



AGENDA

Special Council Meeting

9:00 AM - Thursday, September 30,
2021

Council Chambers, 5303 - 50 Ave.,
Lamont, AB

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REQUEST FOR DECISION



Meeting Date: September 30, 2021
Staff Contact: Debbie McCann and Jessica Post
Department: Municipal Election

Subject: Voting Stations Bylaw 837.21

Recommendation(s):

THAT Lamont County Council provide first reading to bylaw number 837.21, Voting Stations, to have an additional voting station in Division 2 and 3.

THAT Lamont County Council provide second reading to bylaw number 837.21, Voting Stations, to have an additional voting station in Division 2 and 3.

THAT all Lamont County Councillors present provide unanimous consent to consent for a third and final reading of bylaw number 837.21, Voting Stations, to have an additional voting station in Division 2 and 3.

THAT Lamont County Council provide third reading to bylaw number 837.21, Voting Stations, to have an additional voting station in Division 2 and 3.

Purpose:

For Lamont County Council to provide as many voting opportunities as possible for the electors of Lamont County.

Background Information:

Please see attached the following:

- letter to Minister Ric Mclver, dated September 15, 2021;
- letter from Deputy Minister Brandy Cox, dated September 29, 2021; and
- proposed Voting Stations Bylaw 837.21.

Financial Impact:

Approximately \$2,000.00 to provide election staff and resources.

Previous Council / Committee Directions:

Past municipal elections have had multiple voting stations in each division.

At the September 14, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, Council made the following motion:

"THAT Lamont County Council direct administration to apply to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for an extension to pass the bylaw with respect to Section 37(3) of *Legal Authorities Election Act* to allow for the designation of more than one voting stations in each division."

At the May 11, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, Council made the following motion:

"THAT Lamont County Council accept the 2021 Municipal Election Review as information."

Stakeholder Engagement / Communication:

The electors of Lamont County would appreciate the options for voting opportunities.

Alternatives:

That Council not provide 3 readings to Bylaw 837.21, Voting Stations, resulting in only 1 voting station in Division 2 and Division 3.

Relevant Government Documents:

[Local Authorities Election Act](#), Section 37(3).

Voting stations

37(1) The returning officer shall designate the location of one voting station only for each voting subdivision and the location may be outside the area.

(2) When a voting station designated by the returning officer is not available, the returning officer shall designate another place in the vicinity and shall, by notice posted at the original voting station, direct the electors to the other voting station.

(3) 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 more than one voting station for each subdivision and the location of those voting stations for that election.

RSA 2000 cL-21 s37;2018 c23 s17

Attachments:

[2021-09-15 Letter to Honourable Ric McIver requesting extension](#)

[2021-09-29 Letter from B. Cox, Deputy Minister re extension on bylaw to have more than one voting station](#)

[Voting Stations Bylaw](#)

Peter Tarnawsky, Interim CAO

Pending

Jessica Post, Executive Assistant

None

Lamont County

September 15, 2021

DELIVERED VIA COURIER

Honourable Ric McIver
Minster of Municipal Affairs
320 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister McIver,

Lamont County council would like to request an extension to section 37(3) of the *Local Authorities Election Act* in order to pass a bylaw allowing the returning officer to designate more than one voting station per division in Lamont County.

Lamont County has undergone significant changes, and as a result, this deadline was overlooked. As a council, we feel it is important that we allow the county electors as many voting opportunities as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Regards,



David Diduck
Reeve, Lamont County



September 29, 2021

His Worship David Diduck
Reeve
Lamont County
5303 – 50 Ave.
Lamont AB T0B 2R0

Dear Reeve Diduck and Council:

Thank you for the email of September 15, 2021, requesting an extension to pass a bylaw allowing the returning officer to designate more than one voting station for each voting subdivision and the location of those voting stations for the 2021 general municipal election.

On behalf of the Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, I am pleased to attach a copy of Ministerial Order No. MSD:098/21, extending the due date to pass a bylaw allowing the returning officer to designate more than one voting station for each voting subdivision and the location of those voting stations for the 2021 general election to not later than September 30, 2021.

I am pleased we were able to work together to ensure your election is conducted in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Sincerely,

Brandy Cox
Digitally signed by
Brandy Cox
Date: 2021.09.28
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Brandy Cox
Deputy Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:098/21

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:098/21

I, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 6(2) of the *Local Authorities Election Act (LAEA)*, make the following order:

That the date established in Section 37(3) of the *LAEA*, to pass a bylaw allowing the returning officer to designate more than one voting station for each voting subdivision and the location of those voting stations for the 2021 general election, be extended to not later than September 30, 2021.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this ___29___ day of ___September_____, 2021.



for Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs

**LAMONT COUNTY
BYLAW NUMBER 837.21
VOTING STATIONS**

BEING A BYLAW OF LAMONT COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO ALLOW THE RETURNING OFFICER OF LAMONT COUNTY TO DESIGNATE MORE THAN ONE VOTING STATION FOR EACH SUBDIVISION (DIVISION) AND THE LOCATION OF THOSE VOTING STATIONS FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS Section 37(3) of the *Local Authorities Elections Act* permits the elected authority to 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 more than one voting station for each subdivision (division) and the location of those voting stations for that election; and

WHEREAS Lamont County overlooked the June 30 deadline and submitted a written request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to extend the deadline; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs permitted the extension of the June 30 deadline by way of Ministerial Order No. MSD:098/21; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Lamont County in the Province of Alberta duly assembled; hereby enacts as follows:

1. That pursuant to Section 37(3) of the *Local Authorities Elections Act*, the returning officer has the authority to designate more than one voting station for each subdivision (division) and the location of those voting stations for the 2021 municipal election.

Read a first time this 30th day of September, 2021.

Read a second time this 30th day of September, 2021.

Read a third time this 30th day of September, 2021.

REEVE

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER