

**AGENDA
CLEAR HILLS COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

The Special meeting of the Council for Clear Hills County will be held on Monday, July 24, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Clear Hills County Council Chambers, 313 Alberta Ave, Worsley Alberta.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. AGENDA

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. COUNCIL

- 1. Land Use Bylaw Review2
- 2. Procedural Bylaw & Code of Conduct Review3
- 3. Marketing Position 73

4. ADJOURNMENT

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

	Special Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 24, 2023
Originated By:	Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Draft Land Use Bylaw Review
File:	11-02-02

DESCRIPTION:
Council is presented with the draft Land use bylaw for review.

The draft land use bylaw was delivered in person to all Council on Thursday, July 20th.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RESOLUTION by.....

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:	CAO: 
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Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 24, 2023
Originated By:	Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Draft Procedural Bylaw & Bylaw 228-17 Code of Conduct
File:	11-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

Council requested to review the amendments to the Procedural Bylaw.

P342-23(06-26-23) RESOLUTION by Councillor Ruecker to table the Procedural Bylaw review until the July 24th Procedural Bylaw Review and LUB meeting. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Procedural Bylaw
Draft Code of Conduct Bylaw (April 17, 2023 Meeting)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by...

Initials show support - Reviewed by:	Manager:	CAO:
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Bylaw No. 233-18

"A BYLAW OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO RESCIND BYLAW NO. ~~222-17~~ 233-18"

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WHEREAS: Council of Clear Hills County has the authority ~~under section 145~~ of the Municipal Government Act, ~~R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26~~put current version in, and related amendments, to enact bylaws respecting the establishment of Council Committees, Procedure and Conduct of Council, Council Committees, and the Conduct of Councillors and Members of Council Committees; and

WHEREAS: Council of Clear Hills County considers it expedient and desirable for effective governance to regulate the procedure and conduct of Council, Councillors and others attending Council and Council Committee Meetings in Clear Hills County;

NOW THEREFORE: the Council of Clear Hills County enacts as follows:

1.0 CITATION

1.1 This Bylaw ~~may will~~ be cited as the "**Council Procedure Bylaw**" and applies to all Members attending Meetings of Council and Committees established by Council of the Municipality.

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2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Bylaw,

- 2.1.1 "Act" shall mean the Municipal Government Act, ~~R.S.A. 2000 c.M-26~~current version, and related amendments;
- 2.1.2 "ad hoc" shall mean an organization, committee, or commission created for a specific task.
- 2.1.3 "Agenda" shall mean the list of items and order of business for any meeting;
- 2.1.4 "Amend" shall mean a Motion to add context or details to currently debated Motion;
- 2.1.5 "Business Day" shall mean a full regularly-scheduled working day for the Administration Office. In reference to Delegations (Sections 30 and 31 of this Bylaw), full business days allow for the correlating and copying of information to be included in Council Packages;
- 2.1.6 "Bylaw" shall mean a Bylaw of Clear Hills County;
- 2.1.7 "Call the Question" shall mean immediately terminating debate and calling for a vote. This is a non-debatable Motion;
- 2.1.8 "CAO" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer, or duly appointed delegate, for the County.
- 2.1.9 "CEO" shall mean the Chief Elected Officer as defined in the MGA, which shall be the Reeve unless otherwise determined by Council;
- 2.1.10 "Chair" shall mean the person presiding and conducting meetings;
- 2.1.18 "closed session" shall mean a session which is held in private (closed to the public) and may include specific persons invited to attend by the Chair, Council or the Committee. All discussions in camera are deemed as confidential, and no motions can be made in camera;
- 2.1.11 "Committee" shall mean a committee created by Council (such as at the annual Organizational Meeting) that is either a Standing Committee, Special Committee, ad hoc Committee, or a Council Committee;
- 2.1.12 "Committee of the Whole" shall mean a committee consisting of all

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Members of Council. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole may be held *in camera* (in private) or in public session depending on the issue being discussed;

2.1.13 "Council" shall mean the Reeve and Members of Council of Clear Hills County elected pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Authorities Election Act*;

2.1.14 "Councillor" shall mean a Councillor elected to represent Clear Hills County;

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2.1.15 "*ex officio*" shall mean by right of office, the CEO is a member of all Council Committees and all bodies to which Council has the right to appoint members. Unless the named member or alternate to the Committee, the CEO does not have voting privileges;

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2.1.16 "Delegation" shall mean any person or persons having permission of Council to appear before Council, or a Committee of Council to provide pertinent information and views about the subject before Council or Council Committee;

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2.1.17 "Deputy Reeve" shall mean the Member of Council who is appointed pursuant to the *Act* to act as Reeve in the absence or incapacity of the Reeve;

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~~2.1.18 "*in camera*" shall mean a session which is held *in private* (closed to the public) and may include specific persons invited to attend by the Chair, Council or the Committee. All discussions *in camera* are deemed as confidential, and no motions can be made *in camera*;~~

2.1.19 "external committee"

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"Reeve" shall mean the Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the County;

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2.1.20 "Member" shall mean a Councillor, or Member at Large, appointed by Council to a Committee of Council;

2.1.21 "Member at Large" shall mean a member of the public appointed by Council to a Committee of Council;

2.1.22 "Meetings" shall mean meetings of Council and Council Committees;

2.1.23 "Motion" shall mean an action presented by a Councillor or Member of

Committee and made through the Chair that requests some consideration of action by Council or Committee. For a Motion to be structurally complete, it is required to address the who, what, when, where and why questions;

2.1.24 "Municipality" shall mean Clear Hills County, a municipal corporation of the Province of Alberta and includes the area contained within the boundaries of the County;

2.1.25 "Person" shall include an individual, partnership, association, body corporate, trustee, executor, administrator, or legal representative;

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2.1.26 "Point of Information" shall mean a question or request directed through the Chair to another member or to staff for information relevant to the business at hand but not related to the Point of Procedure;

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2.1.27 "Point of Order" shall mean the raising of question directed to the Chair to call attention to any departure from the Procedure Bylaw;

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2.1.28 "Point of Procedure" shall mean a question directed to the Chair to obtain information of a matter of the rules of the County bearing on the business at hand in order to assist a member to make an appropriate Motion, raise a point of order, or understand the situation or the effect of a Motion;

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"Question of Privilege"

2.1.29 "Quorum" is a majority (50% +1) of those members elected and serving on Council;

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2.1.30 "Recess" shall mean a non-debatable action for a temporary break of Council/Committee business; any member may request a recess through the chair;

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2.1.31 "Recording Secretary" shall mean the person assigned to record minutes of the meeting;

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2.1.32 "Standing Committee of Council" shall mean any Committee established by Council.

2.1.33 "Table" shall mean a Motion to delay the consideration of any matter to a definite time, when further information is to be obtained.

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2.1.33 "County" shall mean Clear Hills County;

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2.1.34 "Urgency" or "emergent items" (in reference to Addendums - Section 30.7

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of this Bylaw) If an item (Addendum – addition to the agenda) is to be added to a previously distributed Agenda, then the Addendum shall pass a test of 'Urgency'. If the Addendum is time-sensitive or where failure to provide immediate action may cause financial or other distress to the Municipality, Council or a Committee, then the Chair may authorize the addition of the Addendum to the Agenda. All additions must be supported by written background information.

3.0 GENERAL

3.1 In accordance with Section 204 of the *Act*, the municipal office shall be Clear Hills County Administration Office located at 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

3.2 Council of Clear Hills County shall consist of seven (7) elected officials.

3.2.1 At the Organizational Meeting following the date of the general election, and annually thereafter, not later than two weeks after the third Monday in October, shall elect one of its elected officials as Reeve and one of its elected officials as Deputy Reeve.

3.2.2 The CEO shall be referred to as the Reeve.

3.2.3 Responsibilities of the Reeve are established in Part 5, Division 3, Duties, Titles, and Oaths of Councillors of the *Act*.

3.2.4 When the Reeve, through illness, absence or other cause, is unable to perform the duties of this office, or when the office is vacant, the Deputy Reeve has all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Reeve during the Reeve's inability or absence.

3.2.5 When both the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, through illness, absence or other cause, are unable to perform the duties of the office, the Council may appoint a temporary Acting Reeve or Chair as per Section 152(3) of the *Act*.

3.2.6 A Reeve and Deputy Reeve who have been appointed to their offices by the Council may resign their appointments while retaining their seats on the Council.

3.2.7 When the office of Reeve or Deputy Reeve become vacant by death, resignation, forfeiture or otherwise, the Council shall forthwith elect one of the Councillors to fill the position for the remainder of the term of office and in accordance with section 162 of the *Act*.

3.2.8 The Reeve and members of Council may be paid the remuneration, travel,

subsistence and out of pocket expenses that may be set by the Council and outlined in Council Policies.

3.3 General duties of Councillors and the Reeve are established in Part 5, Division 3, Duties, Titles, and Oaths of Councillors of the Act.

3.4 The Council of the County is responsible for:

3.4.1 developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the County.

3.4.2 ensuring that the powers, duties and functions of the County are appropriately carried out.

3.4.3 carrying out the powers, duties and functions expressly given to it — under the MGA or any other enactment (legislation, bylaw or policy).

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3.5 The Council of the County will not exercise a power or function or perform a duty that is by this or another enactment or by bylaw specifically assigned to the CAO or a designated officer.

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3.6 These duties and roles of Councillors as established in this bylaw may only be amended, repealed or suspended by a bylaw passed at a regular or special meeting of Council at which time all Council must be present with a two thirds majority vote.

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4.0 SEVERABILITY

4.1 If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw shall be deemed valid.

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10-05 MEETINGS

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11-06 Organizational Meetings

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11.1 An Organizational Meeting of Council shall be held annually not later than two weeks after the 3rd Monday in October, as per Section 192 of the Act.

11.2 The Councillors shall take the Oath of Office upon being elected. (Part 5, Section 3, #156, as per the Act). By right of this office and taking of the Oath, the Councillor is a Commissioner for Oaths.

11.3 The Agenda of the Organizational Meeting shall be restricted to:

11.3.1 Establishing regular meeting dates for Council for the next twelve months, and all members of council must be present;

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11.3.2 Establishing any *ad hoc* Council Committees;

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11.3.3 Selection of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve by election ~~of from~~ elected Councillors;

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11.3.4 Appointment of Councillors as members and alternates to Council Boards and Committees and *ad hoc* Council Committees;

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11.3.5 Appointment of Members at Large to any agencies, committees, boards to which Council has the right to appoint members;

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11.3.6 Any such other business as is required by the *Act*.

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11.3.7 Annual appointment of Professionals including but not limited to Assessor, Auditor, ~~and~~ Legal Advisor ~~and~~ Engineer.

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11.3.8 Referring to Section 11.3.2 and 11.3.4 of this Bylaw, the Reeve will lead Council through the Boards & Committees list. If a Councillor wishes to be the representative or alternate on a particular board or committee, they must verbally indicate their desire when that board or committee is being addressed. In the case of two or more Councillors wishing to be the representative or alternate to a board or committee, a vote of Council shall be taken, by either show of hands or secret ballot. The voting method shall be determined by show of hands.

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11.3.8.1 Should a Councillor dispute or disagree with an appointment recommendation, Council ~~as a whole~~ shall debate the appointment and, by majority vote, complete the final determination.

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12.0 Regular Council Meetings

12.1 Notice of regularly scheduled meetings, as per Section 11.3.1, need not be advertised.

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12.2 Council meetings will be held in person.
Option 1: Participation online or by conference call may be approved by a motion of Council.
Option 2: When all Councillors cannot be present attendance by online or conference call will be accepted.

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If Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the

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County shall give at least 24 hours notice of the change:

12.2.1 To any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made, and such notice shall be in accordance with Section 196(1) of the Act, and

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12.2.2 To the public, and such notice shall be by means of posting a Notice on the front door of the Municipal Office and noting the change on the County website and County social media platforms.

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12.3 ~~The time for Regular Council Meetings shall be 9:30 A.M.~~

13.0 Special Meetings

13.1 Special Meetings shall be held as per Section 194 of the Act.

14.0 Committee Meetings

14.1 Council Committees are created by a Motion of Council at a Regular Council Meeting.

14.2 The times for the beginning of Council Committee meetings shall be set by Motion by the Council Committee.

14.3 Standing Council Committees shall be established and governed by a policy or Bylaw approved by Council. Where appropriate authority is delegated to a Standing Committee, such Committee and its mandate shall be established by Bylaw.

14.4 The Reeve shall be deemed to be an *ex officio* member of all Committees of Council. The Reeve cannot be a member to a committee if the Reeve is not appointed in the personal name

14.4.1 When attending a Committee, which the Reeve has not been specifically assigned as a representative, the Reeve shall have a right to vote only when an appointed Member of Council assigned to that Committee is absent and the Reeve has been asked, either formally or informally, to be the representative or alternate.

