keeping of the corporate seal, bylaws, minutes, funds, securities and any other records or documents of the municipality; (MA 111)
- h) Advise the Council of its legislative responsibilities pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* or any other Act; (MA 111)
- i) Provide the minister with any statements, reports or other information that may be required by *The Municipalities Act* or any other Act; (MA 111)
- j) Ensure that the official correspondence of council is carried out in accordance with Council's directions; (MA 111)
- k) Maintain an indexed register containing certified copies of all bylaws of the Municipality; (MA 111)
- l) Deposit cash collections that have accumulated to \$5,000 at least once a week, but not more than once a day, in the bank or credit union designated by council; (MA 111)
- m) Disburse the funds of the municipality in the manner and to those directed by law or by the bylaws or resolutions of council; (MA 111)
- n) Maintain an accurate account of assets and liabilities and all transactions affecting the financial position of the Municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; (MA 111)
- o) Ensure that the financial statements and information requested by resolution are submitted to council; (MA 111)
- p) Complete a financial statement for the preceding financial year in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles for municipal governments recommended from time to time by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada by June 15 of each year; (MA 111, 185)
- q) Witness any oaths or affirmations required pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*; (MA 111)
- r) Send copies of bylaws for closing roads and closing and leasing roads to the Minister of Highways; (MA 13)
- s) Bring to council's attention any resignation(s) of elected officials; (MA 96)
- t) Record each abstention in the meeting minutes that may occur at the time of voting; (MA 99)
- u) At the first meeting in January of each year, provide all bond or equivalent insurance of employees to council; (MA 113)
- v) Sign minutes of Council and committee meetings; (MA 115)
- w) Sign bylaws; (MA 115)
- x) Sign cheques and other negotiable instruments; (MA 115)
- y) Provide copies of public documents upon request or payment of fee; (MA 117)
- z) Provide notice of first meeting of council; (MA 121)
- aa) Call a special meeting when lawfully requested to do so; (MA 123)
- bb) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a public meeting of voters; (MA 129)
- cc) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a referendum; (MA 135)
- dd) Note any change reported on a Council member's annual declaration to the member's public disclosure statement, including the date that change was noted; (MA 142)
- ee) Make each public disclosure statement and declaration available for public inspection during regular business hours; (MA 142)
- ff) Provide copies of public disclosure statements to any designated officials when directed to do so by Council; (MA 142)
- gg) Record in the minutes every declaration of conflict of interest, including the general nature and material details of the disclosure and any abstention or withdrawal; (MA 144)
- hh) Provide information to the auditor; (MA 190)
- ii) Send amended tax notices when required and make necessary adjustments to the tax roll; (MA 264)
- jj) Provide for payment of writ of execution against the municipality; and (MA 353)
- kk) Produce certain records upon request of inspector appointed by the minister. (MA 396)

Additional Duties of the Administrator

7. In addition to the duties outlined in Section 5 and 6 of this Bylaw, the Administrator shall:
- a) Act as the returning officer for all elections under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*;
 - b) Ensure that public notice is given as required in the Act, any other act, and/or as required by Council in this Bylaw, any other bylaw or resolution;
 - c) Ensure the policies and programs of the Municipality are implemented, maintained and Enforced;
 - e) Advise, inform and make recommendations to Council on the:
 - i) operations and affairs of the municipality;
 - ii) policies and programs of the Municipality; and
 - iii) the financial position of the Municipality.
 - f) Supervise all operations of the Municipality, ensuring appropriate internal controls are in place and followed;
 - g) Be responsible for the preparation and submission of the annual budget;
 - h) Monitor and control spending within the budget established by council;
 - i) Make routine expenditures until the annual budget is adopted by Council;
 - j) Call for tenders upon the request of Council;
 - k) Purchase goods, services or work to a monetary limit of \$1,000;
 - l) Award contracts as per resolution of Council;
 - m) Conduct negotiations for land purchases, annexations, etc;
 - n) Attend meetings of council and other meetings as council directs;
 - o) Give written notice for the unpaid license fees of a building contractor; (MA 9[5])
 - o) Sign the securities register; (MA 174)
 - p) Maintain the debenture register and other duties relating to debenture transactions; (MA 175-178)
 - q) Certify the date on which tax notices are sent; (MA 269)
 - r) Prepare and send amended tax notices when required; (MA 271)
 - s) Provide the receipt for tax payment on request of taxpayer or agent; (MA 272)
 - t) Apply partial payments on arrears first and if undesignated determine to which taxable property or properties a payment is to be applied; (MA 273)
 - u) Remove a tax lien if all arrears are compromised, abated or paid; (MA 274)
 - v) Issue tax certificates; (MA 276)
 - w) Certify a true copy of the proof of taxes payable; (MA 277)
 - x) Transfer special assessments to the tax roll; (MA 310)
 - y) Collect amusement tax. (MA 316)
 - z) Council may delegate the authority for other matters excepting those listed in Section 127 of *The Municipalities Act* that must be dealt with by the Council.

