



BYLAW No. 4 – 2024

GENERAL ELECTION BYLAW

The Council for the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 enacts as follows:

Section 1 - Interpretation

1. This bylaw shall be known as the General Election Bylaw.
 - a. The authority for this bylaw lies with *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015*, and the amendments and regulations.
 - b. This Bylaw is designed to list the common timelines, regulations and forms in *The Local Government Elections Act, 2015 (LGEA)*. This is not to replace the LGEA.
 - c. This bylaw will not speak to votes on bylaws, referendums, resolutions or questions.
2. Definitions
 - a. In this bylaw:
 - i. "Council" shall mean the Council of the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457
 - ii. "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Government Relations in the Province of Saskatchewan
 - iii. "Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457
 - iv. "The *Election Act*" shall mean *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* plus amendments and regulations

Section 2 – Election Procedures

3. Division Boundaries
 - a. There are 6 divisions in the Rural Municipality of Connaught No. 457 as follows:
 - i. Division 1 shall be all of Township 46, Range 13 plus Section 01 to Section 18 of Township 47, Range 13;
 - ii. Division 2 shall be all of Township 46, Range 14 plus Section 01 to Section 18 of Township 47, Range 14;
 - iii. Division 3 shall be all of Township 46, Range 15 plus Section 01 to Section 18 of Township 47, Range 15;
 - iv. Division 4 shall be all of Township 48, Range 13 plus Section 19 to Section 36 of Township 47, Range 13;
 - v. Division 5 shall be all of Township 48, Range 14 plus Section 19 to Section 36 of Township 47, Range 14;
 - vi. Division 6 shall be all of Township 48, Range 15 plus Section 19 to Section 36 of Township 47, Range 15.
4. Election Dates
 - a. General Election dates are set in Section 10 of *The Elections Act*.
 - b. In the event a by-election is required, Council shall pass a resolution as per Sections 11 to 15 of *The Elections Act*.

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5. Advertising
 - a. Call for Nomination
 - i. Shall be Form H;
 - ii. Shall be posted in the Municipal Office and in the online Melfort and Nipawin Journal;
 - iii. Shall be posted on the Municipal social media and website if applicable.
 - b. Nomination Papers shall be posted at the Municipal Office and on the municipal website.
 - c. Abandonment of Poll
 - i. Shall be posted in the Municipal Office and in the Melfort and Nipawin Journal;
 - ii. Shall be posted on the Municipal social media and website if applicable.
 - d. Notice of Vote
 - i. Shall be posted in the Municipal Office and the Melfort and Nipawin Journal;
 - ii. Shall be posted on the Municipal social media and website if applicable.
 - e. Notice of Advance Poll
 - i. Shall be posted in the Municipal Office and the Melfort and Nipawin Journal and;
 - ii. Shall be posted on the Municipal social media and website if applicable.
6. Advanced Poll
 - a. There shall be an Advanced Poll on the first Eligible Wednesday closest to the Election Date and must take place between 3 days and 15 days prior to Election Day.
 - b. The Advanced Poll shall be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
7. Polling Station Hours
 - a. The Poll(s) on Election Day shall be open from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
8. Polling Places
 - a. The Polling Places for all elections within the Municipality shall be set by the Returning Officer.
 - b. Polling Places will be located in the following locations when there is an election for Reeve:
 - 1) Zenon Park
 - 2) Ridgedale
 - 3) Tisdale
 - c. All Advance Polls, unless otherwise specified by the Returning Officer shall be at the Municipal Office located at 1012 102nd Avenue, Tisdale Saskatchewan.
 - d. If there are multiple Polling Places open, voters shall be able to vote in any Polling Place regardless of Division.
9. Ballots and Ballot Boxes
 - a. The Ballots:
 - i. Shall be in the prescribed Form N, as in Section 91 of the *Election Act*.
 - ii. In the event of multiple positions being elected on the same day, each position's ballot shall be in a different color.

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- iii. Names on the Ballots shall be "LAST NAME, FIRST NAME" in alphabetical order by last name.
- iv. The Municipality will not use the voting machines as allowed in Section 90.
- b. Ballot Boxes
 - i. The same ballot box may be used for both the Advanced Poll and Regular Poll.
 - ii. The same ballot box may be used for multiple polls in the event of multiple positions being elected on the same day.
- c. Mail in ballots will not be used.

10. Election Official

a. Indemnities

- i. All Election Officials shall be paid \$300.00 plus \$50.00 for attending the election training session.
- ii. Mileage will be paid to the Returning Officer for necessary travel and to the Deputy Returning Officer(s) to bring the election materials into the Municipal Office after the close of the election. All mileage will be paid at the current councilor rate.

11. The Municipality shall not have a voter's list, nor is there any list available for distribution other than a municipal map.

12. Candidates

- a. There will be no requirements for candidates to disclose contributions or expenses for a Municipal Election at this time.

13. This bylaw repeals Bylaw 06-2022.

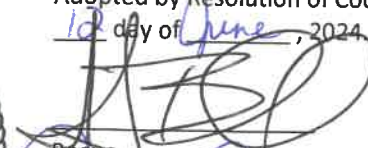
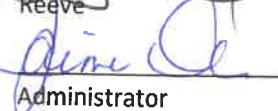
14. This Bylaw shall come into force immediately.


Reeve

Administrator



Certified a True Copy of Bylaw 04-2024
Adopted by Resolution of Council this
12 day of June, 2024


Reeve

Administrator