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14.4.2 Staff may be asked to participate as advisors to Committees of Council. Unless otherwise specified in the Terms of Reference of a Committee, advisors are not voting members.

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14.5 Council Committee Chairs:

14.5.1 For Committees of Council, the position of Chair shall be selected by vote of the members appointed by Council, which shall include —Members at Large appointments, unless otherwise stated in the County Bylaw, Master Agreement or Terms of Reference establishing the Committee.

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14.5.2 Where the County and another municipality share representation —on the Council Committee or Board, the Members shall select the Chair by a vote of the members.

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14.6 *ad hoc* Committees:

14.6.1 Council may create an *ad hoc* Committee by Motion to be formed —to address a single issue or matter. An *ad hoc* Committee shall be deemed as temporary, with a life-spanlifespan of no more than twelve (12) months after creation.

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14.6.2 The *ad hoc* Committee shall be advised of their mandate by Council at the time of creation, and Council shall appoint the —Members.

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14.6.3 The *ad hoc* Committee will provide regular written or verbal reports to Council at least once a month and Council shall determine, with each report, whether there is a need for the *ad hoc* Committee to —continue to exist.

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14.6.4 Should the term of the *ad hoc* Committee come to an end, or Council determine that the work of the *ad hoc* Committee should continue, Council may chose to:

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14.6.4.1 Extend the life of the *ad hoc* Committee for an additional twelve (12) months by Motion; or

14.6.4.2 Convert the *ad hoc* Committee to a Standing Committee of Council, by Bylaw, with a long-term mandate.

14.6.5 *ad hoc* Committee's, though temporary in nature, shall operate as other committees, being public meetings, with minutes kept, and same procedures followed as Standing Committees.

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14.7 Alternates: The Reeve may temporarily appoint any Council Member to take the place of any member or alternate of the Council Committee who is unable to attend a meeting of that Council Committee. Council Committee Alternates must be appointed during the Organizational Meeting.

- 14.8 Council Committees shall meet at the call of the Chair, and have a written agenda, but notice must be provided to Committee Members and the Public pursuant to the requirements of this Bylaw and the Act.
- 14.9 All Council Committees are advisory to Council unless authority to exercise or perform any power or duty has been specifically delegated by a Council Bylaw.
- 14.10 The basic responsibilities of a Council Committee are as follows:
- 14.10.1 ~~to analyse~~ all matters ~~placed before them that require analysis will be placed before them and submit~~ submitted as written recommendations to Council on ways and/or means of dealing with these matters;
 - 14.10.2 to receive written ~~or verbal~~ reports for information purposes. Written ~~or verbal~~ reports received for information may be forwarded to Council at the discretion of the Council Committee, and must be forwarded to Council if required under any policy, bylaw or statute;
 - 14.10.3 to refer matters to Administration, through the CAO, for research and to provide direction on the preparation of written reports;
 - 14.10.4 to submit recommendations to Council on any action or decision recommended on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Council Committee;
 - 14.10.5 in appropriate cases, to submit matters to Council without recommendations;
 - 14.10.6 not to appropriate, expend, commit, or direct the expenditure of any money not provided for in the budget and authorized in Committee mandate and Bylaw by Council;
 - 14.10.7 not to bind its' actions on the County unless power to take such action has been specifically delegated to the Committee by Council in a bylaw;
 - 14.10.8 not to give direct instructions to any County employee except through the CAO.
- 14.11 -All Council Board and Committee members must follow the procedural rules of Council as set out in this Bylaw.
- 14.12 All Committees created by Council shall be reviewed annually at the Organizational Meeting.

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14.13 External agencies, boards, commissions, and committees refer to an agency, board, commission or committee not created by Council and shall be made in reference to in this bylaw as ~~External Committee~~external committees.

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14.13.1 Councillors will review the appointment chart for ~~External~~ ~~Committee~~external committees annually at the Organizational Meeting.

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14.13.1.1 Council may add an ~~External Committee~~external committee by Motion during a Regular Council Meeting in accordance to Section 14.13.4 of this bylaw.

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14.13.2 Councillors will be appointed, along with alternates, to the ~~External Committee~~external committee at the Organizational Meeting annually.

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14.13.3 Each ~~External Committee~~external committee shall *elect its own Chair*.

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14.13.4 Councillors serving on ~~External Committee~~external committees shall represent the interest of the whole County and shall keep Council informed of Committee business with the options for written reports or verbal updates and provide an update during the Council ~~External external Committee committee~~ Report portion of the Regular Council Meeting.

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14.13.5 Councillors appointed to an ~~External external Committee committee~~ that are Motioned by that ~~External external Committee committee~~ to attend an event apart from the scheduled meeting, in support of that ~~External external Committee committee~~ do so under the ~~External external Committee committee~~ Budget unless otherwise approved by a motion of Council.

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14.13.6 Following the appointment of the Reeve, Councillor or member-at-large to an ~~External external Committee committee~~, the CAO shall advise the External ~~committee Committee~~ of the appointment and the following:

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14.13.6.1 that the secretary to the ~~External external Committee committee~~ shall forward to Clear Hills County a ratified copy of the minutes, ~~of any board that holds meetings monthly, within 15 days of each meeting, along with the dates and locations of any scheduled future meetings,~~ and

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14.13.6.2 that where the Reeve or a Councillor is appointed to the ~~External external Committee committee~~ shall not be expected to act as an advocate for the ~~External external Committee committee~~ and

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significant issues such as funding requests and long term plans should be presented to the Clear Hills County Council by the Chair, or their designate of the ~~External~~ ~~external~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~committee~~.

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14.13.7 The CAO shall maintain a register of ~~External~~ ~~Committees~~ ~~external~~ ~~committees~~, the members of Council and staff of Clear Hills County who attended, and where the appointed member of Council, was unable to attend. This register shall be available to the Reeve and Councillors on request, and shall be submitted to each Organizational Meeting. The CAO shall also maintain a register of scheduled ~~External~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~external~~ ~~committee~~ meetings including the name, date, time and location of meetings. This register of scheduled ~~External~~ ~~external~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~committee~~ meetings shall be available to all members of Council at each regular Council meeting. If an appointed Councillor is unable to attend an ~~External~~ ~~external~~ ~~Committee~~ ~~committee~~ meeting, they shall contact the alternate member to attend, thereby ensuring that the County is represented at all meetings.

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15.0 'In-Camera' Closed Sessions

15.1 Council recognizes that Section 198 of the Act provides for the public to be present at meetings, and it is the intent and desire of Council to remain open, accountable and transparent to the public.

15.2 'in-camera' Closed sessions shall only be permitted for matters pertaining to receiving legal counsel, for land-related negotiations, or matters pertaining to labour or personnel issues, as determined in Sections 17, 18, & 19 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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15.3 Whenever Council or a Committee meets in 'in-camera' Closed session the CAO, or designate, shall be present. An exception is provided when Council meets to discuss CAO annual performance.

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16.0 Public Hearings

- 16.1 The conduct of any statutory Public Hearing shall be governed by this Bylaw.
- 16.2 Wherever possible, persons interested in speaking at a Public Hearing should register with the Recording Secretary prior to the Public Hearing.
- 16.3 The Chair shall declare the Public Hearing in session and shall outline the Public

Hearing Procedures.

- 16.4 The Chair may call upon the CAO or Department Manager to introduce the Motion or Bylaw, and to briefly state the intended purpose.
- 16.5 Where applicable, the CAO shall advise of any third party officially applying for the Bylaw or Motion (For example, as in proposed Bylaws to amend the Land Use Bylaw).
- 16.6 Immediately following the introduction of the Bylaw or Motion, any Member who has pecuniary interest in the Motion or Bylaw for which the Public Hearing is being held shall declare this interest and shall be excused from the table.
- 16.7 Upon leaving the table, the Member has the same rights as any other person attending the Public Hearing and may stay in attendance at the Public Hearing and make presentations. However, when the matter reviewed at the Public Hearing comes before Council for deliberation, the Member must adhere to all clauses of Section 40 of this Bylaw pertaining to Pecuniary Interest.
- 16.8 Any presentation by County staff or agents shall follow the introduction of the Bylaw or Motion.
- 16.9 The Chair shall request those who wish to make presentations to identify themselves so that their names can be recorded in the minutes.

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20.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

20.0 Quorum

- 21.1 As soon as there is a Quorum of Members of Council after the hour fixed for the meeting, the Chair shall call the meeting to order; in the case of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve not in attendance ~~within fifteen (15) minutes after~~ at the hour appointed for the meeting and a quorum is present, the CAO shall call the meeting to order and a Chairman shall be chosen by the Councillors present who shall preside during the meeting until the arrival of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve. The Recording Secretary shall record the arrival and departure of Council members at meetings should a member of Council arrive late at a meeting or depart prior to the completion of the meeting.
- 21.2 Unless a Quorum is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next regular meeting date or until a Special Meeting is called to deal with the matters intended to be dealt with at the adjourned meeting.

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- 21.3 The Recording Secretary shall record the names of the Members of Council present at the expiration of the fifteen (15) minute time limit and such record shall be appended to the next Agenda.
- 21.4 The only action that can legally be taken in the absence of Quorum is to fix the time in which to adjourn (if more than fifteen (15) minutes is being allowed), adjourn, recess, or to take measures to obtain a Quorum.
- 21.5 In the event that Quorum is lost after a meeting is called to order, the meeting shall ~~be suspended until Quorum is obtained. If Quorum is not obtained within fifteen (15) minutes, the meeting shall~~ stand adjourned, unless the meeting has been recessed to a specific time.

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22.0 Conduct of Meetings

- 22.1 Each member or delegate, ~~as the case may be, shall shall~~ address the Chair but shall not speak until recognized by the Chair.
- 22.2 The Chair, with the approval by Motion of the members, may authorize a person in the public gallery to address ~~members Council~~ only on the topic being discussed at that time and within the time limits specified by the Chair.
- 22.3 The preparation and distribution of minutes of Council and Committees shall be the responsibility of the CAO and may be delegated to a Recording Secretary. (See Section 209 of the Act)

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23.0 Motions

- 23.1 A Motion is put to the floor for a vote after discussion.
- 23.1.1 A Motion shall NOT require a seconder.
- 23.2 A Motion may be withdrawn at any time before voting by the mover, subject to no objection from any member, as the case may be.
- 23.3 Any Member may require the Motion to be read at any time during the debate, except when a Member is speaking.
- 23.4 A mover of a Motion must be present when the Vote on the Motion is taken. If a Motion cannot be voted before the meeting is adjourned, the Motion shall be deemed as lost.
- 23.5 When a Motion is under debate, no Motion shall be received other than a Motion to:

23.5.1 WITHDRAW: When the mover wishes to withdraw the Motion, or substitute a different one in its place. *Note: Once the Motion is withdrawn, the effect is the same as if the Motion had never been made and no record of the motion will be recorded in the minutes;*

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23.5.2 TABLE: When a Membermember(s) requires additional information or wants to have a time or date for the issue to be brought back. This Motion is non-debatable, and the vote is called;

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23.5.3 CALL THE QUESTION: That a vote must now be takentaken, and discussion has closed;

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23.5.4 REFER: Generally used to send a pending question to a Committeecommittee, department, or selected persons so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better context for Council to consider - and should include direction as to the Person person or Group group to which it is being referred;

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23.5.5 AMENDMENTS:

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23.5.5.1 Only one amendment at a time shall be presented to the main Motion. When the amendment has been disposed of, another may be introduced. All amendments must relate to the matter being discussed in the main motion and shall not so substantially alter the Motion as to change the basic intent or meaning of the main motion. The Chair shall rule on disputes arising from amendment.

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23.5.5.2 The amendment shall be voted upon and, if any amendment is carried, the main motion, as amended, shall be put to Vote, unless a further amendment is proposed.

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23.5.5.3 Nothing is-in this section shall prevent other proposed amendments from being read for the information of the Members.

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23.5.5.4 When the Motion under consideration contains distinct separate propositions, the Vote upon each proposition shall, at the request of any Member, be taken separately.

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23.6 **Motion to Rescind** is a Motion that may be accepted by the Chair only if the action of the motion has not commenced. If passed by a majority vote of the Members present, the previous Motion referred to would be declared null and

void.

23.7 **Notice of Motion** should be used to give notice by a member when an extended period of time is advisable prior to considering a subject.

23.7.1 A Notice of Motion shall be recorded in the minutes and shall form part of the Agenda agenda for the subsequent or future meeting as requested.

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23.8 The following Motions are non-debatable by Members:

- 23.8.1 ADJOURNMENT;
- 23.8.2 CALL THE QUESTION;
- 23.8.3 LIMIT DEBATE on a matter before members;
- 23.8.4 POINT OF ORDER;
- 23.8.5 QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE;
- 23.8.6 TABLE;
- 23.8.7 TAKE A RECESS.

