

THE SEDLEY COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW

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A BYLAW TO REGULAR THE PROCEEDINGS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

The Council of the Village of Sedley in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1) **Short Title**

1.1 This bylaw may be cited as "The Procedure Bylaw".

2) **Purpose**

2.1 The purpose of this bylaw is to establish clear, transparent, consistent and accessible rules for conducting business at meetings, for council members, administrations and the public to follow and participate in governing the municipality and for council in establishing council committees.

3) **Definitions**

3.1 In this bylaw:

- a) "Act" means *The Municipalities Act*
- b) "Acting mayor" means the councilor elected by council to act as the mayor if a vacancy arises in that office.
- c) "Adjourn" means to suspend proceedings to another time and place.
- d) "Administration" means the chief administrative officer or an employee accountable to the chief administrative officer.
- e) "Chief Administrative Officer" means the person appointed as administrator pursuant to section 111 of *The Municipalities Act*.
- f) "Agenda deadline" means the time established in subsection 13.6 of this bylaw.
- g) "Amendment" means an alteration to a main motion by substituting, adding or deleting a word or words without materially altering the basic intent of the motion.
- h) "Business day" means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.
- i) "Chair" means a person who has the authority to preside over a meeting.
- j) "Committee" means a committee, board, authority or other body duly appointed by council.
- k) "Communications" include, but are not limited to the following: letter, memorandum, report, notice, electronic mail, facsimile, petition, brochure or newspaper/magazine article.

- l) "Consent agenda" means a portion of a meeting that lists items of business which are routine in nature and do not require substantial discussion and/or debate.
- m) "Consent motion" means a motion to adopt, without debate, the recommendations of several reports within a consent agenda.
- n) "Council" means the mayor and councillors of the municipality elected pursuant to the provisions of *The Local Government Election Act*.
- o) "Councillor" means the council member duly elected in the municipality as a councillor, in accordance with *The Local Government Election Act*.
- p) "Deputy mayor" means the councilor who is appointed by council, pursuant to section 34 of this bylaw, to act as mayor in the absence or incapacity of the mayor.
- q) "Designate" means either the Assistant Administrator, Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
- r) "Mayor" means the council member duly elected in the municipality as the mayor in accordance with *The Local Government Election Act*.
- s) "Member" means the mayor, councilor or an appointed individual to a committee, commission or board of council.
- t) "Motion" means a formal proposal placed before a meeting in order that it may be debated to a conclusion.
- u) "Mover" means a person who presents or proposes a motion or amendment.
- v) "Municipality" means the Village of Sedley.
- w) "Order of business" means the list of items comprising the agenda and the order in which those items appear on the agenda.
- x) "Point of order" means the raising of a question by a member in a meeting claiming that the procedures of the meeting or of an individual council member are contrary to the procedural rules or practices.
- y) "Point of privilege" is the raising of a matter by a member which occurs while the council is in session, where:
 - i. the rights, privileges of a member individually have been affected,
 - ii. when a member believes that another member has spoken disrespectfully toward them or the council, or
 - iii. when a member believes their comments have been misunderstood or misinterpreted by another member or members or
 - iv. when a member believes that comments made by the member outside the council Chamber have been misinterpreted or misunderstood by the Community, the public or the news media in order to clarify his or her position.
- z) "Point of procedure" means a question directed to the person presiding at a meeting to obtain information on the rules or procedures bearing on the business at hand.
- aa) "Public hearing" means a meeting of council or that portion of a meeting of council which is convened to hear matters pursuant to:
 - i. *The Municipalities Act*
 - ii. *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*
 - iii. any other Act, or
 - iv. a resolution or bylaw of council.
- bb) "Quorum" is subject to section 98 of the Act;
 - i. In the case of council, a majority of the whole council,

- ii. In the case of a committee, a majority of the members appointed to the committee.
 - cc) “Recess” means an intermission or break within a meeting that does not end the meeting, and after which proceedings are immediately resumed at the point where they were interrupted.
 - dd) “Resolution” means a formal determination made by council or a committee on the basis of a motion, duly placed before a regularly constituted meeting or a special meeting of council or a committee for debate and decision, and is duly passed.
 - ee) “Secunder” means a person who formally supports a motion or amendment at the time it is proposed.
 - ff) “Special committee” means committee appointed by council at any time to deal with a specific issue(s) and exist for a length of time required to review the issue(s) and make recommendations to council.
 - gg) “Special meeting” means a meeting other than a regular scheduled meeting called pursuant to section 123 of the Act or the provisions of this bylaw.
 - hh) “Subcommittee” means a committee established by a committee, Commission or board to review and report on an aspect of the committee, Commission or board’s business.
 - ii) “Unfinished business” means a time sensitive matter which requires council’s immediate and urgent consideration.
- 3.2 A reference in this bylaw to an enactment of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan is a reference to the enactment as amended from time to time.