PART III OTHER POSITIONS

Acting Administrator

8. Establishment of Position

If the Administrator is unable to act for any reason, Council will appoint a person within 30 days to fill the position of Administrator in an acting capacity. This appointment will be for a period of no longer than three months. Should Council require to extend the appointment of the acting administrator beyond three months, they will obtain permission from the Board of Examiners. (MA 110.1)

9. Duties

The Acting Administrator shall have all the powers and duties of the Administrator while acting in the capacity of the Administrator.

Assistant Administrator

10. Establishment of Position

Council shall by resolution appoint an individual to the position of Assistant Administrator.

11. Duties

The Assistant Administrator shall perform the duties and exercise the powers and functions that are assigned by the Administrator, this Bylaw, or any other bylaw or resolution of Council.

Council

12. The Council shall be responsible for the hiring, suspension and dismissal of all municipal employees.

PART IV DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

13. The Council hereby authorizes the Administrator to delegate any of his/her powers, duties or functions to another employee. (MA 110)

PART V MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS

Signing Agreements

14. The Reeve and the Administrator shall sign all agreements to which the Municipality is party. In the absence of the Reeve, the Deputy Reeve or any member of council shall sign. In the absence of the Administrator, the Administrator's designate shall sign. (MA 115[4])

Cheques and Negotiable Instruments

15. The Administrator, or if the Administrator is unavailable, the Administrator's designate, and the Reeve. In the absence of the Reeve the Deputy Reeve or any other member of council shall sign all cheques on the behalf of the municipality. (MA 115[5])

Electronic Payments

16. Electronic payments require dual electronic approval which shall be the Administrator and the Administrator's designate.

Bank Accounts

17. The Administrator is authorized transfer between accounts as may be necessary in the performance of his/her duties without additional authorization or signing authorities required. The Administrator is authorized by resolution of council to open accounts as directed.

PART VI DESIGNATED OFFICERS

Temporary Road Closure

18. The Administrator or Foreman shall be the designated officers for the purpose of temporary road closures. (MA 14)

Enforcement of Municipal Law

19. The Administrator, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or Building Inspector shall be the designated officer(s) to inspect, remedy or enforce any bylaw or *The Municipalities Act*. (MA 362-367)
20. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is designated to enter and search a premise for dangerous animals under consent of the owner or occupant, or where a warrant authorizing entry has been issued. (MA 378)
21. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is designated to be responsible for seizure of goods if a distress warrant has been issued. (MA 323)

Right of Entry for Public Utility Service

22. The Foreman or the Assistant Foreman shall be the designated officers to enter a building for the purpose of a public utility service (MA 26[5])

PART VII
COMING INTO FORCE

- 23. That Bylaw No. 8-2005 is hereby repealed.
- 24. This bylaw shall come into effect on the day of its final passing.



[Redacted] _____
Reeve

[Redacted] _____
Administrator

Read a third time and adopted
this 11th day of January.

[Redacted] _____
Administrator Signature

This photocopy is a true copy
of the original document which
has not been altered in any way.

Name: [Redacted]

Signature: [Redacted]

Title: Administrator

Signed at Eatonia, Sask. on

Date: Feb 3, 2022