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23.9 The wording of a Motion may be either POSITIVE or NEGATIVE in presentation. (ie: "... Council shall support ..." or "... Council shall not support ...") Motions should be written in a Positive manner.

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23.10 When a Motion is defeated by Council the Motion shall not be brought back to the table for a period of six (6) months from the date the Motion was defeated unless there is a reconsidering motion where information relevant to the defeated motion may change the result.

24.0 Rules of Debate

24.1 In Council, a Councillor wishing to speak on a matter that has been brought before Council shall indicate their intention by raising their hand to be recognized by the Chair, and shall not speak more than once until every Member of Council has had the opportunity to speak except:

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24.1.1 in the explanation of the material part of the speech which may — have been misunderstood; or

24.1.2 in reply, to close debate, after everyone else wishing to speak has spoken, provided that the Member of Council presented the Motion to the meeting.

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24.2 Through the Chair, a Member of Council may ask questions of another Member of Council or Staff on a Point of Information relevant to the business at hand.

24.3 All questions or debate shall be directed through the Chair.

24.4 Council Members shall:

24.4.1 ~~Refrain~~ from the use of offensive words or language, or name calling in the meeting;

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24.4.2 ~~adhere~~ Adhere to the rules of the meeting or decision of the Chair or of the Members on questions of order or practice; or upon the interpretation of the rules of the meeting;

24.4.3 ~~not~~ Not leave their seat or make any noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken and the result is declared;

24.4.4 ~~not~~ Not interrupt a Member while speaking, except to raise a Point of ~~Order~~ Order or Question of Privilege;

24.4.5 ~~not~~ Not pass between a Member who is speaking and the Chair.

24.5 A Member or Members who persist in a breach of the foregoing section, after having been called to order by the Chair, may, at the discretion of the Chair, be ordered to leave their seat, or the meeting room, for the duration of the meeting.

24.6 As per Section 24.5 of this Bylaw, at the discretion of the Chair, a Member may resume their seat following an apology. Failure to leave or apologize will result in the Chair calling a recess, and at the discretion of the Chair, call authorities for the enforcement of this bylaw.

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24.7 A Member who wishes to leave the meeting prior to the adjournment shall so advise the Chair and the time of the departure shall be noted in the minutes.

25.0 Point of Order

25.1 The Chair shall preserve order and decide upon any Points of Order.

25.2 A member who desires to call attention to an infraction of procedure shall raise a Point of Order to the Chair. When the Member has been acknowledged, the Member shall state the Point of Order with a concise explanation and shall accept the decision of the Chair upon the Point of Order.

25.3 The speaker in possession of the floor, when the Point of Order was raised, shall retain the right to the floor when debate resumes.

25.4 A Member called to order by the Chair shall immediately vacate the floor until the Point of Order is dealt with and shall not speak again without the permission of

the Chair unless to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

25.5 The decision of the Chair shall be final, subject to an immediate appeal by a Member of the meeting.

25.6 If a decision of the Chair is appealed (Section 25.5 of this Bylaw), the Chair shall provide concise reasons for the ruling and the Members shall, without debate, decide the question. Decision of the Members shall be final.

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26.0 Voting on a Question

26.1 Every Member of Council present, including the Reeve, shall vote on every matter at a Council or Committee Meeting at which they are present, unless they are required to or permitted to abstain from voting under this or any other Bylaw, Act, or other legislation. (Ref: Section 174(f) of the Act.)

26.1.1 The recording Secretary shall read out the Motion for clarity before a Call for Question takes place.

26.2 When a Motion that a Vote be taken (Call for Question) is presented, and after each Member has had the opportunity to speak to the issue in accordance with Section ## Rules of Debate, it shall be put to a vote without further debate, and, if carried by a majority vote of the Members present, the Motion and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to a vote immediately without further debate.

26.3 A Member present at a meeting shall make a request for a recess if, for any reason, the Member may be away from the Meeting during a time when a Vote on a matter is imminent, unless that Member is excused from the voting pursuant to this Section. The length of recess shall be between 5 and 15 minutes at the discretion of the Chair.

26.4 Voting shall be completed simultaneously by raising of the hand after the Chair has called for those 'In Favour' and those 'Opposed' to the Motion.

Secret Ballot – any Councillor may make a Motion to request a vote by secret ballot in accordance with section 185 of the MGA.

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26.5 When a Chair, having ascertained that no further information is required, commences to take a Vote, no Member shall speak to, or present another Motion, until the Vote has been taken on the current Motion or amendment, and the decision announced by the Chair.

- 26.6 Any Member who disagrees with the announcement made concerning the result of a Vote may immediately object to the declaration, and the Chair shall call for the Vote a second and final time. The determination of the Chair shall be final.
- 26.7 Whenever the Chair is of the opinion that a Motion is contrary to the rules and privileges of Council, the Chair shall inform the Member thereof immediately, before Calling the Question, and shall cite reasons applicable to the case without argument or comment.
- 26.8 In all cases not provided for in the proceedings of the Council, a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of Council shall determine to uphold or not uphold the ruling of the Chair; ~~or not, as the case may be.~~
- 26.9 If a vote of Council is requested to be a Recorded Vote by a Member, then the Recording Secretary shall enter a Recorded Vote in the Minutes. The request for a recorded vote must be made prior to the call for the question.
- 26.10 If there is a tie of votes for and against a Motion or Bylaw, then the Motion or Bylaw is defeated.
- 26.11 CAO shall advise Council whenever expert advice is required or requested.
- 26.12 Council, and all individual councillors, shall ensure that all advice, including engineering advice, staff advice, and recommendations/advice from administration is considered and that if the advice is not going to be followed ~~Council must document as part of the minutes the reasons for not following such advice.~~

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27.0 Adjournment of Meeting & Adjournment Time

- 27.1 If all items on the Agendaagenda have been addressed, the Chair shall simply state that the Agenda has been completed, note the time to the Recording Secretary, and Call the Meeting Adjourned, without a Motion from the Members.
- 27.2 Should the Agenda NOT be completed, a non-debatable Motion to adjourn the meeting can be presented, but it must be supported by two-thirds majority (66%) of the quorum;
- 27.3 Unless otherwise determined pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw, Adjournment Time is:
- 27.3.1 at the conclusion of the Agenda as adopted by Council; or
- 27.3.2 at Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) if a meeting is in session at —that

hour.

- 27.4 Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 27.3 of this Bylaw, Council may, by a Unanimous Motion of Members present, agree to an extension of the meeting time. A vote to extend the time of the meeting beyond Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) must be taken not later than Four o'clock in the evening (4:00 PM).
- 27.5 Unless there has been a Unanimous Motion passed within the prescribed time extending the meeting beyond the Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) all matters of business which appear on the Agenda for the Meeting, and which have not been dealt with by that time, shall be deemed to be postponed until the next Regular or Special Meeting.

28.0 Duties of the Chair

- 28.1 The Chair shall preside over the conduct of the meeting, including the preservation of good order and decorum, ruling on points of order, replying to Point of Procedure, and deciding on questions relating to the orderly procedure of the meeting, subject to an appeal by any Member from any ruling of the Chair.
- 28.2 It shall be the discretion of the Chair, ~~whether or not~~ upon the request of any Member, to call for a short recess between Agenda items, at any meeting. The Chair shall make reasonable efforts, including calling for a recess, to ensure all members in attendance at a meeting are present while a vote is being taken, unless a member is excused from voting in accordance with the *Act* or this Bylaw.
- 28.3 The Chair may invite persons forward from the audience to speak with the permission ~~and a resolution~~ of the Council or Committee, if it is deemed to be within the best interests of the issue being discussed, the public, and the conduct of good business.
- 28.4 In the absence or inability of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve to act as Chair of the Meeting, Council shall appoint a Councillor as Acting Reeve or Chair as provided by the Section 152(3) of the *Act*.
- 28.5 The Chair shall be expected to participate in debate and vote, without relinquishing the Chair.

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30.0 AGENDA and ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 30.1 The Agenda is a document used by Council or a Committee, therefore although the duty to collate the Agenda may be delegated, Council or the Committee shall

have final determination as to what will or will not be included on the Agenda.

30.2 Prior to each meeting, the CAO shall cause to be prepared a statement of the order of business to be known as the "Agenda" of all matters to be brought before Council. To enable the CAO to do so, all documents and notice of delegation intended to be submitted to the Council shall be received by the CAO no later than noon on the fourth (4th) business day before the meeting.

30.3 The CAO shall ~~place at the disposal~~ **Email** of each Member a copy of the Agenda and all supporting materials no later than 6:00 PM, three (3) calendar days before the meeting.

30.4 The business intended to be dealt with shall be stated in the Agenda after the manner as displayed in Schedule "A" attached.

30.5 The order of business established in Section 30.4 of this Bylaw shall apply unless altered by the Chair with no objection from members, or otherwise determined by a majority vote of the members present, and the vote upon a matter of priority of business shall be decided without debate.

30.6 Where the deadline in Sections 30.2 and 30.3 of this Bylaw are not met, the Agenda and supporting materials shall be deemed to be acceptable by Council when the Agenda is adopted at any Council meeting.

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30.7 Addendums (also known as Add-Ins):

30.7.1 Council may consider the Urgency of any item(s) proposed to be added ~~only preferably~~ with supporting written documentation, or proposed to be deleted, before voting to add the Addendum and then adopt the Agenda "As Amended".

30.7.2 During the course of the meeting, should a member of Council deem that an item be added to the Agenda for Council's consideration, the Member shall propose the Addendum by Motion, after which the Chair shall rule on the urgency:

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30.7.2.1 If ~~the Chair~~ Council rules that the Motion stand, the Chair shall add the item to the end of the pertinent section of the Agenda.

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30.7.2.2 If ~~the Chair~~ Council rules that the Motion does not meet the test of Urgency, or ~~no~~ written supporting documentation is ~~presented~~ required, the item shall be tabled and added to the next Agenda.

30.8 The order of business at a meeting is the order of the items on the Agenda except:

30.8.1 When the same subject matter appears in more than one place on the Agenda and Council decides, by Motion, to deal with all items related to the matter at the same time;

30.8.2 When Council decides not to deal with an item on the Agenda and tables the matter to a subsequent meeting.

31.0 Requested Scheduled Delegations

31.1 A person or a representative of any delegation or group of persons who wish to bring any matter to the attention of Council, or who wish to have any matter considered by Council, shall address a letter (or other written communication) to Council, or CAO outlining the subject to be discussed. The letter shall be signed in the correct name of the writer; the address of the writer, and delivered (by hand, mail, fax, or email) to the CAO. The letter must arrive by noon at least four (4) business days immediately preceding the meeting at which it is to be presented. If the person wishes to appear before Council on the matter, it shall be stated in the letter. This will apply to delegations appearing in front of the Policies and Priorities Committee or any other Council Committees.

31.2 Scheduled Delegates shall be granted a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to present the matter outlined in the letter. Where the Chair determines that additional time shall be granted to a delegation, the length of the extension shall be specified, and the Chair may limit the time.

31.3 Delegations that have not submitted a letter in accordance with Section 31.1 of this Bylaw may be granted a brief opportunity to outline the matter they wish to present to Council, and following that outline, the Reeve or other presiding officer shall determine if the delegation is to be granted time under Section 31.2 of this Bylaw.

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31.4 Matters of confidential nature, as referred to in Section 15 of this Bylaw, shall not be discussed during Public Presentations to Council.

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31.5 Information presented by a Person or Group shall relate only to the subject matter for which the presentation was originally requested.

31.6 Each Person or Group will be given an opportunity to make a public presentation only once in respect to a given issue. Council or the Committee may waive this restriction if it is of the view that there have been significant new developments in respect of the issue or if sufficient time has elapsed such that Council, or the

Committee, is prepared to consider the issue again.

31.7 Extensions of time limits for any verbal presentations during the Public Presentation to Council or the Committee may be granted by consent of Council or the Committee, based on one or more of the following:

31.7.1 The issue or Bylaw under discussion is deemed by Council or the Committee to be contentious or complex and the allotted time is not sufficient, in the opinion of Council or the Committee, to give the matter due consideration;

31.7.2 The granting of an extension of time will not prejudice the rights of other presenters to their allotted presentation time as prescribed —by this Bylaw.

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31.8 Where a Delegation requests support from Council, requiring a Motion of Council, Council shall first refer the matter to Administration, who shall bring back more information and a recommendation at a subsequent meeting so that Council can make an informed decision.

31.8.1 ~~Where a Delegation requests correspondence in regards to~~ ~~in regard to~~ clarifying the topics of the delegation, Council will direct Administration to compile the necessary information and prepare correspondence for the Delegation ~~to be signed by the Chairperson~~. Once a decision by Council has been made on a topic from a delegation, Council is not obligated to hear the matter again.

