

BYLAW 1527/21
AMENDMENT TO BYLAW 1522/20 – ELECTION BYLAW
STURGEON COUNTY, MORINVILLE, ALBERTA

A BYLAW OF STURGEON COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO AMEND BYLAW 1522/20 RESPECTING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT OF NOMINATION DEPOSITS

WHEREAS, section 29 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, c L-21 (the Act) and amendments thereto authorizes an elected authority to pass a bylaw to require that every nomination be accompanied with a deposit in the amount fixed in the bylaw;

AND WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, Council passed Bylaw 1522/20, which requires that candidate nominations for every elected office be accompanied by a deposit in Canadian funds, payable in cash, by certified cheque, or by money order in the amount of \$25, consistent with section 30(1) of the Act;

AND WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the Minister of Municipal Affairs issued Ministerial Order No. MSD: 103/20 modifying section 30(1) of the Act to allow a nomination deposit to be provided to the Returning Officer by in-person payments using a debit card or a credit card to allow for the smooth conduct of the 2021 municipal general election;

AND WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to amend Bylaw 1522/20 to allow nomination deposits to be accepted by debit card or credit card in the 2021 municipal general election and to allow flexibility in the form of nomination deposits allowable by future amendments to the Act or modifications made by way of Ministerial Order;

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

1. Title

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the “Election Bylaw Amendment – 2021 Municipal Election Nomination Deposits”.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the Election Bylaw to allow for nomination deposits to be accepted in the forms of payment prescribed by the Act or as modified by Ministerial Order.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. Unless otherwise specified, words used in this bylaw have the same meaning as defined in the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, c L-21 or Election Bylaw 1522/20.

4. Amendment to Bylaw 1522/20.

- 4.1. Section 4.1 of Bylaw 1522/20 is deleted and replaced with the following:

- 4.1. Candidate nominations for every elected office must be accompanied by a deposit in Canadian funds in the amount of \$25.

5. Severability

5.1. If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.

6. Effective Date

6.1. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect upon being passed.

Read a first time this 12th day of January, 2021.

Read a second time this 12th day of January, 2021.

Read a third time this 12th day of January, 2021.

"Original Signed"

Alanna Hnatiw
MAYOR

"Original Signed"

Reegan McCullough
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (CAO)

January 13, 2021

DATE SIGNED