

**BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WESTLOCK IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
FOR THE PURPOSE OF EARLY COUNTING OF ADVANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL
BALLOTS FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS under the provisions of Part 3 of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, revised Statutes of Alberta 2000 Chapter L-21, the Council may pass a bylaw by June 30 of a year in which a general election is to be held allowing the Returning Officer of an elected authority to count the special ballot box, advance vote ballot box and institutional vote ballot box no earlier than 7:30 p.m. on election day,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Westlock, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the “2021 Municipal Election Early Counting of Advance and Institutional Ballots”.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to allow the Town of Westlock Returning Officer to start counting ballots that were cast from Advance Vote and Institutional Vote locations from the residents of the Town of Westlock for the 2021 Municipal Election, School Divisions, Senate Election, and Referendum Vote on Election Day, October 18, 2021 no earlier than 7:30 p.m.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

3.1.1 **ADVANCE VOTE** – a vote taken in advance of election day.

3.1.2 **ELECTION DAY** – the day fixed for voting at an election. For 2021, that date is October 18, 2021.

3.1.3 **INSTITUTIONAL VOTE LOCATION** – A location of one or more institutional voting stations for an election in addition to a voting station designated on election day. An elector who on election day (a) is confined to a treatment centre in the local jurisdiction, or (b) is a resident in a supportive living 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.

3.1.4 **RETURNING OFFICER** – A person appointed under the *Local Authorities Election Act* as a returning officer and includes a person acting in the returning officer's place.



3.1.5 **SUPPORTIVE LIVING FACILITY** – (i) a lodge accommodation as defined in the *Alberta Housing Act*, or (ii) a facility for adults or senior citizens that provides assisted living and accommodation but does not include a treatment centre.

3.1.6 **TREATMENT CENTRE** – a hospital or a facility under the *Mental Health Act*, or a facility that provides medical treatment or care on an in-patient basis.

4. SEVERABILITY

4.1 Should any provision of this Bylaw be invalid, then such invalid provisions shall be severed, and the remaining bylaw shall be maintained.

5. EFFECTIVE

5.1 This Bylaw shall come into force upon third and final reading of this bylaw and will expire on October 19, 2021.

Read a first time this 14th day of June 2021.


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Unanimous consent for third and final reading this 14th day of June 2021.

Read a third time and passed this 14th day of June 2021.

Signed by Mayor and CAO this 14th day of June 2021.


DEPUTY MAYOR, David Truckey


CAO, Simone Wiley