

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET

## COUNCIL PROCEDURES BY-LAW

### BY-LAW NO. 2-16

*BEING a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet to regulate the proceedings and conduct of council and the committees thereof, and to repeal By-law 5-15;*

**WHEREAS** Section 149 of the Municipal Act provides that a council must establish by by-law rules of procedure and review the by-law at least once during its term of office.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

#### 1.0 TITLE

- 1.1 THAT this by-law may be referred to as "The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Council Procedures By-law".
- 1.2 The following rules and regulations shall be observed in all council meetings and in all council committees thereof.

#### 2.0 LEGISLATION

- 2.1 All proceedings of Council shall be governed and conducted in accordance with The Municipal Act, being Chapter 58 of the Statutes of Manitoba S.M. 1996, as amended, which shall supersede all sections of this by-law inconsistent therewith.
- 2.2 The Council's Procedures By-Law shall at no time, set a lower standard of procedure or conduct than that provided for in the Municipal Act.
- 2.3 Every meeting of a Council or council committee must be conducted in public. Everyone has a right to be present at a meeting of Council or council committee unless the person chairing the meeting expels a person for improper conduct.
- 2.4 Council or a Committee of Council may close a meeting to the public under Section 152(3) (b) of *The Municipal Act*.

#### 3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this by-law:
  - a) "Agenda" means the agenda for a regular or special meeting of council, but does not include agendas for in-camera meetings.
  - b) "Act" or "MA" means The Municipal Act S.M. 1996 c.58.
  - c) "C.A.O." means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, or a designated officer delegated to perform duties as the C.A.O. by the C.A.O. in their absence.
  - d) "Chair" means person presiding at the meeting of council or committee.
  - e) "Committee" means a committee or other body established under the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Council's Organizational By-Law.
  - f) "Committee of the whole council" means a committee of all members present at a Council meeting sitting as a committee or a meeting of the whole council outside a regular council meeting.
  - g) "Council" means the duly elected Reeve and Councillors of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.
  - h) "Council meeting" means a regular meeting or special meeting of the Council but does not include a public hearing held by the council.

- i) "in-camera" means in private or to the exclusion of the public.
- j) "Members" means when referring to the council, the Reeve and the Councillors.
- k) "General holiday" means each Saturday and Sunday, and includes such days as New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, the first Monday in August, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Louis Riel day and any other day declared a holiday by the provincial or federal governments.
- l) "MCCIA" means the Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act R.S.M. 1987, C. M255
- m) "MB-CMG" means the Manitoba "Council Members Guide 2014-2018"
- n) "Shall" or "must" means the obligation is imperative.

#### **4.0 SUSPENSION**

- 4.1 Any rule contained in this by-law may be suspended by a vote of the majority of the members present, except in cases where the Act or this by-law, or some other vote is required.

#### **5.0 COUNCIL INAUGURAL MEETING**

- 5.1 Following a general election, the Reeve must call the Inaugural Meeting of Council within 30 days, and the meeting shall be held at The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet Council Chambers.
- 5.2 Council must review the Procedures and Organizational by-laws at its Inaugural Meeting.

#### **6.0 QUORUM**

- 6.1 A quorum of council for the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet shall be a minimum of three (3) members. *[Sec. 135(3) MA]* A quorum is required for and during each council meeting. *[Sec. 135(1) MA]*
- 6.2 The minimum quorum must be maintained even if a position on council is vacant, or a member is not counted if the member is required to abstain from voting under *The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act. [Sec. 135(4) MA]*
- 6.3 Lack of quorum – If no quorum is present within 30 minutes after the time scheduled for a meeting, the council shall stand adjourned, and the Chief Administrative Officer shall enter into the minutes the names of the members present at the meeting.
- 6.4 Quorum for any Standing Committee of Council shall be three (3) members or a majority of the members appointed to the committee.
- 6.5 Quorum for any Council Committee shall be the number determined by the committee or a majority of the committee appointees but no less than three.

#### **7.0 MEETING THROUGH ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS *[Sec. 150 MA]***

- 7.1 Members of Council may participate in a meeting of council by means of an electronic or other communication facility. Members must have prior approval from council by resolution and must meet the terms and conditions set by council.
- 7.2 The communication facility must enable council members to hear and speak to each other and the public to hear the members.
- 7.3 Members participating in a meeting conducted by means of a communication facility are deemed to be present at the meeting.
- 7.4 Members of Council who choose to participate in meetings remotely or electronically in a meeting should be pre-approved by council for all costs associated with that device.

