



## BYLAW NO 1908

### ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES AND COUNCIL COMPOSITION

**A BYLAW OF KNEEHILL COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH THE COMPOSITION OF KNEEHILL COUNTY COUNCIL; DIVIDE KNEEHILL COUNTY INTO DIVISIONS AND ESTABLISH THE BOUNDARIES OF EACH DIVISION; AND DETERMINE THE TITLE OF THE POSITIONS OF KNEEHILL COUNTY'S CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL AND COUNCILLORS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 143 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council may by bylaw specify the number of councillors comprising Kneehill County Council;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 148 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council may by bylaw divide Kneehill County into divisions, establish the boundaries of each division, and provide for the number of councillors to be nominated and elected in each division;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 150 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Chief Elected Official is to be appointed by Council from amongst the councillors;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 155 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Council may direct another title appropriate for the office of Councillor and Chief Elected Official;

**AND WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 151 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a bylaw passed under section 148 of the *Municipal Government Act* must be passed by December 31 of the year before the general election at which it is to take effect.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of Kneehill County, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

- 1. Title**  
This Bylaw shall be known as the "Electoral Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw".
- 2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to:**
  - (1) Establish the composition of the Kneehill County Council;
  - (2) Divide Kneehill County into divisions and establish the boundaries of each division; and
  - (3) Determine the title of the positions of Kneehill County's Chief Elected Official and Councillors.
- 3.** Words in this Bylaw have the same meaning as set out in the *Municipal Government Act* except for the definitions provided in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

**4. Electoral Boundaries**

- (1) Kneehill County is divided into seven divisions with the boundaries established in Schedule “B” of this bylaw.

**5. Council Composition**

- (1) Kneehill County Council is comprised of seven councillors, each representing one of the divisions established by this bylaw.
- (2) Candidates for the office of councillor must be nominated for a specific division and one councillor must be elected for each division.
- (3) The office of councillor has the title “Councillor.”

**6. Chief Elected Official and Deputy Chief Elected Official**

- (1) One councillor must be appointed to the office of Chief Elected Official by Council from amongst the councillors.
- (2) One councillor must be appointed to the office of Deputy Chief Elected Official by Council from amongst the councillors.
- (3) The office of Chief Elected Official has the title “Reeve”.
- (4) The office of Deputy Chief Elected Official has the title “Deputy Reeve”.

**7. Severability**

- (1) If a portion of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalid portion will be voided, and the rest of the bylaw remains valid and effective.

**8. Effective Date**

- (1) This bylaw comes into effect upon third reading of this bylaw.

**9. Bylaw Repeal**

- (1) Bylaw No. 1384, and any amendments thereto, are repealed upon this bylaw passing and coming into full force and effect.

**READ** a first time on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

**READ** a second time on this x<sup>th</sup> day of x, 2024.

**READ** a third time and final time of this x<sup>th</sup> day of x, 2024.

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Ken King, Reeve

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Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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Date Bylaw Signed

## SCHEDULE "A"

### Definitions

1. **"Council"** means the duly elected Council of Kneehill County and includes the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and all Councillors.
2. **"Councillor"** means a duly elected member of Council and includes the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and all Councillors.
3. **"Deputy Reeve"** means the Deputy Chief Elected Official as defined and contemplated in the *Municipal Government Act*.
4. **"Division"** means ward as defined and contemplated in the *Municipal Government Act*.
5. **"General Election"** means an election as defined and contemplated in the Local Authorities Election Act.
6. **"Local Authorities Election Act"** means the *Local Authorities Election Act, RSA 2000, L-21*, as amended or replaced from time to time.
7. **"Reeve"** means the Chief Elected Official as defined and contemplated in the *Municipal Government Act*.
8. **"Municipal Government Act"** means the *Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26*, as amended or replaced from time to time.
9. **"Kneehill County"** means Kneehill County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.