4 **Application**

- 4.1 This bylaw applies to all meetings of council and committees.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding subsection 4.1, council may by resolution or bylaw allow a board and committee to establish its own procedures.
- 4.3 When any matter relating to proceedings arise which is not covered by a provision of this bylaw, the matter shall be decided by reference to Robert’s Rule of Order.
- 4.4 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this bylaw and those contained in any of the other authorities set out above, the provision of this bylaw shall apply.

PART II – MEETINGS

5 **First Meeting**

- 5.1 The first meeting of council shall be held within 31 days following a general election.
- 5.2 At the first meeting of council:
 - a) The Returning Officer shall provide council with a copy of the declaration of results with respect to the election; and
 - b) Every council member shall take the oath of office pursuant to the Act.

6 Regular Meetings

- 6.1 Regular meetings of council shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 PM unless otherwise scheduled by council.
- 6.2 In the event of any meeting date falling on a statutory or civic holiday or any day appointed as a holiday by proclamation of the Governor-General of Canada, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan or the mayor, such meetings shall be held at the same time on a date mutually convenient for all members of council.
- 6.3 Annually the chief administrative officer shall submit a regular schedule of council meetings to council for approval as set out in subsections 6.1 and 6.2, or may recommend alternate meetings dates.
- 6.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, council may, by resolution, dispense with or alter the time of a regular meeting of council.
- 6.5 Council may, by resolution, authorize the mayor to reschedule a regular meeting of council pursuant to the Act during a period of time to be specified within the resolution.

7 Special Meetings

- 7.1 The chief administrative officer or designate shall call a special meeting of council, whenever requested to do so, in writing, by the mayor or a majority of the members.
- 7.2 The written request referred to in subsection 7.1 shall include all items of business to be transacted.
- 7.3 Form 1, appended here to and forming a part of this bylaw, shall be the form used to direct the chief administrative officer to call a special meeting of council.
- 7.4 When a special meeting is to be held, the chief administrative officer, or designate shall provide written notice of the time, date and place of the meeting to all members pursuant to section 10 of this bylaw and to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and, in general terms, of the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- 7.5 Notwithstanding subsection 7.2, a special meeting may be held with less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice to members, and without notice to the public, if all members agree to do so, in writing, immediately before the beginning of the special meeting.
- 7.6 No business, other than that stated in the notice, shall be transacted at a special meeting, unless all the members are present and, by unanimous consent, they authorize other business to be transacted.

8 Meeting through Electronic Means

- 8.1 One or more members of council may participate in a council meeting by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility if:
 - a) The members of council provide the chief administrative officer with at least two (2) business days notice of their intent to participate in this manner;
 - b) Notice of the council meeting is given to the public including the way in which the council meeting is to be conducted;

- c) The facilities enable the public to at least listen to the meeting at a place specified in that notice and the chief administrative officer is in attendance at that place; and
- d) The facilities permit all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the council meeting.

8.2 Members participating in a council meeting held by means of a communication facility are deemed to be present at the council meeting.

9 Notice of Meetings

9.1 Notice of regularly scheduled council meetings is not required to be given.

9.2 If council changes the date, time or place of a regularly scheduled meeting, at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the change will be given to:

- a) Any members not present at the meeting at which the change was made; and
- b) The public.

10 Method of Giving Notice

10.1 Notice of a council meeting is deemed to have been given to a member if the notice is:

- a) Delivered personally;
- b) Left at the usual place of business or residence of the member; or
- c) At the request of the member, sent by ordinary mail, telephone or voice mail, facsimile or electronic mail or similar method at the number or to the address specified by the member.

10.2 Notice of a council meeting is to be given to the public by posting notice of the meeting at the municipal office or municipal website.

11 Actions in Public

11.1 An act or proceeding of council is not effective unless it is authorized or adopted by bylaw or a resolution at a duly constituted public meeting of council.

11.2 Every person has the right to be present at council meetings that are conducted in public unless the person presiding at the council meeting expels a person for improper conduct.

12 Closed Sessions

12.1 Council may close all or any part of its meetings to the public if the matter to be discussed:

- a) Is within one of the exemptions of Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; or
- b) Concerns long-range or strategic planning.