## 8.0 AGENDA

- 8.1 An agenda of each regular meeting of council, as prepared by the C.A.O., together with copies of supporting materials shall be available to the members of council at least 96 hours preceding the meeting of council, through the on-line All-Net Minutes and Agendas Program. A copy of the agenda shall be posted on the municipal website and in the municipal office at least 96 hours preceding the council meeting.
- 8.2 All items to be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of council must be provided to the C.A.O. at least 96 hours prior to the scheduled time of the regular meeting, including council members. All agenda items shall provide supporting materials and information sufficient for a decision.
- 8.3 Council members may attach documents such as briefing notes to individual items on the agenda, but must have them submitted to the C.A.O. by no later than 3:00 p.m. of the day prior to the regular meeting.
- 8.4 Additions to the agenda: Only items of a time sensitive nature may be added to the agenda at a regular meeting of council by a majority vote of the members present, prior to adopting the final agenda for the regular meeting of council.
- 8.5 In preparing the council agenda, the C.A.O. shall state the business for consideration in accordance with Schedule A – Order of Agenda. Council can amend Schedule A – Order of Agenda by resolution at a regular council meeting.
- 8.6 Notwithstanding the provisions under Schedule A – Order of Agenda, it shall always be in order. To vary the order in which business on the agenda shall be dealt with by consensus agreement of council members present.

## 9. DELEGATIONS

- 9.1 Registration, Rules and Procedures of conduct when appearing before council is attached as Schedule B.

## 10. REGULAR MEETINGS

- 10.1 Regular meetings of council shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet as set out in Schedule A.
- 10.2 All meetings of Council shall be chaired by the Reeve or in their absence, by the Deputy Reeve. If the Reeve or Deputy Reeve is not present at the time scheduled for a meeting, the council may appoint one of its members to chair the meeting. *[Sec. 149(3)(f) MA]*
- 10.3 Notice of regular meetings of Council (agenda copy) must be posted in lobby of the Municipal Office and on the municipal website at least 96 hours before a regular scheduled meeting, *[Sec. 149(3)(b) MA]*
- 10.4 Council may, by resolution, vary the date, time and place of a regular meeting, as circumstances may require. If the day fixed for a regular meeting of council is a general holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next day following which is not a holiday at the same time and place. *[Sec. 149(3)(c) MA]*
- 10.5 Council may, by resolution, cancel one regular meeting during a month period, as circumstances may require.
- 10.6 Notice of any changes or cancellation of a regular meeting of council shall be advertised in the local paper, time permitting, at least five (5) days prior to the meeting and posted on the municipal website and in the municipal office at least 96 hours before the regularly scheduled date of the meeting. *[Sec. 149(3)(c) MA]*
- 10.7 At the hour set for a meeting to commence, and providing that a quorum is present, the Reeve shall take the chair and shall call the meeting to order.
- 10.8 If a regular meeting of Council reaches the hour of 7:30 p.m., the agenda item under

discussion will be the last item dealt with on that day. The Chair shall request a motion to adjourn and if carried, declare the Council adjourned and leave the chair, unless the Council, by unanimous resolution decides to extend the time of adjournment by a specific time.

- 10.9 Every meeting of a council or council committee must be conducted in public; [Sec. 152(1) MA], and, no person shall be excluded, except for improper conduct. [Sec. 152(2) MA]
- 10.10 Despite clause 10.9 of this by-law, council or council committees may close a meeting to the public if: [Sec. 152(3) MA]
- a) in the case of a council, the council decides during the meeting to meet as a committee to discuss a matter; and
  - b) the decision and general nature of the matter are recorded in the minutes of the meeting; and
  - c) if the matter to be discussed relates to:
    - i. an employee, including the employee's salary, duties and benefits and any appraisal of the employee's performance,
    - ii. a matter that is in its preliminary stages and respecting which discussion in public could prejudice a municipality's ability to carry out its activities or negotiations,
    - iii. the conduct of existing or anticipated legal proceedings,
    - iv. the conduct of an investigation under, or enforcement of, an Act or by-law,
    - v. the security of documents or premises, or
    - vi. a report of the Ombudsman received by the head of council under clause 36(1) (e) of The Ombudsman Act.
- 10.11 No resolution or by-law may be passed at a meeting that is closed to the public, except a resolution to reopen the meeting to the public.