31.8.2 ~~Where a Delegation appears in front of Council or Committee to provide information, the CAO will prepare and send a letter of thank you to be signed by the Chairperson.~~

32.0 Public Delegations

32.1 As part of the Council Agenda, the Reeve shall also call for and recognize any Public Delegations. Public Delegations may or may not be scheduled (as per Section 31 of this Bylaw), and may request an opportunity to outline the matter they wish to present to Council or a Committee at a meeting, and following that outline, the Reeve or other presiding officer shall determine if the delegation is to be granted time under Section 31.2 of this Bylaw.

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32.2 A Public Delegation may be recognized by the Chair and granted a maximum of ~~five (5) fifteen (15)~~ minutes to present their matter.

32.3 A Public Delegation shall follow guidelines in ~~Sections 31.4, 31.5, 31.6, 31.7 and 31.8 Requested Public Delegation section of as outlined in~~ this bylaw.

33.0 Role of Management in Regards to Delegations:

- 33.1 Administration will schedule the delegations ~~in consultation with the Reeve~~.
- 33.2 Notify the delegation of the time and place of the meeting they wish to attend.
- 33.3 Delegations will be scheduled at least 15 minutes after the start of the meeting.
- 33.4 Delegations will be scheduled at least ~~45-30~~ minutes apart. More time may be required for more complex issues.
- 33.5 The CAO shall explore the reasons why the delegation wishes to attend and provide ~~committee~~ members with all back up information for their perusal prior to the arrival of the delegation.
- 33.6 The Administration involved may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or the ~~Council or committee~~ Committee.

34.0 Role of Chairperson in Delegations

- 34.1 The Chairperson reserves the right to accept delegations to the Council or Committee meeting.
- 34.2 The Chairperson shall notify the ~~Chief Administrative Officer~~ CAO of any delegations wanting to make a presentation to the ~~Council or e~~ Committee and ensure the delegation arranges a meeting date with ~~Chief Administrative Officer~~ CAO.
- 34.3 If there is more than one member in the delegation the Chairperson shall request that the delegation appoint a spokesperson and inform the spokesperson that all questions and comments be addressed to the chair.
- 34.4 The Chairperson shall ensure that all points of this policy are followed by the committee members and Administration.
- 34.5 The Chairperson may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or committee members.
- 34.6 The Chairperson shall not criticize staff, government employees or the committee members while the delegation is present.
- 34.7 The Chairperson should direct all questions to the delegation's spokesman.

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- 34.8 Comments of intent in the presence of the delegation shall not be made.
- 34.9 The Chairperson shall ensure that the delegation restricts its presentation to the issue.
- 34.10 After Council or the committee has obtained all the information from the delegation the Chairperson shall dismiss the delegation to allow Council or the committee to discuss the matter.
- 34.11 The Chairperson may request the committee to go into camera to discuss the issue if the matter falls within the privacy issues to close a meeting.

35.0 Role of the Councillor or Committee Member in Delegations:

- 35.1 Members of Council or the Committee shall notify the [Chief Administrative Officer/CAO](#) of any delegations wanting to make a presentation to Council or the committee and ensure the delegation arranges a meeting date with the [Chief Administrative Officer/CAO](#).
- 35.2 [Members of Council or the Committee will give the delegation their undivided attention.](#)

Members of Council or the Committee may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or the committee.

- 35.3 Members of Council or the Committee shall not criticize staff, government employees or other Council or committee members while the delegation is present.
- 35.4 No comments or motions of intent will be entertained until the delegation has been dismissed from the table. The persons making up the delegation may remain in the Council Chambers but may not participate in any further discussion.

40.0 Pecuniary Interest

- 40.1 Members of Council who reasonably believe that they have a pecuniary interest (as defined in the Act, Part 5, Division 6, Sections 169-173) in any matter before Council, any Committee of Council, or any Board, Commission, Committee or Agency to which they are appointed as a representative of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions, or voting on any questions relating to the matter, and shall where required by the act, remove themselves from the room until the matter is concluded. *Note: It is the*

responsibility of each Member to determine and/or declare whether they have a pecuniary interest, not other members of Council or Administration.

- 40.2 The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure, the time at which the Member of Council left the room, and the time the Member of Council returned.
- 40.3 Prior to the meeting, if a Member of Council is unsure of whether ~~or not~~ they may be in a 'conflict of interest' (pecuniary) situation with regard to an upcoming issue or vote, the Member shall be encouraged to discuss the matter with the CAO.
- 40.4 Prior to the meeting and after discussing the issue with the CAO (as per Section 40.3 of this Bylaw), a Councillor may wish to seek a legal opinion at their own expense to determine whether or not there is a conflict of interest situation with regard to the upcoming issue or vote.
- 40.5 If the matter with respect to which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is a payment of an account for which funds have previously been committed, it is not necessary for the Councillor to leave the room.
- 40.6 If the matter with respect to which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is a question on which the Councillor as an elector or property owner has the right to be heard by the Council,
- a) it is not necessary for the Councillor to leave the room, and
 - b) the Councillor may exercise the right to be heard in the same manner as a person who is not a member of the Council.
- 40.7 If a Councillor is temporarily absent from a meeting when a matter in which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is introduced, the Councillor shall immediately on returning to the meeting, or as soon thereafter as the Councillor becomes aware that the matter has been considered, disclose the general nature of the Councillor's interest in the matter.

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50.0 Bylaw Procedures

- 50.1 Where a Bylaw is presented to a meeting for enactment, the CAO or designate shall cause the number, short title and brief description of the Bylaw to appear on the Agenda.
- 50.1.1 As per Section 187 of the *Act*, all Bylaws shall have three distinct and separate readings. The Motion to move a Bylaw for consideration shall be the First Reading.
- 50.2.2 As per Section 187(4) of the *Act* any proposed bylaw must not have more than 2 readings at a council meeting unless the councillors present

unanimously agree to consider third reading, which requires a motion of council.

50.2 The following shall apply to the passage of a Bylaw:

50.2.1 A Bylaw shall be introduced for First Reading by a Motion that it be Read a First Time specifying the number and short name of the Bylaw;

50.2.2 After a Motion for First Reading of the Bylaw has been presented, Members may debate the substance of the Bylaw, and propose and consider amendments to the Bylaw;

50.2.3 Any proposed amendments shall be put to vote, if required, and, if carried, shall be considered as having been incorporated into the Bylaw at First Reading.

50.2.4 When all amendments have been accepted or rejected, the Chair shall Call the Question on the Motion for First Reading of the Bylaw.

50.2.5 When a Bylaw is subject to a statutory Public Hearing, a Public Hearing date and time shall be established prior to proceeding to second reading.

50.2.6 When a Bylaw must receive approval of a Minister of the Crown, it must be forwarded for such approval prior to proceeding to Second Reading.

50.2.7 All aspects of the passage of a Bylaw at First Reading shall apply to Second or Third Reading of any Bylaw.

60.0 Bylaw and Policy Appeal

60.1 When a Bylaw or Policy is defeated by Council the Bylaw or Policy shall not be available for review by Council for a period of six (6) months from the date the Bylaw or Policy being defeated unless there is a reconsidering motion where information relevant to the defeated motion may change the result.

70.0 Prior Bylaws

70.1 This Bylaw shall supersede and take precedence over all previously passed bylaws that refer to the setting out of rules for governing the County, pertaining to the procedures for Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Public Hearings, the conduct of Councillors, Committee Members, and the establishment of Council Committees, as well as any previously passed Motions that may be in conflict with this Bylaw, including Bylaw 1.

70.2 Bylaw ~~104-07233-18~~, and all related amendments, shall be repealed upon Third and Final Reading of this Bylaw.

80.0 Effective Date

80.1 This Bylaw comes into effect upon the final passing and proper signature thereof.

Read a First Time this _____th day of _____, ~~2018~~2023.

Read a Second Time this ____ day of _____, ~~2018~~2023.

Read a Third Time this ____ day of _____, ~~2018~~2023.

Signed this _____ day of _____, ~~2018~~2023.

~~Jason Ruecker~~Amber Bean, Reeve

Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer

Schedule "A"

Agenda Format

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA
3. MINUTES
 - a. Previous:
4. DELEGATION(S)
5. PUBLIC Hearing
6. TENDER OPENING
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. COUNCIL
 1. Councillor Reports
 2. Management Team Activity Report.....
 - b. CORPORATE SERVICES
 1. Accounts Payable
 - c. COMMUNITY SERVICES
 1.
 - d. PUBLIC WORKS
 1.
8. WRITTEN REPORTS: COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & MANAGERS
 - a. Chief Administrative Officer's Report
 - b. Community Development Manager Report.....
 - c. Corporate Services Manager's Report
 - d. Public Works Manager's Report
9. COUNCIL INFORMATION (*including Correspondence*)
10. CALENDARS
11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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12. ADJOURNMENT

Bylaw No.

“A BYLAW OF CLEAR HILLS COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TO RESCIND **BYLAW NO. 233-18**”

WHEREAS: Council of Clear Hills County has the authority of the Municipal Government Act, current version, and related amendments, to enact bylaws respecting the establishment of Council Committees, Procedure and Conduct of Council, Council Committees, and the Conduct of Councillors and Members of Council Committees; and

WHEREAS: Council of Clear Hills County considers it expedient and desirable for effective governance to regulate the procedure and conduct of Council, Councillors and others attending Council and Council Committee Meetings in Clear Hills County.

NOW THEREFORE: the Council of Clear Hills County enacts as follows:

1.0 CITATION

- 1.1** This Bylaw will be cited as the "**Council Procedure Bylaw**" and applies to all Members attending Meetings of Council and Committees established by Council of the Municipality.

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2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Bylaw,

- 2.1.1 “Act” shall mean the Municipal Government Act, current version, and related amendments.
- 2.1.2 “*ad hoc*” shall mean an organization, committee, or commission created for a specific task.
- 2.1.3 “Agenda” shall mean the list of items and order of business for any meeting.
- 2.1.4 “Amend” shall mean a Motion to add context or details to currently debated Motion.
- 2.1.5 “Business Day” shall mean a full regularly scheduled working day for the Administration Office. In reference to Delegations (Sections 22 and 23 of this Bylaw), full business days allow for the correlating and copying of information to be included in Council Packages.
- 2.1.6 “Bylaw” shall mean a Bylaw of Clear Hills County.
- 2.1.7 “Call the Question” shall mean immediately terminating debate and calling for a vote. This is a non-debatable Motion.
- 2.1.8 “CAO” shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer, or duly appointed delegate, for the County.
- 2.1.9 “CEO” shall mean the Chief Elected Officer as defined in the MGA, which shall be the Reeve unless otherwise determined by Council.
- 2.1.10 “Chair” shall mean the person presiding and conducting meetings.
- 2.1.18 “*closed session*” shall mean a session which is held *in private* (closed to the public) and may include specific persons invited to attend by the Chair, Council, or the Committee. All discussions *in closed meetings* are deemed as confidential, and no motions can be made.
- 2.1.11 “Committee” shall mean a committee created by Council (such as at the annual Organizational Meeting) that is either a Standing Committee, Special Committee, *ad hoc* Committee, or a Council Committee.
- 2.1.12 “Committee of the Whole” shall mean a committee consisting of all Members of Council. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole may be held *in closed meeting* (in private) or in public session depending on the issue being discussed.

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- 2.1.13 "Council" shall mean the Reeve and Members of Council of Clear Hills County elected pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Authorities Election Act*.
 - 2.1.14 "Councillor" shall mean a Councillor elected to represent Clear Hills County.
 - 2.1.15 "*ex officio*" shall mean by right of office, the CEO is a member of all Council Committees and all bodies to which Council has the right to appoint members. Unless the named member or alternate to the Committee, the CEO does not have voting privileges.
 - 2.1.16 "Delegation" shall mean any person or persons having permission of Council to appear before Council, or a Committee of Council to provide pertinent information and views about the subject before Council or Council Committee.
 - 2.1.17 "Deputy Reeve" shall mean the Member of Council who is appointed pursuant to the "*Act*" to act as Reeve in the absence or incapacity of the Reeve.
 - 2.1.18 "external committee"
 - 2.1.19 "Reeve" shall mean the Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the County.
 - 2.1.20 "Member" shall mean a Councillor, or Member at Large, appointed by Council to a Committee of Council.
 - 2.1.21 "Member at Large" shall mean a member of the public appointed by Council to a Committee of Council.
 - 2.1.22 "Meetings" shall mean meetings of Council and Council Committees.
 - 2.1.23 "Motion" shall mean an action presented by a Councillor or Member of Committee and made through the Chair that requests some consideration of action by Council or Committee. For a Motion to be structurally complete, it is required to address the who, what, when where and why questions.
 - 2.1.24 "Municipality" shall mean Clear Hills County, a municipal corporation of the Province of Alberta and includes the area contained within the boundaries of the County.
 - 2.1.25 "Person" shall include an individual, partnership, association, body corporate, trustee, executor, administrator, or legal representative.
 - 2.1.26 "Point of Information" shall mean a question or request directed through the

Chair to another member or to staff for information relevant to the business at hand but not related to the Point of Procedure.