12.2 A resolution to move into closed session shall state, in general terms, the topic of discussion.

12.3 Where council resolves to close a portion of a meeting to the public, all persons shall be excluded from the meeting except:

- a) The members of council;

- b) The chief administrative officer and other members of administration as the members of council may deem appropriate; and
 - c) Such members of the public as may be allowed to attend by the council.
- 12.4 Where council resolves to close a portion of a meeting to the public, in addition to the resolution to do so, the chief administrative officer shall record in the minutes thereto:
- a) The time that the in-camera portion of the meeting commenced and concluded;
- 12.5 No resolutions or bylaws may be passed during a closed meeting.
- 12.6 No business other than that described within the resolution pursuant to subsection 12.2 may be discussed.
- 12.7 Matters discussed or to be discussed in a closed meeting are to be kept in confidence until discussed at a public meeting of council, unless otherwise provided for in this bylaw.

PART III – COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES

13 Agendas

- 13.1 The chief administrative officer shall prepare the agenda for all regular and special meetings of council.
- 13.2 The agenda shall include the order of business and all items of business and associated reports, bylaws or documents and shall be set out in accordance with the order of business.
- 13.3 The chief administrative officer shall ensure that the council agenda are delivered to each member no later than 4 days immediately preceding the council meeting.
- 13.4 If, for any reason, the administrator is unable to meet the deadline mentioned in subsection 13.3, the chief administrative officer shall prepare and distribute the agenda as soon as reasonably possible to allow council members an opportunity to review the agenda prior to the council meeting.
- 13.5 All administrative reports, communication from the public, requests or any other material intended for inclusion in a council agenda must be received by the administrator no later than 7 days immediately preceding the council meeting.
- 13.6 Council may, on a majority vote, permit additional material on the agenda.

14 Urgent Business

- 14.1 The chief administrative officer may request to add a matter to the agenda of a meeting as urgent business after the agenda has been prepared and distributed by the chief administrative officer.
- 14.2 The chief administrative officer shall distribute any requests to add a matter of business to the agenda to the members as soon as they are available.
- 14.3 During the confirmation of the agenda, a member may move to add a report, communication or delegation to the agenda if the matter arises from an unforeseeable situation of urgency.
- 14.4

15 Order of Business at Meetings

- 15.1 The general order of business of every regular council meeting shall be as follows:
- a) Call to order;
 - b) Human Resources
 - c) Approval of the agenda
 - d) Adoption of minutes
 - e) Delegations
 - f) Communications
 - g) Reports of administration and public works
 - h) Accounts payable
 - i) Financial reports
 - j) Old business
 - k) Business arising from previous meeting
 - l) New business;
 - m) Committee Reports
 - n) Adjournment
- 15.2 The business shall, in all cases, be taken up in the order in which it stands on the agenda unless the mayor determines during the proceedings of council that for public interest a matter be moved forward to be dealt with promptly.

16 Commencement of Council Meeting

- 16.1 At the hour set for the meeting, or as soon as all members of council present, the mayor, or in his or her absence the deputy mayor, shall take the chair and call the members to order.
- 16.2 In case either the mayor nor the deputy mayor is in attendance within 15 minutes after the hour appointed, and subject to a quorum being present, council shall appoint an acting mayor pursuant to section 35 of this bylaw who shall call the meeting to order and shall preside over the meeting until the arrival of the mayor or the deputy mayor, and all proceedings of such meeting shall be deemed to be regular, and in full force and effect.
- 16.3 If a quorum is not present 15 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the chief administrative officer shall record the name of the members present at the expiration of such time and announce that council shall then stand adjourned until the next meeting, unless a special meeting is called in the meantime.
- 16.4 Subject to the Act, if at any meeting the number of members is reduced to less than the number required for a quorum, council shall stand adjourned.
- 16.5 Any unfinished business remaining at the time of the adjournment, due to the loss of the quorum, shall be considered at the next regular meeting, or it shall be placed on the agenda for a special meeting called for the purpose of dealing with the unfinished items.
- 16.6 Members are encouraged to notify the chief administrative officer when the member is aware that he or she will be absent from any meeting of council.

17 Quorum

- 17.1 A quorum of council is a majority of members.
- 17.2 Any act or proceeding of council that is adopted at any council meeting at which a quorum is not present is invalid.

18 Minutes

- 18.1 The chief administrative officer shall record the minutes of each council meeting without note or comment and shall distribute copies of the minutes to each member at least twenty four (24) hours prior to a subsequent council meeting.
- 18.2 The names of the members present at the meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of every meeting.
- 18.3 Any member may make a motion amending the minutes to correct any mistakes.
- 18.4 The minutes of each meeting are to be approved at the next regular meeting of the council and signed by the presiding member and the chief administrative officer in accordance with the Act.