## 11. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 11.1 A special meeting of the Council may be called at any time by the Reeve and/or C.A.O. if considered appropriate to do so; [Sec. 151(1)(a) MA]
- 11.2 The Reeve must call a special meeting of Council if the Reeve receives a written request for the meeting, stating its purpose, from at least two councillors; [Sec. 151(1)(b)]  
and
- a) The written request must also be served on the C.A.O.;
  - b) The written request must be in written or electronic format;
  - c) The Reeve and C.A.O. must confirm when the request is received;
  - d) The Reeve must call the special meeting within forty-eight (48) hours of confirming receipt of the written request.
- 11.3 If the Reeve does not call a special meeting within forty-eight (48) hours after confirming receipt of the written request, the C.A.O. must call the meeting in the manner provided in the bylaw. [Sec. 151(3) MA]
- 11.4. Should the Reeve be unavailable because of approved leave, the Deputy Reeve will assume the responsibilities of the Reeve for 11.2.

- 11.5 The date and time chosen for any special meeting must allow a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting, for written notice of the meeting to be posted in the municipal office lobby and on the municipal website.
- 11.6 Notice of the special meeting must be provided to all members of council and must state the purpose of the meeting. The notice may be given in oral, electronic or written format.
- 11.7 Members of Council automatically waive the right to be given notice of a special meeting when on approved leave. [Sec.151(5) MA]
- 11.8 At a special meeting, no subject or matters, other than those mentioned in the notice calling the meeting, shall be taken into consideration, unless all members of council are present, and the members unanimously agree by resolution to adding items. [Sec. 151(6) MA]
- 11.9 Council may close a special meeting to the public. [Sec. 152(3) MA]

## 12.0 SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETINGS

- 12.1 Where an emergency prevention order or state of emergency is declared under an Act of the Legislature or an Act of Parliament or, where in the opinion of the Reeve, a disaster or emergency exists or is imminent, a special emergency meeting of Council may be called by the Reeve after giving such notice as is considered reasonable in the circumstances.
- 12.2 Council does have the ability to declare a State of Local Emergency without the Reeve. In this case the Chief Administrative Officer or another member of Council can call the meeting.
- 12.3 Only such business as arises out of, or is incidental to, the emergency or disaster may be transacted at this meeting and Council must record in the minutes the proceedings, and the manner in which notice of the meeting is given.

## 13.0 VOTING

- 13.1 A member has one vote each time a vote is held at a council meeting at which the member is present. [Sec. 136 MA]
- 13.2 The minutes of a meeting at which council votes on the third reading of a by-law must show the name of each member present, the vote or abstention of each member, and the reason given for any abstention. [Sec. 137 MA]
- 13.3 The C.A.O. must record in the minutes the name of any member who exercises their right to abstain from voting on any resolution and provide for the reason for abstaining.
- 13.4 If an equal number of members vote for and against a resolution or by-law, the resolution or by-law is defeated. [Sec. 138 MA]
- 13.5 Council may not reconsider or reverse a decision within one year after it is made unless: [Sec. 139(1) MA]
- a) at the same meeting at which the decision is made, all members who voted on the original resolution are present and agree to reconsider and vote again; or
  - b) a member gives written notice to the council, from at least one regular meeting to the next regular meeting, of a proposal to review and reverse the decision.
- 13.6 When council reconsiders and reverses a decision, the minutes must show the original decision and the decision made on reconsideration. [Sec. 139(2) MA]
- 13.7 Any member of council may, prior to the taking of a vote on any question put forth, require a recorded vote to be taken. The C.A.O. must record in the minutes of the meeting of council the names of the members present, the vote or abstention of each member.

13.8 A council decision is the decision of the municipality. Once a decision is made, all members should respect the decision.

#### 14.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

14.1 Each member of council must attend a public hearing called by council unless the member: [Sec. 160(2) MA]

- a) is excused by the other members from attending the hearing;
- b) is unable to attend owing to illness; or
- c) is required under *The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act* to withdraw from the hearing.

