BYLAW NO. 1433-25

A BYLAW OF LACOMBE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE METHODS FOR ADVERTISING STATUTORY NOTICES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council must give notice of certain bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings or other things by advertising in a newspaper or other publication circulating in the area, mailing or delivering a notice to every residence in the affected area or by another method provided for in a bylaw under Section 606.1;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 606.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, a Council may, by bylaw, provide for one or more methods, which may include electronic means, for advertising proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings and other things referred to in Section 606;

AND WHEREAS Council is satisfied that the advertising method set out in this Bylaw is likely to bring matters advertised by that method to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

AND WHEREAS notice of a public hearing for this bylaw held on <u>April 24, 2025</u> has been given in accordance with Section 606(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*;

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

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be referred to as the Advertising/Public Notification Bylaw.

Definitions

- 2. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) "Detailed Notice" means a notice containing all of the information required under Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
 - b) "Print Media" means any writer or pictorial form of communication produced mechanically or electronically using printing, photocopying, or digital methods from which multiple copies can be made through automated processes.
 - c) "Social Media" means any electronic online form of communication through which individuals and groups of users share information and content.
 - d) "Statutory Notices" means any notices, including those for proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, or other things as required to be advertised by the *Municipal Government Act*.

Advertising Method

- 3. Any notice required to be advertised under Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing may be given, in accordance with the timelines prescribed in Section 606:
 - a) By posting the notice in the Lacombe County News, the County's official monthly newspaper publication; and/or
 - b) Electronically by posting the notice prominently on the Lacombe County official website; and/or
 - c) Electronically by posting the notice prominently on any of Lacombe County's official social media sites; and/or
 - d) By directly mailing the notice to the necessary residents/businesses; and/or
 - e) By posting the notice prominently on the bulletin board provided for that purpose in the following municipal facilities: Lacombe County's Administrative Office; and/or

- f) By placing flyers or posting the notice prominently on the bulletin boards or displays at local establishments, community halls, recreation centres or other venues frequented by Lacombe County residents/business owners; and/or
- g) By posting the notice prominently on roadside signage located at frequently travelled intersections through Lacombe County and in front of the Lacombe County Administration Building; and/or
- h) By directly posting the notice physically onto a property; and/or
- i) Electronically via email, text, or other electronic notification through a subscribed database established for that purpose.

Severability

4. Each provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions. If any such provision is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of the Bylaw will remain valid and enforceable.

Effective Date

5. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect upon adoption of this Bylaw.

INTRODUCED AND GIVEN first reading this 27_day of March 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING held on this 24 day of April 2025

GIVEN second reading this 24 day of April 2025.

GIVEN third and final reading this 24 day of April 2025.

REEVE

COUNTYMANAGER