19 Public Hearing

- 19.1 If a public hearing is required by any Act, it shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- 19.2 The procedure by which the public hearing will be conducted or by which public input will be obtained shall be as follows:
 - a) The mayor shall declare the hearing on the matter open;
 - b) The chief administrative officer shall present a report on the bylaw or resolution under consideration including the administration recommendations;
 - c) If it is a hearing that involves an applicant, the applicant shall be given an opportunity to make representations on the matter under consideration;
 - d) After the applicant, any person or group of persons or spokesperson acting on behalf of another person or group shall be given an opportunity to make representations on the matter under consideration;
 - e) If it is a hearing that involves an applicant, at the conclusion of the speakers, the applicant shall be given an opportunity to respond to the representations of other people.
 - f) Council may request further information from administration.
 - g) Council shall formally receive all communications and written reports submitted to it on the subject matter of the hearing.
 - h) The mayor shall declare the hearing closed; and
 - i) Council shall consider the matter and at the conclusion of the deliberations, council shall vote on the bylaw or resolution in accordance with the procedures contained in this bylaw.
- 19.3 The time allowed for each person make representations shall be fifteen (15) minutes.
- 19.4 A hearing may be adjourned to a certain date.
- 19.5 A member shall abstain from taking part in the debate or voting on the bylaw or resolution, which is the subject of the hearing if the member was absent from any part of the public hearing.

20 Communications – General

- 20.1 When a person wishes to have a communication considered by council, it shall be submitted in writing to administration at least Seven (7) days prior to meeting date:
- a) Clearly set out the matter in issue and the request; and
 - b) For written communications, must be printed, typewritten or legibly written, contain the mailing address of the writer and be signed with the name of the writer; or
 - c) For electronic communication, must contain the name of the writer and both the mailing and electronic address of the writer.
- 20.2 A communication received by the chief administrative officer, which does not meet the conditions in subsection 22.1 or is abusive in nature, shall be forwarded to the mayor and/or deputy mayor for review and disposition.
- 20.3 A communication received by the chief administrative officer which contains or relates to personal information shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- 20.4 Bound documents or studies in support of the delegation's notice shall, if sufficient copies are provided by the delegation, be circulated to members, but will not be reproduced.

21 Communications – Matters on Council Agenda

- 21.1 A written communication pertaining to a matter already on a council agenda must be received by the administrator no later than the agenda deadline in order to be included on the council agenda.
- 21.2 A written communication received before the agenda deadline shall be placed by the chief administrative officer on the council agenda and shall be dealt with when the matter is conserved by council at its meeting.
- 21.3 In the event that the communication to the chief administrative officer is received after the agenda deadline, regarding a subject which is on the agenda the chief administrative officer will bring the request to the attention of council.

22 Communications – Matters not on Council Agenda

- 22.1 A written communication received before the agenda deadline shall be placed by the chief administrative officer on the council agenda and shall be dealt with when the matter is considered by council at its meeting.
- 22.2 In the event that the communication to the chief administrative officer is received after the agenda deadline regarding a subject which is not on the agenda, the chief administrative officer will bring the request to the attention of council.
- 22.3 The individual will be advised by the chief administrative officer that the communication may not be considered by council unless the majority of members vote to allow the communication within the motion to approve the agenda.

23 Delegations – Matters on Council Agenda

- 23.1 When a person wishes to speak to council on a matter already on a council agenda, for which a hearing is not required, that person shall notify the chief administrative officer, in writing, which notice shall include the following:
- a) The name and correct mailing address of the spokesperson;
 - b) Telephone number where the representative of the delegation can be reached during the day;
 - c) Originally signed, except when submitted by facsimile or e-mail; and
 - d) Clearly setting out the subject matter to be discussed and the request being made of council.
- 23.2 A request to speak to council pursuant to subsection 24.1 must be received by the chief administrative officer no later than the agenda deadline in order to be included on the council agenda.
- 23.3 Delegations speaking before council shall address their remarks to the stated business:
- a) Delegations will be limited to speaking only once; and
 - b) Rebuttal or cross debate with other delegations shall not be permitted.
- 23.4 A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes shall be allotted for each delegation to present his or her position of support or opposition.
- 23.5 Where there are numerous delegates taking the same position on a matter, they are encouraged to select a spokesperson to present their views:
- a) Delegations are encouraged not to repeat information presented by an earlier delegation.
 - b) The mayor may at the conclusion of fifteen (15) minutes, inform the delegation that the time limit it is up.
 - c)
 - d) Delegations will not be permitted to assume any unused time allocated to another delegation.
- 23.6 Upon the completion of a presentation to council by a delegation, any discourse between members and the delegation shall be limited to members asking questions for clarification and obtaining additional, relevant information only:
- a) Members shall not enter into debate with the delegation respecting the presentation; and
 - b) Once a motion has been moved and seconded, no further representation or questions of the delegation shall be permitted.
 - c)