14.2 The Chair of the public hearing has the right to limit the time taken by a person to 15 minutes, after which council may wish to ask questions of the person. All questions must be channeled through the Chair of the hearing. All rules and procedures will apply. [Sec. 160(4)(a) MA]

14.3 The Chair of the public hearing may decline to hear further presentations, questions or objections where Council is satisfied that the matter has been addressed at the public hearing. [Sec. 160(4)(b) MA]

14.4 The Chair of the public hearing may decide which presenters will be heard, if Council is satisfied that presentations are the same or similar. [Sec. 160(4)(c) MA]

14.5 The Chair of the public hearing may require any person, other than a member of council, who is in the opinion of the Chair, conducting themselves in a disorderly or improper manner, to leave the public hearing and if that person fails to do so, may cause that person to be removed. [Sec. 160(4)(d) MA]

14.6 If a public hearing is adjourned, the council shall provide a public notice of the date, time and place of the continuation of the hearing, unless information is announced at the time of adjournment of the hearing. [Sec. 160(4)(e) MA]

#### 15.0 ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS

15.1 Council has authorized, and installed, electronic audio and visual recording equipment in council chambers, for the purpose of recording all regular council meetings, special meetings, and meetings open to public attendance. The public can obtain copies of the recording from the municipal office for a set fee.

15.2 When council closes a meeting to the public (in-camera) under section 10.10 of this by-law, all electronic audio and visual recording equipment, municipal and/or personal, devices must be turned off.

15.3 The public attending an open council or council committee meeting, may use electronic audio and/or visual recording equipment providing there is no disruption (audible and/or visual) to the meeting and it is used respectfully. Should a disruption occur, the chair may ask for the equipment to be turned off or apply Section 18.10 of this by-law

#### 16.0 BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

16.1 Council may only act by Resolution or By-law. [Sec. 140(1) MA]

16.2 A resolution of a council is not valid unless it is passed at a council meeting. [Sec. 141 MA]

16.3 No motion shall be debated or put forward unless it is in writing and is seconded, excepting only a motion to adjourn which will be in writing.

16.4 Every proposed by-law must be given three separate readings, and each reading must be put to a separate vote. [Sec. 142(1) MA]

- 16.5 Council may not give a proposed by-law more than two readings at the same council meeting. *[Sec. 142(2) MA]*
- 16.6 The title and identifying bylaw number must be read at each reading of a proposed by-law.
- 16.7 Each member present at the meeting at which first reading is to take place must be given, or have had, the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed by-law before the by-law receives first reading. *[Sec 142(3) MA]*
- 16.8 Each member present at the meeting at which third reading is to take place must, before the proposed by-law receives third reading, be given, or have had, the opportunity to review the full text of the proposed by-law before the by-law and any amendment(s) passed after first reading. *[Sec. 142(4) MA]*
- 16.9 A by-law is passed when it receives third reading and is signed by the Reeve and C.A.O. *[Sec. 145 MA]*
- 16.10 The amendment or repeal of a by-law is subject to the same requirements that apply to passing the by-law, unless the Act or any other act expressly provides otherwise. *[Sec. 147(2) MA]*
- 17.0 HEAD OF COUNCIL TAKING PART IN DEBATE**
- 17.1 If the Chair desires to present or second a motion, they must leave the chair, and call upon one of the council members to fill their place until they resume the chair. The Chair does not need to leave the chair to discuss or debate a motion.
- 18.0 CONDUCT** *[Sec. 149(3)(d) MA]*
- 18.1 Every member previous to their speaking shall address the Chair.
- 18.2 When two or more members address the Chair at the same time, the Chair shall name the member who is to speak first.
- 18.3 When the Chair is called on to decide a point of order or practice, they shall do so without comment unless requested to do so.
- 18.4 When the Chair is putting a question forward, no member shall leave their chair.
- 18.5 Discussion shall be limited to the question in debate.
- 18.6 No member shall speak to the question or reply for longer than 10 minutes without approval of council.
- 18.7 Adjournment is done by way of motion. A motion to adjourn takes precedence over all others and may be moved at any time, but the question cannot be received after another question is actually put forward and while council is engaged in voting.
- 18.8 Immediately before putting the question forward the Chair shall have the privilege of summarizing the debate, but no new matter shall be introduced.
- 18.9 The public shall not participate in discussion at a council meeting, unless by unanimous consensus of the members present, or if necessary a majority vote of council, the public is asked for their participation. *[Sec. 149(3)(e) MA]*
- 18.10 Where at a council meeting, any person other than a member of council is, in the opinion of the Chair, conducting themselves in a disorderly or improper manner, the Chair may require that person to leave the meeting and if that person fails to do so, may cause that person to be removed.
- 18.11 Where at a council meeting, a member of council is conducting themselves in a disorderly or improper manner, the council may, by resolution passed by the majority, plus one, of the other members require the member to leave the meeting, and if the member fails to do so, may cause the member to be removed. The Code of Conduct for Council Members is a Municipal Policy.
- 18.12 Persons in the council chambers are not permitted to display signs or placards to