- 2.1.27 "Point of Order" shall mean the raising of question directed to the Chair to call attention to any departure from the Procedure Bylaw.
- 2.1.28 "Point of Procedure" shall mean a question directed to the Chair to obtain information of a matter of the rules of the County bearing on the business at hand in order to assist a member to make an appropriate Motion, raise a point of order, or understand the situation or the effect of a Motion.
- 2.1.29 "Question of Privilege" shall mean when a Member is speaking, no other Member shall interrupt the Member speaking.
- 2.1.30 "Quorum" is a majority (50% +1) of those members elected and serving on Council.
- 2.1.31 "Recess" shall mean a non-debatable action for a temporary break of Council/Committee business; any member may request a recess through the chair.
- 2.1.32 "Recording Secretary" shall mean the person assigned to record minutes of the meeting.
- 2.1.33 "Standing Committee of Council" shall mean any Committee established by Council.
- 2.1.34 "Table" shall mean a Motion to delay the consideration of any matter to a definite time when further information is to be obtained.
- 2.1.35 "County" shall mean Clear Hills County.
- 2.1.36 "Urgency" or "emergent items" (*in reference to Addendums - Section 30.7 of this Bylaw*) If an item (Addendum – addition to the Agenda) is to be added to a previously distributed Agenda, then the Addendum shall pass a test of 'Urgency'. If the Addendum is time-sensitive or where failure to provide immediate action may cause financial or other distress to the Municipality, Council, or a Committee, then the Chair may authorize the addition of the Addendum to the Agenda. All additions must be supported by written background information.

3.0 GENERAL

- 3.1 In accordance with the *Act*, the municipal office shall be Clear Hills County Administration Office located at 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, Alberta.

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- 3.2 Council of Clear Hills County shall consist of seven (7) elected officials.
- 3.2.1 At the Organizational Meeting following the date of the general election, and annually thereafter, not later than two weeks after the third Monday in October, shall elect one of its elected officials as Reeve and one of its elected officials as Deputy Reeve.
 - 3.2.2 The CEO shall be referred to as the Reeve.
 - 3.2.3 Responsibilities of the Reeve are established in Part 5, Division 3, Duties, Titles, and Oaths of Councillors of the *Act*.
 - 3.2.4 When the Reeve, through illness, absence, or other cause, is unable to perform the duties of this office, or when the office is vacant, the Deputy Reeve has all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the Reeve during the Reeve's inability or absence.
 - 3.2.5 When both the Reeve and Deputy Reeve, through illness, absence, or other cause, are unable to perform the duties of the office, the Council may appoint a temporary Acting Reeve or Chair as per the *Act*.
 - 3.2.6 A Reeve and Deputy Reeve who have been appointed to their offices by the Council may resign their appointments while retaining their seats on the Council.
 - 3.2.7 When the office of Reeve or Deputy Reeve become vacant by death, resignation, forfeiture or otherwise, the Council shall forthwith elect one of the Councillors to fill the position for the remainder of the term of office and in accordance with the *Act*.
 - 3.2.8 The Reeve and members of Council may be paid the remuneration, travel, subsistence and out of pocket expenses that may be set by the Council and outlined in Council Policies.
- 3.3 General duties of Councillors and the Reeve are established in Part 5, Division 3, Duties, Titles, and Oaths of Councillors of the *Act*.
- 3.4 The Council of the County is responsible for:
- 3.4.1 developing and evaluating the policies and programs of the County.
 - 3.4.2 ensuring that the powers, duties, and functions of the County are appropriately carried out.
 - 3.4.3 carrying out the powers, duties and functions expressly given to it under the MGA or any other enactment (legislation, bylaw or policy).

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- 3.5 The Council of the County will not exercise a power or function or perform a duty that is by this or another enactment or by bylaw specifically assigned to the CAO or a designated officer.
 - 3.6 These duties and roles of Councillors as established in this bylaw may only be amended, repealed, or suspended by a bylaw passed at a regular or special meeting of Council with a two thirds majority vote.

4.0 SEVERABILITY

- 4.1 If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion shall be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw shall be deemed valid.

5.0 MEETINGS

5.1 Organizational Meetings

- 5.1.1 An Organizational Meeting of Council shall be held annually not later than two weeks after the 3rd Monday in October, as per the *Act*.
- 5.1.2 The Councillors shall take the Oath of Office upon being elected. (as per the *Act*). By right of this office and taking of the Oath, the Councillor is a Commissioner for Oaths.
- 5.1.3 The Agenda of the Organizational Meeting shall be restricted to:
 - 5.1.4 Establishing regular meeting dates for Council for the next twelve months, and all members of council must be present.
 - 5.1.5 Establishing any *ad hoc* Council Committees.
 - 5.1.6 Selection of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve by election from elected Councillors.
 - 5.1.7 Appointment of Councillors as members and alternates to Council Boards and Committees and *ad hoc* Council Committees.
 - 5.1.7 Appointment of Members at Large to any agencies, committees, boards to which Council has the right to appoint members.
 - 5.1.8 Any such other business as is required by the *Act*.
 - 5.1.9 Annual appointment of Professionals including but not limited to Assessor, Auditor, and Legal Advisor.
 - 5.1.10 Referring to Section 5.1.5 and 5.1.7 of this Bylaw, the Reeve will lead

Council through the Boards & Committees list. If a Councillor wishes to be the representative or alternate on a particular board or committee, they must verbally indicate their desire when that board or committee is being addressed. In the case of two or more Councillors wishing to be the representative or alternate to a board or committee, a vote of Council shall be taken, by either show of hands or secret ballot. The voting method shall be determined by show of hands.

5.1.11 Should a Councillor dispute or disagree with an appointment recommendation, Council shall debate the appointment and, by majority vote, complete the final determination.

5.2 Regular Council Meetings

5.2.1 Notice of regularly scheduled meetings, as per Section 5.1.4, need not be advertised.

5.2.2 Council meetings will be held in person.

- Option 1: Participation online or by conference call may be approved by a motion of Council.
- Option 2: When all Councillors cannot be present attendance by online or conference call will be accepted.

5.2.3 If Council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, the County shall give at least 24 hours notice of the change:

5.2.4.1 To any Member of Council not present at the meeting at which the change was made, and such notice shall be in accordance with the *Act*; and

5.2.5.2 To the public, and such notice shall be by means of posting a Notice on the front door of the Municipal Office and noting the change on the County website and County social media platforms.

5.3 Special Meetings

5.3.1 Special Meetings shall be held as per the *Act*.

5.4 Committee Meetings

5.4.1 Council Committees are created by a Motion of Council at a Regular Council Meeting.

5.4.2 The times for the beginning of Council Committee meetings shall be set by Motion by the Council Committee.

- 5.4.3 Standing Council Committees shall be established and governed by a policy or Bylaw approved by Council. Where appropriate authority is delegated to a Standing Committee, such Committee and its mandate shall be established by Bylaw.
- 5.4.4 The Reeve shall be deemed to be an *ex officio* member of all Committees of Council. The Reeve cannot be a member to a committee if the Reeve is not appointed in the personal name.
 - 5.4.4.1 When attending a Committee, which the Reeve has not been specifically assigned as a representative, the Reeve shall have a right to vote only when an appointed Member of Council assigned to that Committee is absent and the Reeve has been asked, either formally or informally, to be the representative or alternate.
 - 5.4.4.2 Staff may be asked to participate as advisors to Committees of Council. Unless otherwise specified in the Terms of Reference of a Committee, advisors are not voting members.
- 5.4.5 Council Committee Chairs:
 - 5.4.5.1 For Committees of Council, the position of Chair shall be selected by vote of the members appointed by Council, which shall include Members at Large appointments, unless otherwise stated in the County Bylaw, Master Agreement or Terms of Reference establishing the Committee.
 - 5.4.5.2 Where the County and another municipality share representation on the Council Committee or Board, the Members shall select the Chair by a vote of the members.
- 5.5.6. *ad hoc* Committees:
 - 5.5.6.1 Council may create an *ad hoc* Committee by Motion to be formed to address a single issue or matter. An *ad hoc* Committee shall be deemed as temporary, with a lifespan of no more than twelve (12) months after creation.
 - 5.5.6.2 The *ad hoc* Committee shall be advised of their mandate by Council at the time of creation, and Council shall appoint the Members.
 - 5.5.6.3 The *ad hoc* Committee will provide regular written or verbal reports to Council at least once a month and Council shall determine, with each report, whether there is a need for the *ad hoc* Committee to continue to exist.
 - 5.5.6.4 Should the term of the *ad hoc* Committee end, or Council determine that

the work of the *ad hoc* Committee should continue, Council may choose to:

- 5.5.6.4.1 Extend the life of the *ad hoc* Committee for an additional twelve (12) months by Motion; or
- 5.5.6.4.2 Convert the *ad hoc* Committee to a Standing Committee of Council, by Bylaw, with a long-term mandate.
- 5.5.6.5 *ad hoc* Committee's, though temporary in nature, shall operate as other committees, being public meetings, with minutes kept, and same procedures followed as Standing Committees.
- 5.5.7 Alternates: The Reeve may temporarily appoint any Council Member to take the place of any member or alternate of the Council Committee who is unable to attend a meeting of that Council Committee. Council Committee Alternates must be appointed during the Organizational Meeting.
- 5.5.8 Council Committees shall meet at the call of the Chair, and have a written Agenda, but notice must be provided to Committee Members and the Public pursuant to the requirements of this Bylaw and the *Act*.
- 5.5.9 All Council Committees are advisory to Council unless authority to exercise or perform any power or duty has been specifically delegated by a Council Bylaw.
- 5.5.10 The basic responsibilities of a Council Committee are as follows:
 - 5.5.10.1 all matters placed before them that require analysis will be submitted as written recommendations to Council on ways and/or means of dealing with these matters.
 - 5.5.10.2 to receive written or verbal reports for information purposes. Written or verbal reports received for information may be forwarded to Council at the discretion of the Council Committee and must be forwarded to Council if required under any policy, bylaw, or statute.
 - 5.5.10.3 to refer matters to Administration, through the CAO, for research and to provide direction on the preparation of written reports.
 - 5.5.10.4 to submit recommendations to Council on any action or decision recommended on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Council Committee.
 - 5.5.10.5 in appropriate cases, to submit matters to Council without recommendations.
 - 5.5.10.6 not to appropriate, expend, commit, or direct the expenditure of any

money not provided for in the budget and authorized in Committee mandate and Bylaw by Council.

- 5.5.10.7 not to bind its' actions on the County unless power to take such action has been specifically delegated to the Committee by Council in a bylaw.
- 5.5.10.8 not to give direct instructions to any County employee except through the CAO.
- 5.5.11 All Council Board and Committee members must follow the procedural rules of Council as set out in this Bylaw.
- 5.5.12 All Committees created by Council shall be reviewed annually at the Organizational Meeting.
- 5.5.13 External agencies, boards, commissions, and committees refer to an agency, board, commission, or committee not created by Council and shall be made in reference to in this bylaw as external committees.
 - 5.5.13.1 Councillors will review the appointment chart for external committees annually at the Organizational Meeting.
 - 5.5.13.1.1 Council may add an external committee by Motion during a Regular Council Meeting in accordance with Section 5.5.14.2 of this bylaw.
 - 5.5.13.2 Councillors will be appointed, along with alternates, to the external **Special Meetings**.
- 5.5.14 Special Meetings shall be held as per the *Act*.
 - 5.5.14.1 Each external committee shall *elect its own Chair*.
 - 5.5.14.2 Councillors serving on external committees shall represent the interest of the whole County and shall keep Council informed of Committee business, with the options for written reports or verbal updates and provide an update during the Council external committee Report portion of the Regular Council Meeting.
 - 5.5.14.3 Councillors appointed to an external committee that are Motioned by that external committee to attend an event apart from the scheduled meeting, in support of that external committee do so under the external committee Budget unless otherwise approved by a motion of Council.
 - 5.5.14.4 Following the appointment of the Reeve, Councillor or member-at-large to an external committee, the CAO shall advise the External Committee of the appointment and the following:

- 5.5.14.1 that the secretary to the external committee, shall forward to Clear Hills County a ratified copy of the minutes and
- 5.5.14.2 that where the Reeve or a Councillor is appointed to the external committee shall not be expected to act as an advocate for the external committee, and significant issues such as funding requests and long term plans should be presented to the Clear Hills County Council by the Chair, or their designate of the external committee.
- 5.5.14.5 The CAO shall maintain a register of external committees, the members of Council and staff of Clear Hills County who attended, and where the appointed member of Council, was unable to attend. This register shall be available to the Reeve and Councillors on request and shall be submitted to each Organizational Meeting. The CAO shall also maintain a register of scheduled external committee meetings including the name, date, time, and location of meetings. This register of scheduled external committee meetings shall be available to all members of Council at each regular Council meeting. If an appointed Councillor is unable to attend an external committee meeting, they shall contact the alternate member to attend, thereby ensuring that the County is represented at all meetings.

