BYLAW 1473-20

OF THE TOWN OF THREE HILLS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Being a bylaw to provide for Municipal Elections in the Town of Three Hills.

WHEREAS the *Local Authorities Election Act*, RSA 2000, Chapter L-21, as amended (the "Act"), provides for the holding of local elections by municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Three Hills, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Title

(1) This bylaw may be cited as the "Municipal Election Bylaw."

2. Definitions

(1) Except as otherwise provided for in this bylaw, the terms used in the Act, where used or referred to in this bylaw, have the same meaning as defined or provided in the Act.

In the bylaw:

- (a) "Advance Vote" means a vote taken in advance of Election Day;
- (b) "Ballot" means the part of the ballot card on which the office to be voted on is printed, the names of the candidates, the bylaw name and the number or the questions, if any, and the spaces in which the elector is to mark his/her vote;
- (c) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Three Hills in the Province of Alberta;
- (d) "Election" means a general election, by-election and a vote on a bylaw or question;
- (e) "Election Day" means the day fixed for voting at an election;
- (f) "Elector" means a person eligible to vote at an election;
- (g) "Local Jurisdiction" means a municipality or a district or division as defined in the *School Act*, as the case may be;
- (h) "Nomination Day" means the day set 4 weeks before Election Day to receive nominations of candidates;

- (i) "Nomination Form" means the form as prescribed under the *Local Authorities Election Forms Regulation 106/2007*
- (j) "Returning Officer" means a person appointed under the *Local Authorities Election Act* RSA 2000, Chapter L-21 and amendments, and includes a person acting in the returning officer's place.
- (k) "Senior's Accommodation Facility" means
 - i) lodge accommodation as defined in the Alberta Housing Act, or
 - ii) a facility for seniors that provides accommodation at a location for 10 or more persons who are 65 years of age or older;
- (1) "Voting Station" means the place where an elector votes.

4. Returning Officer

(1) Council, by resolution appoints the Returning Officer for the purposes of conducting elections under the Act.

6. Ballots

(1) Following nomination day, the returning officer will ensure that ballots be printed in as many lots as there are nominated candidates for each office.

7. Advance Voting

(1) Council shall, by resolution, determine the location of Advance Voting Stations, day(s), and hours when an Advance Vote will be held.

8. Institutional Vote

- (1) Council, shall, by resolution, designate the location of one or more Institutional Voting Stations for an Election.
- (2) Date(s) and time(s) of the institutional vote will be posted at the institution at least two days before the vote is to be taken.
- (3) An Elector who on Election Day
 - (a) is confined to a hospital, auxiliary hospital or nursing home in the local jurisdiction, or
 - (b) is a resident a Senior's Accommodation Facility in the local jurisdiction

that is established as an Institutional Voting Station for the Election is eligible to vote at that Institutional Voting Station.

9. Voting Hours on Election Day

(1) Voting Stations shall be kept open continuously on Election Day, in the Town of Three Hills, from 10:00am until 8:00pm on Election Day.

10. Repeal

(1) Bylaw No. 1413-17 is hereby repealed.

11. Enactment

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon the date of the passing of the third and final reading and signing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this 14th day of December, 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of December, 2020.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME, with unanimous consent, this 14th day of December, 2020.

Mayor

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