applaud participants in debate or to engage in conversation or other behaviours which may disrupt council proceedings.

18.13 A member must keep in confidence a matter that is discussed at a meeting closed to the public under subsection 152(3) of the Act and that the committee decides to keep confidential until the matter is discussed at a council meeting or of a council committee conducted in public. *[Sec. 83(1)(d) MA]*

18.14 A member who breaches the requirement of confidentiality under clause 18.13 may become disqualified from council. *[Sec. 94(1)(h) MA]*

#### 19.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

19.1 In forming a committee of the whole the Chair shall read the motion.

19.2 The rules of the council shall be observed in the committee of the whole as far as may be applicable, except reference to motions which are not permitted at committee meetings.

19.3 On motion of the committee of the whole to rise and report, the question shall be decided without debate.

#### 20.0 PETITIONS TO COUNCIL *[Div. 3 Sec. 153 to 159 MA]*

20.1 Where a petition is required under the Act, other than in Part 2 of the Act, the petition must meet the requirements of the Act.

20.2 A petition is received by council on the day it is presented to council.

20.3 Council may disregard a petition if council decides it is not sufficient under the Act, and is not required to take action in respect of the petition unless any Act requires that action be taken.

#### 21.0 OPEN QUESTION PERIOD

21.1 Open Question Period allows for members of the public present at the end of a regular council meeting to ask brief questions of Council, time permitting. Persons asking a question are required to identify themselves, direct all questions to the Chair, adhere to all directions from the Chair, and must comply with 18.10 and 18.11, remaining respectful to all while in the Council Chambers. The Chair must apply the rules listed in 10.8 for adjourning the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

21.2 During Open Question Period, questions and answers of each question, one per person, is limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes per individual to ensure everyone present has an opportunity. If no other member of the public has a question, the first person can ask a second question. Other members of the public present are not allowed to participate in the question and answer process. Council may determine the question too lengthy or unanswerable at that time, and will direct the person asking to submit the question in writing or electronically.

21.3 The name of the person asking the question, and the question, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

#### 22.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST *[The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act - MCCIA]*

22.1 Where during any meeting there arises: *[Sec. 5(1) MCCIA]*

- a) A matter in which a member or any of their dependents has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest; or
- b) A matter involving the direct or indirect pecuniary interest of any person, corporation, subsidiary or a corporation, partnership, or organization to whom or which a member or any of their dependents has a direct or indirect pecuniary liability;

The member shall:

- c) Disclose the general nature of the direct or indirect pecuniary interest or liability;



- d) Withdraw from the meeting without voting or participating in the discussion; and
- e) Refrain at all times from attempting to influence the matter.

22.2 For the purposes of clause 22.1 "meetings" includes: *[Sec. 5(2) MCCIA]*

- a) A council meeting;
- b) A meeting of any committee or sub-committee of a council, or any sub-committee, on which the member sits;
- c) A meeting of any commission, board or agency on which the member serves in their official capacity as a member of council; and
- d) A meeting of any Board of Revision on which the member sits.

22.3 Where a member fails to comply with clause 22.1 by reason of the absence of the member from a meeting referred to therein, the member shall: *[Sec. 5(3) MCCIA]*

- a) Disclose the general nature of their direct or indirect pecuniary interest or liability at the next meeting or the same body before which the matter arose; and
- b) Refrain at all times from attempting to influence the matter.