6.0 “CLOSED’ SESSIONS

- 6.1 Council recognizes that the *Act* provides for the public to be present at meetings, and it is the intent and desire of Council to remain open, accountable, and transparent to the public.
- 6.2. ‘Closed’ sessions shall only be permitted for matters pertaining to receiving legal counsel, for land-related negotiations, or matters pertaining to labour or personnel issues, as determined in Sections 17, 18, & 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
 - *Note taking, cellular phone or camera use is prohibited during Closed sessions.*
- 6.3 Whenever Council or a Committee meets in ‘Closed’ session the CAO, or designate, shall be present. An exception is provided when Council meets to discuss CAO annual performance.

7.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7.1 The conduct of any statutory Public Hearing shall be governed by this Bylaw.

- 7.2 Wherever possible, persons interested in speaking at a Public Hearing should register with the Recording Secretary prior to the Public Hearing.
- 7.3 The Chair shall declare the Public Hearing in session and shall outline the Public Hearing Procedures.
- 7.4 The Chair may call upon the CAO or Department Manager to introduce the Motion or Bylaw, and to briefly state the intended purpose.
- 7.5 Where applicable, the CAO shall advise of any third party officially applying for the Bylaw or Motion (For example, as in proposed Bylaws to amend the Land Use Bylaw).
- 7.6 Immediately following the introduction of the Bylaw or Motion, any Member who has pecuniary interest in the Motion or Bylaw for which the Public Hearing is being held shall declare this interest and shall be excused from the table.
- 7.7 Upon leaving the table, the Member has the same rights as any other person attending the Public Hearing and may stay in attendance at the Public Hearing and make presentations. However, when the matter reviewed at the Public Hearing comes before Council for deliberation, the Member must adhere to all clauses of Section 22 of this Bylaw pertaining to Pecuniary Interest.
- 7.8 Any presentation by County staff or agents shall follow the introduction of the Bylaw or Motion.
- 7.9 The Chair shall request those who wish to make presentations to identify themselves so that their names can be recorded in the minutes.

8.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

8.0 Quorum

- 8.1 As soon as there is a Quorum of Members of Council after the hour fixed for the meeting, the Chair shall call the meeting to order; in the case of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve not in attendance at the hour appointed for the meeting and a quorum is present, the CAO shall call the meeting to order and a Chairman shall be chosen by the Councillors present who shall preside during the meeting until the arrival of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve. The Recording Secretary shall record the arrival and departure of Council members at meetings should a member of Council arrive late at a meeting or depart prior to the completion of the meeting.

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- 8.2 Unless a Quorum is present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next regular meeting date or until a Special Meeting is called to deal with the matters intended to be dealt with at the adjourned meeting.
 - 8.3 The Recording Secretary shall record the names of the Members of Council present at the expiration of the fifteen (15) minute time limit and such record shall be appended to the next Agenda.
 - 8.4 The only action that can legally be taken in the absence of Quorum is to fix the time in which to adjourn (if more than fifteen (15) minutes is being allowed), adjourn, recess, or to take measures to obtain a Quorum.
 - 8.5 In the event that Quorum is lost after a meeting is called to order, the meeting shall stand adjourned, unless the meeting has been recessed to a specific time.

9.0 Conduct of Meetings

- 9.1 Each member or delegate shall address the Chair but shall not speak until recognized by the Chair.
- 9.2 The Chair, with the approval by Motion of the members, may authorize a person in the public gallery to address Council only on the topic being discussed at that time and within the time limits specified by the Chair.
- 9.3 The preparation and distribution of minutes of Council and Committees shall be the responsibility of the CAO and may be delegated to a Recording Secretary. (See the *Act*)

10.0 Motions

- 10.1 A Motion is put to the floor for a vote after discussion.
 - 10.1.1 A Motion shall NOT require a seconder.
- 10.2 A Motion may be withdrawn at any time before voting by the mover.
- 10.3 Any Member may require the Motion to be read at any time during the debate, except when a member is speaking.
- 10.4 A mover of a Motion must be present when the Vote on the Motion is taken. If a Motion cannot be voted before the meeting is adjourned, the Motion shall be deemed as lost.
- 10.5 When a Motion is under debate, no Motion shall be received other than a Motion

to:

- 10.5.1 WITHDRAW: When the mover wishes to withdraw the Motion or substitute a different one in its place. *Note: Once the Motion is withdrawn, the effect is the same as if the Motion had never been made and no record of the motion will be recorded in the minutes.*
- 10.5.2 TABLE: When a member(s) requires additional information or wants to have a time or date for the issue to be brought back. This Motion is non-debatable, and the vote is called;
- 10.5.3 TABLE: When a tabling motion is defeated debate continues on the issue.
- 10.5.4 CALL THE QUESTION: That a vote must now be taken, and discussion has closed;
- 10.5.5 REFER: Generally used to send a pending question to a committee, department, or selected persons so that the question may be carefully investigated and put into better context for Council to consider - and should include direction as to the person or group to which it is being referred.
- 10.5.6 AMENDMENTS:
 - 23.5.6.1 Only one amendment at a time shall be presented to the main Motion. When the amendment has been disposed of, another may be introduced. All amendments must relate to the matter being discussed in the main motion and shall not so substantially alter the Motion as to change the basic intent or meaning of the main motion. The Chair shall rule on disputes arising from amendment.
 - 10.5.6.2 The amendment shall be voted upon and, if any amendment is carried, the main motion, as amended, shall be put to Vote, unless a further amendment is proposed.
 - 10.5.6.3 Nothing in this section shall prevent other proposed amendments from being read for the information of the Members.
 - 10.5.6.4 When the Motion under consideration contains distinct separate propositions, the Vote upon each proposition shall, be taken separately.
- 10.6 **Motion to Rescind** is a Motion that may be accepted by the Chair only if the action of the motion has not commenced. If passed by a majority vote of the Members present, the previous Motion referred to would be declared null and void.

10.7 **Notice of Motion** should be used to give notice by a member when an extended period of time is advisable prior to considering a subject.

10.7.1 A Notice of Motion shall be recorded in the minutes and shall form part of the Agenda for the subsequent or future meeting as requested.

10.8 The following Motions are non-debatable by Members:

10.8.1 ADJOURNMENT.

10.8.2 CALL THE QUESTION.

10.8.3 LIMIT DEBATE on a matter before members.

10.8.4 POINT OF ORDER.

10.8.5 QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

10.8.6 TABLE.

10.8.7 TAKE A RECESS.

10.9 The wording of a Motion may be either POSITIVE or NEGATIVE in presentation. (i.e.: "... *Council shall support ...*" or "... *Council shall not support ...*") Motions should be written in a Positive manner.

10.10 When a Motion is defeated by Council the Motion shall not be brought back to the table for a period of six (6) months from the date the Motion was defeated unless there is a reconsidering motion where information relevant to the defeated motion may change the result.

11.0 Rules of Debate

11.1 In Council, a Councillor wishing to speak on a matter that has been brought before Council shall indicate their intention by raising their hand to be recognized by the Chair, and shall not speak more than once until every Member of Council has had the opportunity to speak except:

11.1.1 in the explanation of the material part of the speech which may have been misunderstood; or

11.1.2 in reply, to close debate, after everyone else wishing to speak has spoken, provided that the Member of Council presented the Motion to the meeting.

11.2 Through the Chair, a Member of Council may ask questions of another Member of Council or Staff on a Point of Information relevant to the business at hand.

11.3 All questions or debate shall be directed through the Chair.

11.4 Council Members shall:

11.4.1 Refrain from the use offensive words or language, or name calling in the

meeting.

- 11.4.2 Adhere to the rules of the meeting or decision of the Chair or of the Members on questions of order or practice, or upon the interpretation of the rules of the meeting.
- 11.4.3 Not leave their seat or make any noise or disturbance while a vote is being taken and the result is declared.
- 11.4.4 Not interrupt a member while speaking, except to raise a Point of Order or Question of Privilege.
- 11.4.5 Not pass between a member who is speaking and the Chair.
- 11.5 A Member or Members who persist in a breach of the foregoing section, after having been called to order by the Chair, may, at the discretion of the Chair, be ordered to leave their seat, or the meeting room, for the duration of the meeting.
- 11.6 As per Section 11.5 of this Bylaw, at the discretion of the Chair, a Member may resume their seat following an apology. Failure to leave or apologize will result in the Chair calling a recess, and at the discretion of the Chair, call authorities for the enforcement of this bylaw.
- 11.7 A Member who wishes to leave the meeting prior to the adjournment shall so advise the Chair and the time of the departure shall be noted in the minutes.

12.0 Point of Order

- 12.1 The Chair shall preserve order and decide upon any Points of Order.
- 12.2 A member who desires to call attention to an infraction of procedure shall raise a Point of Order to the Chair. When the Member has been acknowledged, the Member shall state the Point of Order with a concise explanation and shall accept the decision of the Chair upon the Point of Order.
- 12.3 The speaker in possession of the floor, when the Point of Order was raised, shall retain the right to the floor when debate resumes.
- 12.4 A Member called to order by the Chair shall immediately vacate the floor until the Point of Order is dealt with and shall not speak again without the permission of the Chair unless to appeal the ruling of the Chair.
- 12.5 The decision of the Chair shall be final, subject to an immediate appeal by a Member of the meeting.
- 12.6 If a decision of the Chair is appealed (Section 12.5 of this Bylaw), the Chair shall

provide concise reasons for the ruling and the Members shall, without debate, decide the question. Decision of the Members shall be final.

13.0 Voting on a Question

13.1 Every Member of Council present, including the Reeve, shall vote on every matter at a Council or Committee Meeting at which they are present, unless they are required to or permitted to abstain from voting under this or any other Bylaw, Act, or other legislation. (Ref: The Act.)

13.1.1 The recording Secretary shall read out the Motion for clarity before a Call for Question takes place.

13.2 When a Motion that a Vote be taken (Call for Question) is presented, and after each Member has had the opportunity to speak to the issue in accordance with Section ## Rules of Debate, it shall be put to a vote without further debate.

13.3 A Member present at a meeting shall make a request for a recess if, for any reason, the Member may be away from the Meeting during a time when a Vote on a matter is imminent, unless that Member is excused from the voting pursuant to this Section. The length of recess shall be between 5 and 15 minutes at the discretion of the Chair.

13.4 Voting shall be completed simultaneously by raising of the hand after the Chair has called for those 'In Favour' and those 'Opposed' to the Motion.
Secret Ballot – any Councillor may make a Motion to request a vote by secret ballot in accordance with the Act.

13.5 When a Chair, having ascertained that no further information is required, commences to take a Vote, no Member shall speak to, or present another Motion, until the Vote has been taken on the current Motion or amendment, and the decision announced by the Chair.

13.6 Any Member who disagrees with the announcement made concerning the result of a Vote may immediately object to the declaration, and the Chair shall call for the Vote a second and final time. The determination of the Chair shall be final.

13.7 Whenever the Chair is of the opinion that a Motion is contrary to the rules and privileges of Council, the Chair shall inform the Member thereof immediately, before Calling the Question, and shall cite reasons applicable to the case without argument or comment.

13.8 In all cases not provided for in the proceedings of the Council, a two-thirds ($2/3$) majority of Council shall determine to uphold or not uphold the ruling of the Chair.

13.9 If a vote of Council is requested to be a Recorded Vote by a Member, then the

Recording Secretary shall enter a Recorded Vote in the Minutes. The request for a recorded vote must be made prior to the call for the question.

- 13.10 If there is a tie of votes for and against a Motion or Bylaw, then the Motion or Bylaw is defeated.
- 13.11 CAO shall advise Council whenever expert advice is required or requested.
- 13.12 Council, and all individual councillors, shall ensure that all advice, including engineering advice, staff advice, and recommendations/advice from administration is considered and that if the advice is not going to be followed.

14.0 Adjournment of Meeting & Adjournment Time

- 14.1 If all items on the Agenda have been addressed, the Chair shall simply state that the Agenda has been completed, note the time to the Recording Secretary, and Call the Meeting Adjourned, without a Motion from the Members.
- 14.2 Should the Agenda NOT be completed, a non-debatable Motion to adjourn the meeting can be presented, but it must be supported by two-thirds majority (66%) of the quorum.
- 14.3 Unless otherwise determined pursuant to the provisions of this Bylaw, Adjournment Time is:
 - 14.3.1 at the conclusion of the Agenda as adopted by Council; or
 - 14.3.2 at Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) if a meeting is in session at that hour.
- 14.4 Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 14.3 of this Bylaw, Council may, by a Unanimous Motion of Members present, agree to an extension of the meeting time. A vote to extend the time of the meeting beyond Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) must be taken not later than four o'clock in the evening (4:00 PM).
- 14.5 Unless there has been a Unanimous Motion passed within the prescribed time extending the meeting beyond the Four thirty in the evening (4:30 PM) all matters of business which appear on the Agenda for the Meeting, and which have not been dealt with by that time, shall be deemed to be postponed until the next Regular or Special Meeting.

