

**RM OF MERVIN # 499**

**BYLAW NO. 2022-15**

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

The Council of the RM of Mervin #499 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;

**AND**

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

**AND**

The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish the position of Administrator, Assistant Administrator, Treasurer or any other municipal position that Council considers necessary.

**Definitions**

- 3. "Act" means *The Municipalities Act*;  
 "Municipality" means the RM of Mervin #499  
 "Administrator" means the Administrator (Chief Administrative Officer CAO) of the RM of Mervin #499 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;
  - (b) Produce, when called for by the council, auditor, minister or other competent authority, all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the municipality;
  - (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 the council may designate;
  - (d) Ensure all minutes of council meetings are recorded;
  - (e) Record the names of all council members present at council meetings;
  - (f) Ensure the minutes of each council meeting are given to the council for approval at the next regular council meeting;
  - (g) Ensure the safe keeping of the corporate seal, bylaws, minutes, funds, securities and any other records or documents of the municipality;
  - (h) Advise the council of its legislative responsibilities pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* or any other act;
  - (i) Provide the minister with any statements, reports or other information that may be required by *The Municipalities Act* or any other act;
  - (j) Ensure that the official correspondence of council is carried out in accordance with Council's directions;
  - (k) Maintain an indexed register containing certified copies of all bylaws of the municipality;
  - (l) Deposit cash collections that have accumulated to be stated and reviewed annually in the deposit policy with a minimum of at least once a month, but not more than once a day, in the bank or credit union designated by council;
  - (m) Disburse the funds of the municipality in the manner and to those directed by law or by the bylaws or resolutions of council;
  - (n) Maintain an accurate account of assets and liabilities and all transactions affecting the financial position of the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (o) Ensure that the financial statements and information requested by resolution are submitted to council;
  - (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;
  - (q) Witness any oaths or affirmations required pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*;
  - (r) Send copies of bylaws for closing roads and closing and leasing roads to the Minister of Highways;
  - (s) Bring to council's attention any resignation(s) of elected officials;
  - (t) Record each abstention in the meeting minutes that may occur at the time of voting;



- (u) At the first meeting in January of each year, provide all bond or equivalent insurance of employees to council;
- (v) Sign minutes of council and committee meetings;
- (w) Sign bylaws;
- (x) Sign cheques and other negotiable instruments;
- (y) Provide copies of public documents upon request or payment of fee;
- (z) Provide notice of first meeting of council;
- (aa) Call a special meeting when lawfully requested to do so;
- (bb) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a public meeting of voters;
- (cc) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a referendum;
- (dd) 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;
- (ee) Make each public disclosure statement and declaration available for public inspection during regular business hours;
- (ff) Provide copies of public disclosure statements to any designated officials when directed to do so by council;
- (gg) Record in the minutes every declaration of conflict of interest, including the general nature and material details of the disclosure and any abstention or withdrawal;
- (hh) Provide information to the auditor;
- (ii) Send amended tax notices when required and make necessary adjustments to the tax roll;
- (jj) Provide for payment of writ of execution against the municipality; and
- (kk) Produce certain records upon request of inspector appointed by the minister.

#### **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*, or assign a designate.
- (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 in compliance with all applicable Federal, Provincial legislations and Municipal policies.
- (j) Purchase goods, services or work in compliance with all applicable Federal, Provincial legislations and Municipal policies.
- (k) Award contracts in compliance with all applicable Federal, Provincial legislations and Municipal policies.



- (l) Conduct negotiations for land purchases, annexations, etc.
- (m) Attend meetings of council and other meetings as council directs.

**PART III  
OTHER POSITIONS**

**Acting Administrator**

**8. Establishment of Position**

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.

**9. Duties**

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

**10. Duties**

The Administrator will determine the job description and list of duties for each position established. Council and/or council committees may provide suggestions regarding municipal operations and duties to the Administrator.

**PART IV  
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

- 12. Council hereby authorizes the Administrator to delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to another employee.

**PART V  
MUNICIPAL DOCUMENTS**

**Signing Agreements**

- 13. 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 assistant Administrator shall sign.

**OR**

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and/or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer shall sign all agreements to which the municipality is party.



## Cheques and Negotiable Instruments

14. The Administrator, or if the Administrator is unavailable, the Administrator's designate, and Administrative Co-ordinator shall sign all cheques on the behalf of the municipality.

## PART VI DESIGNATED OFFICERS

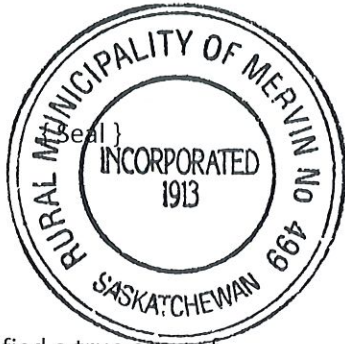
### 15. Other Designated Officers

- (a) That the Municipal Planner is designated to give written notice for the unpaid license fees of a building contractor;
- (b) The Foreman is designated to temporarily close a road/street;
- (c) The Maintenance Supervisor is designated to enter a building for the purpose of providing a public utility service;
- (d) The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer is designated to sign the securities register;
- (e) The Chief Administrative Officer is designated to maintain the debenture register and other duties relating to debenture transactions;
- (f) The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer is designated to certify the date on which tax notices are sent;
- (g) The Administrative Assistant is designated to prepare and send amended tax notices when required;
- (h) The Administrative staff is designated to provide receipt for tax payment on request of taxpayer or agent;
- (i) The Administrative Assistant is designated to apply partial tax payments on arrears first and if undesignated determine to which taxable property or properties a payment is to be applied;
- (j) The Office Manager is designated to remove a tax lien if all arrears are compromised, abated or paid;
- (k) The Administrative staff is designated to issue tax certificates;
- (l) The Deputy Administrative Officer is designated to certify a true copy of the proof of taxes payable;
- (m) The Administrative Assistant is designated to transfer special assessments to the tax roll;
- (n) The Administrative staff is designated to collect amusement tax;
- (o) The Community Safety Officer is designated to be responsible for seizure of goods if a distress warrant has been issued;
- (p) The Community Safety Officer is designated to inspect, remedy or enforce any bylaw or *The Municipalities Act*; and
- (q) The 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.



PART VII  
COMING INTO FORCE

- 16. Bylaw 2017-03 shall be repealed.
- 17. This bylaw shall come into effect on the day of its final passing.



[Signature]  
Reeve

Brenda Otterbust-Appel  
Administrator

Certified a true copy of  
Bylaw No. 15 adopted by  
resolution of Council this

11 day of Oct, 2022

[Signature]  
Reeve

Brenda Otterbust-Appel  
Administrator



Read a third time and adopted  
this 11 day of Oct, 2022.

Brenda Otterbust-Appel  
Administrator