

**CITY OF CHESTERMERE**

**PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW #004-21**

A Bylaw of the City of Chestermere, in the Province of Alberta, with respect to proof of elector eligibility.

**WHEREAS** section 53.01 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter L-21 provides that an elected authority may, by a bylaw, provide for the number and types of identification that are required to be produced by a person to verify the person's name and address for the purpose of determining whether the person is eligible to vote in a municipal election;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it desirable to pass a bylaw providing for the number and types of identification required to be produced by a person to determine voting eligibility;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Municipal Council of the City of Chestermere, Alberta hereby enacts as follows:

**1. TITLE**

- (a) This Bylaw may be cited as the "Voter Identification Bylaw".

**2. DEFINITIONS**

- (a) "Act" means the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter L-21 and any successor legislation;
- (b) "Council" means the municipal council of the City of Chestermere, in the Province of Alberta;
- (c) "officer" includes a returning officer, deputy returning officer and any person appointed by the returning officer in accordance with the Act;
- (d) "Voter Identification" means the identifying documents that meet the identification requirements prescribed within this Bylaw.
- (e) All other words in this Bylaw shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

**3. APPLICATION**

- (a) This Bylaw does not apply to a provincial or federal election.

- (b) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw or any requirement of any lawful permit, order or license.
- (c) This Bylaw is gender-neutral and, accordingly, any reference to one gender includes all others.

#### **4. Voter Identification**

- (a) A person who attends a voting station to vote in a municipal election, or a person who intends to vote by advance vote, special vote, institutional vote, elector assistance at home or other voting method under the Act (as authorized from time to time by resolution of Council) must, to be eligible to vote, produce for inspection by an officer valid Voter Identification, being:
  - i. one piece of government-issued identification listed in Schedule A, which contains a photograph of the elector and the elector's legal name and current address; or
  - ii. two pieces of identification listed in Schedule A that contain the elector's name and at least one containing the elector's current address; or
  - iii. a letter or form (attestation) as listed in Schedule A that contains the elector's legal name and current address.
- (b) A returning officer must accept one piece of identification referred to in section 53(3) of the Act.
- (c) The Voter Identification shall be produced for inspection by the elector in its original format, or if issued electronically, by producing a printout or displaying it on an electronic device.

#### **5. SEVERABILITY**

If any section or part of this Bylaw is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or part shall be deemed to be severable, and all other sections or parts of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent therefrom and to be enacted as such.

#### **6. GENERAL**

- (a) This Bylaw shall take effect on the day which it is finally passed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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## Schedule A

The following identification documents will be accepted as valid Voter Identification:

- i. One piece of government-issued identification:
  - Identification issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of that government, that contains a photograph of the elector, the elector's legal name and the elector's current residential address.

OR

- ii. Two of any of the following pieces of identification, provided that both must contain the elector's legal name, and at least one must contain the elector's current residential address:
  - Canadian passport
  - Canadian citizenship card
  - Bank or credit card, bank or credit card statement or personal cheque.
  - Government cheque or cheque stub.
  - Income or property tax assessment notice.
  - Insurance policy or coverage card.
  - Letter from a public curator, public guardian or public trustee.
  - Pension plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation.
  - Residential lease or mortgage statement.
  - Statement of government benefits (for example, employment insurance, old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefit).
  - Utility bill (for example, telephone, public utilities, television, hydro, gas or water).
  - Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate.
  - Alberta Health Services card, hospital or medical identification card, or Canadian blood services card.
  - Student identification card.
  - Employee identification card.
  - Alberta Health Services card, hospital or medical identification card, or Canadian blood services card.

OR

- iii. Without identification, a letter or form (attestation) confirming the elector's legal name and that the elector resides at the stated address will also be accepted as



valid Voter Identification. The letter or form can be signed prior to attending the voting station or voting by other allowable means, including a letter or form from any of the following:

- authorized representative of a commercial property management company;
- authorized representative of a correctional institution;
- authorized representative of a First Nations band or reserve;
- authorized representative of a post-secondary institution;
- authorized representative of a facility that provides services to the homeless;
- authorized representative of a supportive living facility or treatment centre; or
- authorized representative of the person's employer.