

BYLAW 2024-16

Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128

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

The council of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the “Administrative Bylaw.”

PART I PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

Purpose and Scope

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish the powers, duties and functions of municipal officials and/or employees of the municipality;

The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish who may sign specified municipal documents on behalf of the municipality;

Definitions

3. “**Act**” means *The Municipalities Act*;
“**Municipality**” means the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128
“**Administrator**” means the administrator of the Rural Municipality of Lajord No. 128 appointed pursuant to section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*.

PART II ADMINISTRATOR

Establishment of Position

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

Assignment of Responsibility

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

Duties of the Administrator – *The Municipalities Act*

6. Without limiting the generality of section 5 of this bylaw, the administrator shall:
 - a) Take charge of and safely keep all books, documents and records of the municipality that are committed to his or her charge; (MA 111)

- b) Produce, when called for by the council, auditor, minister or competent authority, all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the municipality; (MA 111)
- c) On ceasing to hold office, deliver all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the municipality to their successor in office or to any other person that council may designate; (MA 111)
- d) Ensure all minutes of council meetings are recorded; (MA 111)
- e) Record the names of all council members present at council meetings; (MA 111)
- f) Ensure the minutes of each council meeting are given to council for approval at the next regular council meeting; (MA 111)
- g) Ensure the safe keeping of the corporate seal, bylaws, minutes, funds, securities, and any other records or documents of the municipality; (MA 111)
- h) Advise the council of its legislative responsibilities pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* or any other act; (MA 111)
- i) Provide the minister with statements, reports or other information that may be required by *The Municipalities Act* or any other Act; (MA 111)
- j) Ensure that the official correspondence of council is carried out in accordance with council's directions; (MA 111)
- k) Maintain an indexed register containing certified copies of all bylaws of the municipality; (MA 111)
- l) Deposit cash collections that have accumulated to Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), at least once a month, but not more than once a day, in the bank or credit union designated by council; (MA 111)
- m) Disburse the funds of the municipality in the manner and to those directed by law or by the bylaws or resolutions of council; (MA 111)
- n) Maintain an accurate amount of assets and liabilities and all transactions affecting the financial position of the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; (MA 111)
- o) Ensure that the financial statements and information requested by resolution are submitted to Council; (MA 111)
- p) Complete a financial statement for the preceding financial year in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles for municipal governments recommended from time to time by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada by June 15 of each year; (MA 111, 185)
- q) Be responsible for the hiring, suspension and dismissal of all employees of the municipality; (MA 111)
- r) Witness any oaths or affirmations required pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*; (MA 111)
- s) Send copies of bylaws for closing roads and closing and leasing roads to the Minister of Highways; (MA 13)
- t) Bring to council's attention any resignation(s) of elected officials; (MA 96)
- u) Record each abstention in the meeting minutes that may occur at the time of voting; (MA 99)
- v) At the first meeting in January of each year, provide all bond or equivalent insurance of employees to council; (MA 113)
- w) Sign minutes of council and committee meetings; (MA 115)
- x) Sign bylaws; (MA 115)
- y) Sign cheques and other negotiable instruments; (MA 115)
- z) Provide copies of public documents upon request or payment of fee (MA 117)
- aa) Provide notice of first meeting of council; (MA 121)
- bb) Call a special meeting when lawfully requested to do so; (MA 123)
- cc) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a public meeting of voters; (MA 129)
- dd) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a referendum; (MA 135)

- ee) Note any change reported on a council member's annual declaration to the member's public disclosure statement, including the date that change was noted; (MA 142)
- ff) Make each public disclosure statement and declaration available for public inspection during regular business hours; (MA 142)
- gg) Provide copies of public disclosure statements to any designated officials when directed to do so by council; (MA 142)
- hh) Record in the minutes ever declaration of conflict of interest, including the nature and material details of the disclosure and any abstention or withdrawal; (MA 144)
- ii) Provide information to the auditor; (MA 142)
- jj) Send amended tax notices when required and make necessary adjustments to the tax roll (MA 264)
- kk) Provide for payment of writ of execution against the municipality; and MA 353)
- ll) Producer certain records upon request of inspector appointed by the minister. (MA 396)

Additional Duties of the Administrator

7. The administrator shall
 - a) Act as the returning officer for all elections under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015 (LGEA, Section 47)*
 - b) Ensure that public notice is given as required in the Act, any other act, and/or as required by council in this bylaw, any other bylaw or resolution.
 - c) Ensure the policies and programs of the municipality are implemented, maintained and enforced.
 - d) Advise, inform, and make recommendations to council on the:
 - i. Operations and affairs of the municipality;
 - ii. Policies and programs of the municipality; and
 - iii. The financial position of the municipality.
 - e) Supervise all operations of the municipality, ensuring appropriate internal controls are in place and followed.
 - f) Be responsible for the preparation and submission of the annual budget.
 - g) Monitor and control spending within the budget established by council.
 - h) Make routine expenditures until the annual budget is adopted by council.
 - i) Call for tenders. (MA 184)
 - j) Purchase goods, services or work. (MA 184)
 - k) Award contracts. (MA 184)
 - l) Conduct negotiations for land purchases, annexations, etc.
 - m) Attend meetings of council and other meetings as council directs.

Council may delegate the authority for other matters, except those listed in MA 127 that must be dealt with by the council.

PART III OTHER POSITIONS

Acting Administrator

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

Duties

9. The acting administrator shall have all the powers and duties of the administrator while acting in the capacity of the administrator.

Other Municipal Employees – Finance Officer**10. Establishment of Position**

Council shall by resolution appoint an individual to the position of Finance Officer.

11. Duties

The Finance Officer shall perform duties and exercise the powers and functions that are assigned by the Administrator, this bylaw or any other bylaw or resolution of council.

Other Municipal Employees – Administrative Assistant**11. Establishment of Position**

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

12. Duties

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

Other Municipal Employees – Manager of Public Works**13. Establishment of Position**

Council shall by resolution appoint an individual to the position of Manager of Public Works.

14. Duties

- a) The Manager of Public Works shall perform duties and exercise the powers and functions that are assigned by the Administrator, this bylaw or any other bylaw or resolution of council.
- b) Shall supervise all public works approved by council

**PART IV
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

15. Council hereby authorizes the administrator to delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to another employee. (MA 110)

**PART V
MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS**

Signing Agreements

16. The reeve and the administrator shall sign all agreements to which the municipality is party. In the absence of the reeve the deputy reeve shall sign. In the absence of the administrator, the finance officer shall sign.

Cheques and negotiable instruments

17. The administrator, or if the administrator is unavailable, the administrator's designate and reeve, or if the reeve is unavailable the deputy reeve, shall sign all cheques on behalf of the municipality.

**PART VI
DESIGNATED OFFICERS**

Enforcement of Municipal Law

- 18. The bylaw enforcement officer/community safety officer, other than the administrator to inspect, remedy, or enforce any bylaw or *The Municipalities Act*, depending on Council's desired process to be applied to the enforcement of municipal law. (MA 362-367)
- 19. The bylaw enforcement officer/community safety officer is designated to enter and search a premise for dangerous animals under consent of the owner or occupant, or where a warrant authorizing entry has been issued. (MA 378)

Repeals of Bylaw

- 20. Bylaw 2020-05, shall hereby be repealed.



Certified a true copy of Bylaw 2024-16 adopted by resolution on the 13th day of August, 2024.

Originally Signed By _____
Armond Gervais, Reeve

Originally Signed By _____
Lynette Herauf, Chief Administrative Officer