
REPORT NAME

Bylaw 03-25 2025 Municipal Election, Establish Voting Stations

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council gives first reading to Bylaw 03-25 2025 Municipal Election, Establish Voting Stations, as presented.
2. That Council gives second reading to Bylaw 03-25 2025 Municipal Election, Establish Voting Stations.
3. That Bylaw 03-25 be given third reading by unanimous consent of the Council members present.
4. That Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 03-25 2025 Municipal Election, Establish Voting Stations.

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: To allow for more than one voting station for each subdivision, a bylaw is required.

Authority: (MGA section/bylaw/policy number): Municipal Government Act (MGA), Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), section 37(3).

Amount of funding required: n/a

Funding source: n/a

BACKGROUND

Historically, the County uses voting stations in various locations. A bylaw was previously passed to establish voting stations for the 2021 municipal and school elections in accordance with section 37(3) of the LAEA.

Section 37(3) of the LAEA and states:

“The elected authority may pass a bylaw by June 30 of a year in which a general election is to be held allowing the returning officer of the elected authority to designate
(a) more than one voting station for each subdivision, and
(b) the location of those voting stations.”

Administration has booked many of the same facilities as the 2021 election. However, in New Sarepta and Thorsby, community halls were booked instead of the schools to avoid any issues associated with needing to stay late to complete counting the votes.

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 enable Administration to prepare for the 2025 municipal and school elections.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Bylaw 03-25 2025 Municipal Election, Establish Voting Stations
2. Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA), section 37(3)

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