22.4 Where a member has complied with clause 22.1 the recorder of the meeting minutes shall record: *[Sec. 6(1) MCCIA]*

- a) The disclosure;
- b) The general nature of the direct or indirect pecuniary interest or liability disclosed; and
- c) The withdrawal of the member from the meeting;

And the recorder of the meeting minutes shall subsequently file with the C.A.O.

- d) The information recorded under sub-clauses (a), (b) and (c); and
- e) A notation indicating whether the meeting in question was open to the public, or was a closed meeting or the minutes of which are not open to the public.

22.5 The C.A.O. shall keep a central record for purposes of recording information in accordance with *[Sec. 6(3) and (4) MCCIA]*; and

22.6 The central record referred to in clause 22.5 shall be available for inspection by any person without charge during normal municipal business hours. *[Sec. 6(5) MCCIA]*

22.7 No later than the last day of November of each year, every council member shall file with C.A.O. a statement disclosing assets and interests in accordance with *[Sec. 10(1) MCCIA]*; and

22.8 The statement referred to in clause 22.7 shall be available for inspection by any person without charge during normal municipal business hours. *[Sec. 13(1) MCCIA]*

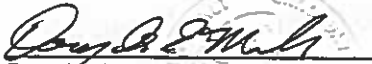
22.9 A council member who violates any provision of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act R.S.M. 1987, C. M255 is disqualified from office and the member's seat on council becomes vacant, as of the time of the declarations referred to in *[Sec. 21(1)(a) and Sec. 21(2)(a) MCCIA]*.


### 23.0 JOINT COUNCIL MEETINGS *[Resolution 2015-0041]*

23.1 Council of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet recognizes the special circumstances and important need to meet with the Council of the Town of Lac du Bonnet as a community committee of council.

- 23.2 The C.A.O. will be responsible for coordinating with the C.A.O of the Town in scheduling meetings, preparing and posting an agenda and recording and posting minutes from the meeting.
- 23.3 No decisions shall be made at joint council meetings. Joint Council Meetings are open to the public.
- 23.4 An agenda of each joint council meeting with the Town of Lac du Bonnet will be posted on the RM webpage under Meeting Agendas at least 48 hours preceding the joint meeting The C.A.O. will be responsible for recording and posting minutes from these meetings on the RM webpage under Meeting Minutes.
- 24.0 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES MEETINGS**  
 Given the public nature of Council and Committee Meetings, an individual who submits an email or any other written correspondence or documentation to a member of council, administration, for a public hearing, and/or a delegation should expect that the information, including his/her personal information (name and address) might be disclosed at a council meeting and may form part of the meeting minutes of such meeting as a matter of public record. This also means that if a copy of the correspondence or documentation presented to council, administration regarding a public hearing and is requested by a third party (the media) may be disclosed. This following provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
- 25.0 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**
- 25.1 All points of order and procedure not resolved by rules provided in this by-law shall generally follow Roberts Rules of Order as a guideline or be resolved by a majority decision of council.

**DONE, PASSED and ENACTED** by Council duly assembled in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, in the Province of Manitoba, this 29th day of March 2016.

  
 Doug Marks  
 Deputy Reeve

  
 Tannis Lodge  
 Chief Administrative Office

Read a first time	March 15, 2016	Resolution # 2016-0104
Read a second time	March 29, 2016	Resolution # 2016-0127
Read a third time	March 29, 2016	Resolution # 2016-0128

**SCHEDULE A**  
**PROCEDURES BY-LAW 2-16**  
**ORDER OF AGENDA**

Public Works Committee Meeting starts at 11:30 a.m.  
Call Regular Meeting to Order  
Committee of the whole (in-camera session) Legal, Personnel, Other  
Recess (time permitting, a longer break may be taken)  
Re-open Regular Meeting to the public 2:45 pm  
Call for additions to the agenda  
Adoption of the agenda with any additions and/or revisions  
Hearings and Delegations from 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm (Delegations – see Schedule B)  
Adoption of Minutes  
Payment of Accounts  
Adoption of Monthly Financial Statement  
Public Works  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
By-laws (including By-law Officer report)  
Boards and Committee Reports (including council reports)  
Communications and Correspondence (includes CAO report)  
Hearings and Delegations 6:00 pm and 6:15 pm (Delegations – see Schedule B)  
Open Question Period after last delegation (Refer to Section 21)  
Adjournment