15.0 Duties of the Chair

- 15.1 The Chair shall preside over the conduct of the meeting, including the preservation of good order and decorum, ruling on points of order, replying to Point of Procedure, and deciding on questions relating to the orderly procedure of the

meeting, subject to an appeal by any Member from any ruling of the Chair.

- 15.2 It shall be the discretion of the Chair, whether upon the request of any Member, to call for a short recess between Agenda items, at any meeting. The Chair shall make reasonable efforts, including calling for a recess, to ensure all members in attendance at a meeting are present while a vote is being taken, unless a member is excused from voting in accordance with the *Act* or this Bylaw.
- 15.3 The Chair may invite persons forward from the audience to speak with the permission and a resolution of the Council or Committee, if it is deemed to be within the best interests of the issue being discussed, the public, and the conduct of good business.
- 15.4 In the absence or inability of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve to act as Chair of the Meeting, Council shall appoint a Councillor as Acting Reeve or Chair as provided by the *Act*.
- 15.5 The Chair shall be expected to participate in debate and vote, without relinquishing the Chair.
- 15.6 The Chair may relinquish the Chair to participate in debate.

16.0 AGENDA and ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 16.1 The Agenda is a document used by Council or a Committee, therefore although the duty to collate the Agenda may be delegated, Council or the Committee shall have final determination as to what will or will not be included on the Agenda.
- 16.2 Prior to each meeting, the CAO shall cause to be prepared a statement of the order of business to be known as the “Agenda” of all matters to be brought before Council. To enable the CAO to do so, all documents and notice of delegation intended to be submitted to the Council shall be received by the CAO no later than noon on the fourth (4th) business day before the meeting.
- 16.3 The CAO shall Email each Member a copy of the Agenda and all supporting materials no later than 6:00 PM, three (3) calendar days before the meeting.
- 16.4 The business intended to be dealt with shall be stated in the Agenda after the manner as displayed in Schedule “A” attached.
- 16.5 The order of business established in Section 16.4 of this Bylaw shall apply unless altered by the Chair with no objection from members, or otherwise determined by a majority vote of the members present, and the vote upon a matter of priority of business shall be decided without debate.

16.6 Where the deadline in Sections 16.2 and 16.3 of this Bylaw are not met, the Agenda and supporting materials shall be deemed to be acceptable by Council when the Agenda is adopted at any Council meeting.

16.7 Addendums (also known as Add-Ins):

16.7.1 Council may consider the Urgency of any item(s) proposed to be added preferably with supporting written documentation, or proposed to be deleted, before voting to add the Addendum and then adopt the Agenda "As Amended."

16.7.2 During the course of the meeting, should a member of Council deem that an item be added to the Agenda for Council's consideration, the Member shall propose the Addendum by Motion, after which the Chair shall rule on the urgency:

16.7.2.1 If Council rules that the Motion stand, the Chair shall add the item to the end of the pertinent section of the Agenda.

16.7.2.2 If Council rules that the Motion does not meet the test of Urgency, or written supporting documentation is required, the item shall be tabled and added to the next Agenda.

16.8 The order of business at a meeting is the order of the items on the Agenda except:

16.8.1 When the same subject matter appears in more than one place on the Agenda and Council decides, by Motion, to deal with all items related to the matter at the same time.

16.8.2 When Council decides not to deal with an item on the Agenda and tables the matter to a subsequent meeting.

17.0 Requested Scheduled Delegations

17.1 A person or a representative of any delegation or group of persons who wish to bring any matter to the attention of Council, or who wish to have any matter considered by Council, shall address a letter (or other written communication) to Council, or CAO outlining the subject to be discussed. The letter shall be signed in the correct name of the writer; the address of the writer, and delivered (by hand, mail, fax, or email) to the CAO. The letter must arrive by noon at least four (4) business days immediately preceding the meeting at which it is to be presented. If the person wishes to appear before Council on the matter, it shall be stated in the letter. This will apply to delegations appearing in front of the Policies and Priorities Committee or any other Council Committees.

17.2 Scheduled Delegates shall be granted a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to

present the matter outlined in the letter. Where the Chair determines that additional time shall be granted to a delegation, the length of the extension shall be specified, and the Chair may limit the time.

- 17.3 Delegations that have not submitted a letter in accordance with Section 17 of this Bylaw may be granted a brief opportunity to outline the matter they wish to present to Council, and following that outline, the Reeve or other presiding officer shall determine if the delegation is to be granted time under Section 17.2 of this Bylaw.
- 17.4 Matters of confidential nature, as referred to in Section 6 of this Bylaw, shall not be discussed during Public Presentations to Council.
- 17.5 Information presented by a Person or Group shall relate only to the subject matter for which the presentation was originally requested.
- 17.6 Each Person or Group will be given an opportunity to make a public presentation only once in respect to a given issue. Council or the Committee may waive this restriction if it is of the view that there have been significant new developments in respect of the issue or if sufficient time has elapsed such that Council, or the Committee, is prepared to consider the issue again.
- 17.7 Extensions of time limits for any verbal presentations during the Public Presentation to Council or the Committee may be granted by consent of Council or the Committee, based on one or more of the following:
 - 17.7.1 The issue or Bylaw under discussion is deemed by Council or the Committee to be contentious or complex and the allotted time is not sufficient, in the opinion of Council or the Committee, to give the matter due consideration.
 - 17.7.2 The granting of an extension of time will not prejudice the rights of other presenters to their allotted presentation time as prescribed by this Bylaw.
- 17.8 Where a Delegation requests support from Council, requiring a Motion of Council, Council shall first refer the matter to Administration, who shall bring back more information and a recommendation at a subsequent meeting so that Council can make an informed decision.
 - 17.8.1 Where a Delegation requests correspondence in regard to clarifying the topics of the delegation, Council will direct Administration to compile the necessary information and prepare correspondence for the Delegation. Once a decision by Council has been made on a topic from a delegation, Council is not obligated to hear the matter again.
 - 17.8.2 Where a Delegation appears in front of Council or Committee to provide information, the CAO will prepare and send a letter of thank you.

18.0 Public Delegations

- 18.1 As part of the Council Agenda, the Reeve shall also call for and recognize any Public Delegations. Public Delegations may or may not be scheduled (as per Section 17 of this Bylaw), and may request an opportunity to outline the matter they wish to present to Council or a Committee at a meeting, and following that outline, the Reeve or other presiding officer shall determine if the delegation is to be granted time under Section 17.2 of this Bylaw.
- 18.2 A Public Delegation may be recognized by the Chair and granted a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes to present their matter.
- 18.3 A Public Delegation shall follow guidelines in Requested Public Delegation section of this bylaw.

19.0 Role of Management in Regard to Delegations:

- 19.1 Administration will schedule the delegations.
- 19.2 Notify the delegation of the time and place of the meeting they wish to attend.
- 19.3 Delegations will be scheduled at least 15 minutes after the start of the meeting.
- 19.4 Delegations will be scheduled at least 30 minutes apart. More time may be required for more complex issues.
- 19.5 The CAO shall explore the reasons why the delegation wishes to attend and provide members with all back up information for their perusal prior to the arrival of the delegation.
- 19.6 The Administration involved may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or the Council or Committee.

20.0 Role of Chairperson in Delegations

- 20.1 The Chairperson reserves the right to accept delegations to the Council or Committee meeting.
- 20.2 The Chairperson shall notify the CAO of any delegations wanting to make a presentation to the Council or Committee and ensure the delegation arranges a meeting date with CAO.
- 20.3 If there is more than one member in the delegation the Chairperson shall request that the delegation appoint a spokesperson and inform the spokesperson that all

questions and comments be addressed to the chair.

- 20.4 The Chairperson shall ensure that all points of this policy are followed by the committee members and Administration.
- 20.5 The Chairperson may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or committee members.
- 20.6 The Chairperson shall not criticize staff, government employees or the committee members while the delegation is present.
- 20.7 The Chairperson should direct all questions to the delegation's spokesperson.
- 20.8 Comments of intent in the presence of the delegation shall not be made.
- 20.9 The Chairperson shall ensure that the delegation restricts its presentation to the issue.
- 20.10 After Council or the committee has obtained all the information from the delegation the Chairperson shall dismiss the delegation to allow Council or the committee to discuss the matter.
- 20.11 The Chairperson may request the committee to go into a closed meeting to discuss the issue if the matter falls within the privacy issues to close a meeting.

21.0 Role of the Councillor or Committee Member in Delegations:

- 21.1 Members of Council or the Committee shall notify the CAO of any delegations wanting to make a presentation to Council or the committee and ensure the delegation arranges a meeting date with the CAO.
- 21.2 Members of Council or the Committee will give the delegation their undivided attention.

Members of Council or the Committee may question the delegation to clarify the issue; however, shall not debate the issue with the delegation or the committee.

- 21.3 Members of Council or the Committee shall not criticize staff, government employees or other Council or committee members while the delegation is present.
- 21.4 No comments or motions of intent will be entertained until the delegation has been dismissed from the table. The people making up the delegation may remain in the Council Chambers but may not participate in any further discussion.

22.0 Pecuniary Interest

- 22.1 Members of Council who reasonably believe that they have a pecuniary interest (as defined in the *Act*) in any matter before Council, any Committee of Council, or any Board, Commission, Committee or Agency to which they are appointed as a representative of Council, shall, if present, declare and disclose the general nature of the pecuniary interest prior to any discussion of the matter, abstain from discussions, or voting on any questions relating to the matter, and shall where required by the act, remove themselves from the room until the matter is concluded. *Note: It is the responsibility of each Member to determine and/or declare whether they have a pecuniary interest, not other members of Council or Administration.*
- 22.2 The minutes shall indicate the declaration of disclosure, the time at which the Member of Council left the room, and the time the Member of Council returned.
- 22.3 Prior to the meeting, if a Member of Council is unsure of whether they may be in a 'conflict of interest' (pecuniary) situation with regard to an upcoming issue or vote, the Member shall be encouraged to discuss the matter with the CAO.
- 22.4 Prior to the meeting and after discussing the issue with the CAO (as per Section 22.3 of this Bylaw), a Councillor may wish to seek a legal opinion at their own expense to determine whether or not there is a conflict-of-interest situation with regard to the upcoming issue or vote.
- 22.5 If the matter with respect to which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is a payment of an account for which funds have previously been committed, it is not necessary for the Councillor to leave the room.
- 22.6 If the matter with respect to which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is a question on which the Councillor as an elector or property owner has the right to be heard by the Council,
 - a) it is not necessary for the Councillor to leave the room, and
 - b) the Councillor may exercise the right to be heard in the same manner as a person who is not a member of the Council.
- 22.7 If a Councillor is temporarily absent from a meeting when a matter in which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest is introduced, the Councillor shall immediately on returning to the meeting, or as soon thereafter as the Councillor becomes aware that the matter has been considered, disclose the general nature of the Councillors interest in the matter.

23.0 Bylaw Procedures

- 23.1 Where a Bylaw is presented to a meeting for enactment, the CAO or designate shall cause the number, short title, and brief description of the Bylaw to appear on

the Agenda.

23.1.1 As per the *Act*, all Bylaws shall have three distinct and separate readings. The Motion to move a Bylaw for consideration shall be the First Reading.

23.2.2 As the *Act* any proposed bylaw must not have more than two readings at a council meeting unless the councillors present unanimously agree to consider third reading, which requires a motion of council.

23.2 The following shall apply to the passage of a Bylaw:

23.2.1 A Bylaw shall be introduced for First Reading by a Motion that it be Read a First Time specifying the number and short name of the Bylaw.

23.2.2 After a Motion for First Reading of the Bylaw has been presented, Members may debate the substance of the Bylaw, and propose and consider amendments to the Bylaw.

23.2.3 Any proposed amendments shall be put to vote, if required, and, if carried, shall be considered as having been incorporated into the Bylaw at First Reading.

23.2.4 When all amendments have been accepted or rejected, the Chair shall Call the Question on the Motion for First Reading of the Bylaw.

23.2.5 When a Bylaw is subject to a statutory Public Hearing, a Public Hearing date and time shall be established prior to proceeding to second reading.

23.2.6 When a Bylaw must receive approval of a Minister of the Crown, it must be forwarded for such approval prior to proceeding to Second Reading.