24 Mayor and Councillors Forum

- 24.1 Statements shall include the sharing of the following information:
- a) Events, activities or community functions attended; and
 - b) General work of members on behalf of council colleagues, constituents and the municipality.
- 24.2 All comments will be verbal only and shall not be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

25 Bylaws

- 25.1 Every proposed bylaw must have three (3) distinct and separate readings.
- 25.2 A proposed bylaw must not have more than two (2) readings at a council meeting unless the members present unanimously agree to consider third reading.
- 25.3 A proposed bylaw will be considered by council immediately following consideration of the report or item to which the bylaw relates.
- 25.4 Only the title or identifying number has to be read at each reading of the bylaw.
- 25.5 Each member present at the meeting at which first reading is to take place must be given or have had the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed bylaw before the bylaw receives first reading.
- 25.6 Each member present at the meeting at which third reading is to take place must, before the proposed bylaw receives third reading, be given or have had the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed bylaw and of any amendments that were passed after the first reading.
- 25.7 When a bylaw has been given three (3) readings by council, it:
 - a) Becomes a municipal enactment of the municipality; and
 - b) Is effective immediately unless the bylaw or an applicable provincial statute provides otherwise.
- 25.8 The chief administrative officer shall be empowered to correct any typographical error that may not have been corrected at the time of submission to council and the bylaw shall have the same status as if council had corrected same.
- 25.9 After passage, every bylaw shall be signed by the mayor and the chief administrative officer, pursuant to the Act and marked with the corporate seal of the municipality.

26 Public Forum

- 26.1 Any member of the public wishing to speak to council on a municipal matter may appear at a council meeting, as long as they pre-register with the chief administrative officer prior to 12:00 noon on the day of the council meeting so their name may be placed on a speakers list.
- 26.2 The total time allowed to speak shall be not more than ten (10) minutes per individual or delegation.

27 Recess

- 27.1 The council may recess at any time during the meeting.
- 27.2 A motion to recess must state the time of duration of the recess, and must be passed by a majority of the members present.
- 27.3 The council may reconvene sooner than the time mentioned in the motion of recess, but must not reconvene later than five (5) minutes after the timer specified for reconvening or the meeting shall be deemed to be adjourned due to a lack of quorum.

28 Adjournment

- 28.1 All regularly scheduled council meetings shall stand adjourned when the council has completed all business as listed on the order of business or upon the arrival of 10:00 PM.

- 28.2 If a member is speaking at 9:55 PM, the mayor shall wait until that member is done speaking before asking council to consider whether it wants to extend the time of the meeting.
- 28.3 Any business which remains on the agenda and which has not been dealt with at the time of adjournment shall be deemed to be postponed until the next regularly scheduled council meeting, or until special meeting is called for the purpose of dealing with the unfinished items.

29 Extension of Time

- 29.1 Notwithstanding section 32, a majority of the members present may extend a regularly scheduled council meeting beyond 10:00 PM by unanimous vote of all members present.
- 29.2 If council extends its meeting pursuant to subsection 32.1, the meeting shall continue until:
- a) The business of the meeting is completed;
 - b) A motion to adjourn is passed; or
 - c) A quorum is no longer present.

PART IV – CONDUCT AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

30 Mayor

- 30.1 The mayor shall:
- a) Preside at all council meetings;
 - b) Preserve order at council meetings;
 - c) Enforce the rules of council;
 - d) Decide points of privilege and points of order; and
 - e) Advise on points of procedure.
- 30.2 The mayor shall have the same rights and be subject to the same restrictions, when participating in debate, as all other members.
- 30.3 The mayor shall have the same rights and be subject to the same restrictions as all other members to make a motion.

31 Deputy Mayor

- 31.1 The council shall, at its first meeting, or as soon thereafter as conveniently possible and whenever the office becomes vacant, appoint from the councillors a deputy mayor who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, and in any event until a successor is appointed.
- 31.2 If the mayor, for any reason, is unable to perform the duties of his or her office, the deputy mayor shall have all of the powers of the mayor during the inability.

