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## REPORT NAME

Bylaw 19-24 Municipal Election, Nomination Deposit

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 19-24 Municipal Election, Nomination Deposit, as presented.
2. That Council gives second reading to Bylaw 19-24 Municipal Election, Nomination Deposit.
3. That Bylaw 19-24 be given third reading by unanimous consent of the Council members present.
4. That Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 19-24 Municipal Election, Nomination Deposit.

## IMPLICATIONS

**Reason:** n/a

**Authority:** (MGA section/bylaw/policy number): *Municipal Government Act (MGA), Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), sections 29(1) and 30(1), and Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (formally Bill 20), section 15 and 16.*

**Amount of funding required:** n/a

**Funding source:** n/a

## BACKGROUND

The LAEA, section 29, provides that a municipality may, by bylaw, “... require that every nomination be accompanied with a deposit in the amount fixed in the bylaw.” Section 29(2) specifies the maximum amount of the deposit, and the County has historically set this amount at \$100.

The Government of Alberta recently passed the *Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (formally Bill 20)* effective October 31, 2024. This new Act amends several sections of the LAEA including section 29 which previously required the “... bylaw be passed not fewer than 30 days before nomination day” and has been amended to, “... by a bylaw passed **prior to December 31 of the year before a year in which a general election is to be held.**”

This Act also amended section 30 regarding how the nomination deposit is to be paid, by substituting “... paid in cash, by certified cheque, by money order, **by e-transfer or by debit card or credit card.**”

Administration has updated the bylaw to reflect the changes in legislation and it is presented for council consideration for all three readings at this meeting to comply with the December 31 deadline if council desires to continue to require a deposit with each nomination for municipal elections.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Bylaw 19-24 Municipal Election Nomination Deposit
2. Bylaw 19-24 – redline version
3. Local Authorities Election Act, sections 29 and 30
4. Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, sections 15 and 16

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