23.2.7 All aspects of the passage of a Bylaw at First Reading shall apply to Second or Third Reading of any Bylaw.

24.0 Bylaw and Policy Appeal

24.1 When a Bylaw or Policy is defeated by Council the Bylaw or Policy shall not be available for review by Council for a period of six (6) months from the date the Bylaw or Policy being defeated unless there is a reconsidering motion where information relevant to the defeated motion may change the result.

25.0 Prior Bylaws

25.1 This Bylaw shall supersede and take precedence over all previously passed bylaws that refer to the setting out of rules for governing the County, pertaining to

the procedures for Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Public Hearings, the conduct of Councillors, Committee Members, and the establishment of Council Committees, as well as any previously passed Motions that may be in conflict with this Bylaw, including Bylaw 1.

- 25.2 Bylaw 233-18, and all related amendments, shall be repealed upon Third and Final Reading of this Bylaw.

26.0 Effective Date

26.1 This Bylaw comes into effect upon the final passing and proper signature thereof.

Read a First Time this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Read a Second Time this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Read a Third Time this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Amber Bean, Reeve

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Agenda Format

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 - 1.
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 - 1.
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BYLAW NO. ~~228-17~~ new number

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REPRESENTING THE CLEAR HILLS COUNTY.

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WHEREAS, the Council of the Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, has deemed it desirable to establish a Code of Conduct for Elected Officials to uphold certain principles governing the conduct of Councillors.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Clear Hills County, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS:

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1. PURPOSE AND CITATION

- 1.1. The purpose of this bylaw is to govern the conduct of all Councillors of Clear Hills County in order that they maintain the highest standards of conduct in public office and faithfully discharge their duties as an elected official.
- 1.2. The bylaw may be cited as the "Code of Conduct Bylaw".

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- 2.1. All Councillors shall carry out their duties with integrity and for the benefit of all ratepayers and residents of the County.
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- 2.7. All Councillors shall adhere to all applicable laws, legislation, regulations, bylaws, ~~policies~~policies, and procedures.
- 2.8. All Councillors shall treat fellow Councillors, Administration, staff and the public with respect, ~~courtesy~~courtesy, and fairness.
- 2.9. All Councillors shall acknowledge that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is the administrative head of the municipality. As such, Councillors shall direct their questions or concerns about administrative matters to the CAO and recognize that as individual Councillors, they do not have the individual authority to direct the CAO or staff.
- 2.10. All Councillors shall respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed in-camera. Council members shall keep in confidence all matters discussed in-camera at a Council or Committee meeting until such information is discussed at a meeting held in public.
- 2.11. All Councillors shall remove themselves from Council proceedings where they have a pecuniary interest concerning any outside business interest or where they have a pecuniary interest concerning a family member. If a Councillor holds a pecuniary interest in a matter that appears before Council, that Councillor will disclose his or her pecuniary interest to Council, describe the nature of the pecuniary interest, ask that this disclosure be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting, abstain from voting on the matter, and leave the Council Chambers until discussion and voting on the matter have been concluded.
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- 2.13. All Councillors are not allowed to use or permit the use of municipal owned assets (i.e. vehicles, equipment, material or property) or services for their own personal convenience or profit.

- 2.14. All Councillors will be offered training that is offered through the Elected Officials Education Program, or equivalent training, within 90 days of taking the Oath of Office.
- 2.15. All Councillors shall also be encouraged to complete additional EOEP courses or attend workshops that may be deemed beneficial in carrying out their responsibilities as elected officials.

3. COMPLAINTS

- 3.1. All Councillors themselves have the primary responsibility to encourage and ensure that the Code of Conduct Bylaw is understood and upheld.
- 3.2. All Councillors have a duty to help create an accessible, fair and transparent municipal government. Accordingly, all Councillors have a duty to question whether another Councillor is violating the Code of Conduct Bylaw.
- 3.3. A Councillor who believes that another Councillor is in violation of the Code of Conduct Bylaw shall report their concerns to the Reeve, in writing, or in the case of an allegation against the Reeve, to the Deputy Reeve, in writing.
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 - a) a letter of reprimand addressed to the Councillor;
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 - c) publication of a letter of reprimand or request for apology and the Councillor's response;
 - d) a requirement to attend training;
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 - f) suspension or removal of the appointment of a Councillor as the deputy chief elected official or acting chief elected official under the MGA.

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- g) suspension or removal of the chief elected official's presiding duties under section need section # the MGA;
- h) suspension or removal from some or all council committees and bodies to which council has the right to appoint members;
- i) reduction or suspension of remuneration as defined in the MGA corresponding to a reduction in duties, excluding allowances for attendance at council meetings.

4. REVIEW

4.1. The Code of Conduct Bylaw must be reviewed and updated at least once every 4 years starting from the date when the Bylaw is passed.

Add hereby rescinds bylaw 228-17

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- 2.9. All Councillors shall acknowledge that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is the administrative head of the municipality. As such, Councillors shall direct their questions or concerns about administrative matters to the CAO and recognize that as individual Councillors, they do not have the individual authority to direct the CAO or staff.
- 2.10. All Councillors shall respect the confidentiality of sensitive information discussed in-camera. Council members shall keep in confidence all matters discussed in-camera at a Council or Committee meeting until such information is discussed at a meeting held in public.
- 2.11. All Councillors shall remove themselves from Council proceedings where they have a pecuniary interest concerning any outside business interest or where they have a pecuniary interest concerning a family member. If a Councillor holds a pecuniary interest in a matter that appears before Council, that Councillor will disclose his or her pecuniary interest to Council, describe the nature of the pecuniary interest, ask that this disclosure be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting, abstain from voting on the matter, and leave the Council Chambers until discussion and voting on the matter have been concluded.
- 2.12. All Councillors shall avoid using their position as an elected official to secure special privileges, favors or exemptions for themselves or any other person.
- 2.13. All Councillors are not allowed to use or permit the use of municipal owned assets (i.e. vehicles, equipment, material or property) or services for their own personal convenience or profit.
- 2.14. All Councillors will be offered training that is offered through the Elected Officials Education Program, or equivalent training, within 90 days of taking the Oath of Office.

- 2.15. All Councillors shall also be encouraged to complete additional EOEP courses or attend workshops that may be deemed beneficial in carrying out their responsibilities as elected officials.

3. COMPLAINTS

- 3.1. All Councillors themselves have the primary responsibility to encourage and ensure that the Code of Conduct Bylaw is understood and upheld.
- 3.2. All Councillors have a duty to help create an accessible, fair and transparent municipal government. Accordingly, all Councillors have a duty to question whether another Councillor is violating the Code of Conduct Bylaw.
- 3.3. A Councillor who believes that another Councillor is in violation of the Code of Conduct Bylaw shall report their concerns to the Reeve, in writing, or in the case of an allegation against the Reeve, to the Deputy Reeve, in writing.
- 3.4. The Council, when considering an alleged breach of the Code of Conduct Bylaw, shall provide sufficient opportunity for the Councillor who is the subject of the allegation, to address Council.
- 3.5. All discussions surrounding the alleged breach of the Code of Conduct Bylaw shall be conducted in an in-camera meeting of Council with the intent that the discussion shall remain confidential under the appropriate sections of the Municipal Government Act and The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If, in the opinion of a majority of the members of Council, a Councillor breaches any of the principles found in the Code of Conduct Bylaw, one or more of the following sanctions may be imposed:
 - a) a letter of reprimand addressed to the Councillor;
 - b) requesting the Councillor to issue a letter of apology;
 - c) publication of a letter of reprimand or request for apology and the Councillor's response;
 - d) a requirement to attend training;
 - e) suspension or removal of the appointment of a Councillor as the chief elected official under the MGA;
 - f) suspension or removal of the appointment of a Councillor as the deputy chief elected official or acting chief elected official under the MGA.
 - g) suspension or removal of the chief elected official's presiding duties under current version of the MGA;
 - h) suspension or removal from some or all council committees and bodies to which council has the right to appoint members;

- i) reduction or suspension of remuneration as defined in the MGA corresponding to a reduction in duties, excluding allowances for attendance at council meetings.

4. REVIEW

4.1. The Code of Conduct Bylaw must be reviewed and updated at least once every 4 years starting from the date when the Bylaw is passed.

READ a first time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

READ a third time this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Amber Bean, Reeve

Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer

Clear Hills County

Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Special Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	July 24, 2023
Originated By:	Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Marketing Position
File:	11-02-02

DESCRIPTION:

Council is presented with information regarding the potential Marketing/Economic Development Position.

P402-23(07-17-23) RESOLUTION by Reeve Bean to bring the Marketing & Economic Coordinator job description to the July 24, 2023, Land Use Bylaw & Procedural Bylaw Review meeting for review. CARRIED.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Marketing Position outline

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

RESOLUTION by...

Initials show support - Reviewed by:

Manager:

CAO:





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Job Opportunity: **Marketing & Economic Coordinator**

Position Title: Marketing & Economic Coordinator

Company: Clear Hills County

Location: Worsley, AB, Canada

Job Type: Full-time

Job Overview:

Clear Hills County is seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to join our team as a Marketing & Economic Coordinator. In this role, you will be responsible for planning, organizing, and executing a wide range of community events in the municipality. Additionally, you will play a vital role in marketing Clear Hills County programs and events, managing digital content, and supporting economic development initiatives.

Key Responsibilities:

Event Execution:

1. Plan and coordinate municipal events from start to finish, including logistics, permits, marketing, and vendor coordination.
2. Collaborate with Council, departments, and external partners to ensure efficient and effective event execution.
3. Develop event budgets and track expenses for financial accountability.
4. Coordinate volunteers and oversee event staffing for smooth operations.
5. Serve as the primary point of contact for vendors, sponsors, and community partners, maintaining positive relationships.
6. Ensure events adhere to municipal policies, regulations, and safety guidelines.
7. Evaluate event success and provide recommendations for future improvements.
8. Compose and/or edit speeches and media releases for different occasions and purposes.
9. Facilitate public events and prepare presentations as needed.
10. Coordinate public engagement and recognition programs.



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Marketing:

1. Design, develop, and implement digital content across various online platforms, including the county's intranet, website, social media, and e-newsletter.
2. Develop and implement marketing strategies to promote events and enhance the quality of life for residents.
3. Audit and update website content for reliability, accuracy, relevancy, and usability.
4. Ensure consistency and alignment with the Clear Hills County brand identity across all marketing touchpoints.
5. Act as a Brand Ambassador for Clear Hills County, maintaining brand integrity.

Economic Development:

1. Research and investigate economic development strategies based on Council's Economic Development Committee outcomes.
2. Track and share Council's Economic Development Committee initiatives and outcomes.
3. Act as a liaison between local businesses and the public, fostering economic development within Clear Hills County.

Preferred Qualifications:

Knowledge, Abilities, Education, and Experience:

1. Proven ability to design, develop, and implement written content, images, and videos across various digital channels.
2. Experience in event planning, execution, budgeting, and tracking.
3. Ability to create digital media content, including audio, photos, and videos.
4. Proficiency in website content management systems, online marketing, and social media.
5. Strong ability to handle frequent and multiple demands, requiring mental focus and adaptability.
6. Excellent project management, organizational, and multitasking skills.
7. Knowledge of public relations and marketing principles.
8. Familiarity with advertising, news media, graphic design, and printing principles.
9. Exceptional written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills.
10. Demonstrated ability to provide leadership, direction, and support to internal and external stakeholders.



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11. Ability to work both independently and collaboratively with diverse stakeholders.
12. Experience working in a municipal, environmental, or public sector is an asset.
13. Proficiency in website design, content management systems, protocols, and development tools.
14. Experience in social media marketing, digital media management, and campaigns.
15. Familiarity with desktop publishing tools and video/audio editing software.
16. Experience utilizing tools to measure the impact of marketing, advertising, communication, and digital content.
17. Knowledge of municipal policies, regulations, and safety guidelines related to event planning.
18. Ability to work flexible hours, including occasional evenings and weekends.

To apply for the position, please submit the following documents:

1. Resume
2. Cover letter
3. PDF/Web portfolio showcasing your relevant work (visual or written examples demonstrating your experience)

Please send your application to: Allan Rowe, Chief Administrative Officer Clear Hills County 313 Alberta Avenue, Box 240 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0 Or Email to: allan@clearhillscounty.ab.ca

Note: We appreciate all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Join Clear Hills County and contribute to the vibrant community. We look forward to reviewing your application!



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- Community BBQ
- Tradeshow
- Farmers/Open Air Markets
- Appreciation Banquets
- Ordering and tracking of Promotional Items
- Marketing – County programs and events
- Marketing County recreational facilities including the 3 parks (Stoney, Sulphur & Running)
- Community Parades
- Public Meetings
- Career fairs
- Biggest Vegetable Contest
- Volunteer/Rec/Business Awards
- Farm family Award
- Business Directory
- Newsletter
- Website
- Social Media Platforms
- Special Event Grant
- Highlights Magazine
- Other Special Events throughout the year