32 Acting Mayor

- 32.1 Council shall, appoint a member to act as mayor if:
- a) Both the mayor and the deputy mayor, if one has been appointed pursuant to section 33, are unable to perform the duties of his or her office; or
 - b) The offices of both the mayor and the deputy mayor are vacant.
- 32.2 The member to be appointed, pursuant to subsection 34.1k, shall be elected by majority of the members present.
- 32.3 Where two (2) members have an equal number of votes, the chief administrative officer shall:
- a) Write the names of those members separately on blank sheets of paper of equal size, colour and texture;
 - b) Fold the sheets in a uniform manner so the names are concealed;
 - c) Deposit them in a receptacle; and
 - d) Direct a person to withdraw one (1) of the sheets.
- 32.4 The member whose name is on the sheet withdrawn pursuant to subsection 34.3(d) shall be declared elected.

33 Conduct of Public

- 33.1 All persons in the public gallery at a council meeting shall:
- a) Refrain from addressing council or a member unless permitted to do so;
 - b) Maintain quiet and order;
 - c) Refrain from disturbing the proceedings by words, gestures or actions including applauding, displaying flags, placards or similar material;
 - d) Refrain from talking on cellular telephones;
 - e) Refrain from making audio or video recordings of council proceedings; and
 - f) Ensure that all electronic devices are silent and operated in such a manner that does not interfere with the meeting or with another person's ability to hear or view the proceedings.

34 Conduct of Delegations

- 34.1 When addressing members at a council meeting, a delegation shall refrain from:
- a) Speaking disrespectfully of the federal government, the provincial government or another municipal council, or any official representing them;

- b) Using offensive words in referring to a member, an employee of the municipality or a member of the public'
- c) Reflecting on a vote of council except when moving to rescind or reconsider it;
- d) Reflecting on the motives of the members who voted on the motion or the mover of the motion; or
- e) Shouting or using an immoderate tone, profane, vulgar or offensive language.

35 Conduct of Members

- 35.1 Members of council wishing to speak at a meeting shall ensure they do not interrupt another member.
- 35.2 If more than one member wishes to speak at a meeting at the same time, the mayor shall indicate which member shall speak first.
- 35.3 When addressing a council meeting, a member shall refrain from:
 - a) Speaking disrespectfully of the federal government, the provincial government or another municipal council, or any official representing them;
 - b) Using offensive words in referring to a member, an employee of the municipality or a member of the public'
 - c) Reflecting on a vote of council except when moving to rescind or reconsider it;
 - d) Reflecting on the motives of the members who voted on the motion or the mover of the motion; or
 - e) Shouting or using an immoderate tone, profane, vulgar or offensive language.
- 35.4 When a member is addressing the council, all other members shall:
 - a) Remain quiet and seated;
 - b) Refrain from interrupting the speaker, except on a point of order or point of procedure; and
 - c) Refrain from carrying on a private conversation in such a manner that disturbs the speaker.
- 35.5 Members shall ensure that all electronic devices remain silent and do not interfere with the meeting.

36 Improper Conduct

- 36.1 The mayor may request that any person in the public gallery who disturbs the proceedings of council or acts improperly at a council meeting, as set out in Section 35, leave or be expelled from the meeting.
- 36.2 The mayor may request that any delegation who addresses council improperly as set out in section 36, leave or be expelled from the meeting.
- 36.3 No person shall refuse to leave a council meeting when requested to do so by the mayor.
- 36.4 Any person who refuses to leave when requested to do so may be removed.
- 36.5 If a person disturbs the proceedings of council or refuses to leave when requested to do so, the mayor may recess the meeting until the person leaves or adjourn the meeting to another day.

37 Point of Order

- 37.1 A member may ask the mayor to rule on a point of order.
- 37.2 When a point of order is raised, the member speaking shall immediately cease speaking until the mayor decides the point of order raised.
- 37.3 A point of order must be raised immediately at the time the rulers of council are breached.
- 37.4 The member against whom a point of order is raised may be granted permission by the mayor to explain.
- 37.5 The mayor may consult with chief administrative officer before ruling on a point of order.
- 37.6 A point of order is not subject to amendment or debate.
 - a) Speaking disrespectfully of the federal government, the provincial government or another municipal council, or any official representing them;
 - b) Using offensive words in referring to a member, an employee of the municipality or a member of the public
 - c) Reflecting on a vote of council except when moving to rescind or reconsider it;
 - d) Reflecting on the motives of the members who voted on the motion or the mover of the motion; or
 - e) Shouting or using an immoderate tone, profane, vulgar or offensive language.