**SCHEDULE B**  
**PROCEDURES BY-LAW 2-16**  
**DELEGATION RULES**

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**Rules of conduct when appearing before council as a delegation**

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This also means that if a copy of the correspondence or documentation presented to council, administration regarding a public hearing and is requested by a third party (the media) may be disclosed. This following the provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

To ensure that the best use of time, and provide a fair method of dealing with delegations at Council meetings of the RM of Lac du Bonnet, the following Rules and Procedures will apply:

1. All person(s) wishing to appear before Council as a delegation must register by completing a Delegation Registration Form (available on the RM of Lac du Bonnet website and from the Municipal Office). This form must be filed with the Administrative Staff no later than 5 days before the scheduled commencement of the meeting.
2. Persons registering for a delegation must provide a short, comprehensive statement as to the subject and purpose of the delegation. This information will allow council to notify appropriate RM personnel to be present at the delegation, and/or provide pre-delegation information for council.
3. In order to ensure that Council will have adequate time to deal with municipal business, the Chief Administrative Officer or Assistant (in consultation with the Reeve and/or Deputy Reeve) can limit the number of delegations appearing at any one meeting of Council.
4. In the case where a delegation is denied for a specified Council meeting, the Chief Administrative Officer or Assistant (in consultation with the Reeve and/or Deputy Reeve) shall consider the delegation if deemed to be of an urgent nature.
5. In situations where a delegation consists of many people, one spokesperson must be appointed to speak for the group.
6. In recognition that some persons may have difficulty in arriving for the last delegation slot at 6:20 p.m. Council can agree to receive the delegation at a later time. Persons wishing to arrange for this later time slot must file their delegation Registration Form with the Administrative Staff no later than 5 days before the Regular Council Meeting. This is to ensure that Council can plan for going past 7:30 p.m. if necessary, by resolution as required under Section 10.8.
7. Should special audio-visual equipment be required for a presentation, such equipment should be accompanied by the presenter, or suitable arrangements may be made with administrative staff if it is requested and available prior to the meeting.
8. If written documentation is to be provided, seven copies are required for council, preferably prior to the council meeting. The onus is on the delegation presenter to collect and prepare their own documentation.

All delegations are limited to fifteen (15) minute presentations. Where additional time is required, such a requirement should be communicated to administrative staff at the time of registration. The Chair shall interrupt the presenter to complete the presentation when the expired time approaches to allow for the next registered delegation.

9. Council members will have a five (5) minute period at the end of the delegation to ask questions or clarify information.
10. Delegations making application to discuss a matter that has already been discussed and dealt with through an earlier delegation, to the satisfaction of Council, may not be allowed to appear before Council. Delegations making application to discuss a matter that is under current or anticipated legal proceedings shall not be considered by council. The applicant shall be advised accordingly.
11. All comments and/or questions will be directed to the Chair and there shall be no interaction between parties in the chambers. Presenters who deviate from the subject matter as indicated in their Delegation Registration will be interrupted by the Chair. If the presenter persists in deviating from the subject matter the Chair may close the presentation.
12. Delegations shall adhere to all directions from the Chair and all presenters must remain respectful to all while in the Council Chambers.
13. **Delegations are only for presenting information. Council may choose to follow-up on the information at a later date.**



### DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM

In accordance with the RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Procedures By-law;

All persons wishing to appear before Council as a delegation must provide the following information; and by signing below agree to comply with all the Rules of Conduct listed under Schedule B of By-law. And persons must register by completing a Delegation Registration Form (available on the RM of Lac du Bonnet website and from the Municipal Office). This form must be filed with the Administrative Staff no later than 5 days before the scheduled commencement of the meeting.

Date of Council Meeting Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested Time for Delegation: 3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
6:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ 6:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Presenting Delegation: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Delegation: Name of Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Spokesperson \_\_\_\_\_

Subject and Purpose of the Delegation: Please explain the purpose of the delegation and information to be presented.

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**Note:**

1. If the subject matter or issue listed above has been dealt with to the satisfaction of Council, or is under current or anticipated legal proceedings, the Delegation may be refused by Council.
2. Delegations requested for times later than 6:15 pm must be requested 5 days before commencement of the previous Council Meeting for which they wish to appear.
3. Seven (7) copies of any written documentation must be provided.

Person Requesting Delegation:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by RM of Lac du Bonnet:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received by (sign and print): \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_