38 Point of Privilege

- 38.1 A member may ask the mayor to rule on a point of privilege.
- 38.2 After the member has stated the point of privilege, the mayor shall rule whether or not the matter raised is a point of privilege.
- 38.3 If the matter is determined to be a point of privilege, the member who raised the pointed of privilege shall be permitted to speak to the matter.
- 38.4 If the point of privilege concerns a situation, circumstance or event which arose between council meetings, the member shall raise the point of privilege immediately after adoption of the minutes of the previous council meeting.
- 38.5 The mayor may consult with the chief administrative officer before ruling on a point of privilege.
- 38.6 A point of privilege is not subject to amendment or debate unless a motion regarding the point of privilege is put to council.

39 Point of Procedure

- 39.1 Any member may ask the mayor for an opinion on a point of procedure.
- 39.2 When a point of procedure is raised, the member speaking shall immediately cease speaking until the mayor responds to the inquiry.
- 39.3 After the member has asked the point of procedure, the mayor shall provide an opinion on the rules of procedure bearing on the matter before council.
- 39.4 The mayor may consult with the chief administrative officer before providing an opinion on the point of procedure.

- 39.5 A point of procedure is not subject to amendment or debate.
- 39.6 The mayor's answer to a point of procedure is not a ruling, and cannot be appealed to the whole of council.

40 Appeal

- 40.1 Whenever a member wishes to appeal any ruling of the mayor or a point of order or point of privilege to the whole of council:
- a) The motion of appeal, "that the decision of the chair be overruled" shall be made;
 - b) The member may offer a brief reason for the challenge;
 - c) The mayor may state the reason for the decision; and
 - d) Following which the question shall be put immediately without debate.
- 40.2 The mayor shall be governed by the vote of the majority of the members present.
- 40.3 A ruling of the mayor must be appealed immediately after ruling is made or the ruling will be final.

41 Calling a Member to Order

- 41.1 When the mayor calls a member to order, the member may afterwards explain his or her position in making the remark for which he or she was called to order.
- 41.2 In the event that a member refuses to be called to order the mayor shall request the deputy mayor or if the deputy mayor is absent or is the unruly member, any other member of council to move a resolution to remove the unruly member either:
- a) For the balance of the meeting
 - b) Until a time, which shall be stated in the motion, or
 - c) Until the member makes an apology acceptable to council for his or her unruly behavior, whichever shall be the shortest time.
- 41.3 When the majority of council votes in favour of the resolution the mayor shall direct the unruly member to leave the council chamber, and if the member refuses to leave, the mayor may:
- a) Recess the meeting until the person leaves or adjourn the meeting to another day; or
 - b) Direct that law enforcement official be engaged to assist in the removal of the unruly member.
- 41.4 When council has directed an unruly member to leave the council chambers, and the member so directed makes an explanation and apology adequate and satisfactory to the council, it may, by a majority vote of the remaining members present, allow the offending member to remain in his or her place if he or she has not left or been removed, or to retake his or her place.

PART V – MOTIONS

42 Motion & Debate

- 42.1 All motions must be recorded.
- 42.2 When a motion is under debate no other motion may be made except:

- a) To refer the motion to a council committee or the chief administrative officer;
- b) To amend the motion;
- c) To defer the motion to a fixed date;
- d) Extend the time for a council meeting;
- e) To request the motion be put to a vote; or
- f) To adjourn the meeting.

43 Motion to Amend

43.1 A motion to amend shall not:

- a) Reverse the affirmative or negative intent of the original motion; or
- b) Substantially change the intent of the motion.

43.2 Once a motion to amend has been made, the original motion is set aside until the amendment has been decided.

43.3 Any member of council may make a motion to amend, but only one amendment to an amendment shall be allowed until the amended motions are voted on.

43.4 Amendments shall be put to council in the reverse order to the order in which they were moved.

44 Motion to Adjourn

44.1 A member may move a motion to adjourn once all business at a council meeting has concluded.

44.2 A motion to adjourn shall be decided without debate.

45 Consent Agenda

45.1 The consent agenda portion of a meeting is moved, seconded and voted upon without debate as one item regardless of the number of reports included.

46 Motion to Move to a Closed Meeting

46.1 A member may make a motion that a council meeting move to a closed meeting.

46.2 The motion to move to a closed meeting must:

- a) Be in accordance with *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- b) The titles or subject of the item(s) to be discussed; and
- c) Include the reason for the council meeting to be held in a closed meeting.

46.3 No bylaw or resolution shall be passed during a closed meeting.

47 Motion Contrary to Rules

47.1 The mayor may refuse to put to council a motion which is, in the opinion of the mayor, contrary to the rules and privileges of council.

48 Withdrawal of Motions

- 48.1 The mover and the seconder of a motion may withdraw it at any time prior to a vote being taken or prior to the motion being amended.

49 Motion to Reconsider

- 49.1 A motion to reconsider shall apply to resolutions only, and shall not apply to bylaws passed by council.
- 49.2 A motion to reconsider is in order whether the original motion passed or failed.
- 49.3 A motion to reconsider may only be made at the same council meeting as the original motion was voted on.
- 49.4 A motion to reconsider must be moved by a member who voted with the prevailing side of the original motion.
- 49.5 When a motion loses on a tied vote, the prevailing side is those who voted against the motion.
- 49.6 A motion to reconsider may be seconded by any member regardless how the member voted on the original motion.
- 49.7 A motion to reconsider is debatable only if the motion being reconsidered is debatable.
- 49.8 A motion to reconsider cannot be amended.
- 49.9 A motion to reconsider shall require a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.
- 49.10 If a motion to reconsider is adopted, the original motion is immediately placed before council to be reconsidered.
- 49.11 Once a vote on a motion to reconsider has taken place, there shall be no further motion to reconsider that resolution.

50 Motion to Rescind

- 50.1 A motion to rescind shall apply to resolutions only, and shall not apply to bylaws passed by council.
- 50.2 A motion to rescind is in order only when the original motion is passed. No motion to rescind shall be necessary when the original motion failed.
- 50.3 A motion to rescind may be made at any time following the council meeting at which the original motion was voted on regardless of the time that has elapsed since the original vote was taken.
- 50.4 A motion to rescind may be moved and seconded by any councilmember regardless how they voted on the original motion.
- 50.5 A motion to rescind is debatable.
- 50.6 A motion to rescind may be amended.
- 50.7 A motion to rescind shall, in all cases, require a majority vote of all council members to pass.
- 50.8 A motion cannot be rescinded:
- a) When the making or calling up of a motion to reconsider is in order;

- b) When action on the motion has been carried out in a way that cannot be undone;
or
- c) When a resignation has been accepted or actions electing or expelling a person from membership or office have been taken.

51 Motion to Postpone

- 51.1 Where a majority of all members decide to postpone a motion to a fixed date, the motion cannot be considered by council until the fixed date.
- 51.2 Notwithstanding subsection 53.1, council may consider a postponed motion before the fixed date if a majority of the members agree that the motion may be considered before that date.
- 51.3 The only amendment allowed to a motion to postpone to a fixed date is to change the date.

52 Debate on Motion

- 52.1 No member shall speak more than once to a motion, until each member has been provided an opportunity to speak on the motion, except to explain a material part of their speech which may have been misquoted or misunderstood.
- 52.2 The mover of the motion shall be given the first opportunity to speak.
- 52.3 The mover of the motion shall be allowed to reply at the conclusion of the debate.

53 Voting of Council

- 53.1 A member attending a council meeting shall vote at the meeting on a matter before council unless the member is required to abstain from voting pursuant to the Act or any other Act.
- 53.2 If a member is not required to abstain from voting on a matter before council and abstains from voting, the council member is deemed to have voted in the negative.
- 53.3 The chief administrative officer shall ensure that each abstention is recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

54 Voting of Mayor

- 54.1 The mayor shall vote with the other members on all questions.

55 Majority Decision

- 55.1 Unless a greater percentage of votes is required by any provision of this bylaw, at every council meeting, all questions are to be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

56 Recorded Vote

- 56.1 Before a vote is taken by council, a member may request that the vote be recorded.
- 56.2 If a vote is recorded, the minutes must show the names of the members present and whether each voted for or against the proposal or abstained.

57 Tied Vote

57.1 If there are an equal number of votes for and against a resolution or bylaw, the resolution or bylaw is defeated.

58 Council Committees

58.1 A council may establish council committees and other bodies and define their functions; and

58.2 A council may establish:

- a) The procedure and conduct of committees and other bodies established by council; and
- b) Rules for the conduct of members of council committees and other bodies established by council.

59 This Bylaw comes into force on the day of its final passing.

60 Bylaw 2015-12 is repealed on the same day as this Bylaw comes into force.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

READ A SECOND TIME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 20 _____

(SEAL)

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor

Section 81.1 of *The Municipalities Act*

FORM 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in accordance with *The Municipalities Act*, a Special Meeting has been called to be held on _____ (date) at _____ (location) at _____ (time).

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss:

This special meeting will be open / closed to the public.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____
At Sedley, Saskatchewan

Samantha Gillies
Chief Administrative Officer