

**COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER NO. 24**  
**PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**  
**BY-LAW NO. 01-19**  
**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, Statutes of Alberta, 1994, Chapter M-26.1, the Council of the County of Vermilion River No. 24, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide transparent and open Government by allowing for public review of the disclosure of information related to the pecuniary interests of Councillors.

**DEFINITIONS**

2. In this Bylaw:

"**Councillor**" means a member of County Council, including the Reeve;

"**County**" means the County of Vermilion River No. 24;

"**County Administrator**" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the County;

"**Disclosure Statement**" means the Councillor's statement under section 3 of this Bylaw;

"**Family**" means the Councillor's spouse, the Councillor's children, the parents of the Councillor and the parents of the Councillor's spouse;

"**Spouse**" means a party to a relationship between a man and a woman who are living together on a bona fide domestic basis and does not include a spouse who is living apart from the other spouse if the spouses have separated pursuant to a written separation agreement or if there support obligations and family property have been dealt with by a court order;

**DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

3. On or before 4:30 p.m. on the second Monday of January in each year commencing in 2002, each Councillor must file with the County Administrator a completed Disclosure Statement in the form shown in Schedule "A" containing the following information:
  - (a) the name of each member of the Councillor's Family;
  - (b) any corporation, partnership, firm, government, organization, club, service or person in respect of which the Councillor has a pecuniary interest as referred to in section 170 of the Municipal Government Act;
  - (c) the legal description of all land within or immediately adjacent to County boundaries in which the Councillor or a member of the Councillor's Family have a direct or indirect interest; and

- (d) all contracts involving the County to which the Councillor, or a member of the Councillor's Family, is a party, including contracts in which the Councillor may be indirectly involved as a result of a partnership or other interest in any business or corporation, or as an agent for any corporation, partnership or person.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO STATEMENTS**

- 4. When there is any change in, or addition to, the information to be provided by the Councillor under section 3, the Councillor must inform the County Administrator in writing of the change or addition in a form acceptable to the County Administrator, identifying the changes from the Disclosure Statement filed, no later than 4:30 p.m. 30 days after the change or addition occurred.

#### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DUTIES**

- 5. i) Within thirty (30) days after expiry of the time for filing Disclosure Statements the County Administrator must prepare and submit a report to County Council indicating:
  - (a) the Disclosure Statements that have been filed,
  - (b) whether any supplementary Disclosure Statements have been filed, and
  - (c) the name of any person who failed to file a Disclosure Statement as required by this Bylaw.
- ii) The County Administrator must keep a register of all Disclosure Statements filed, including notification of alterations or additions received, for 5 years after the date of filing.

#### **PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

- 6. The Disclosure Statements and the report made by the County Administrator become public documents only after the report has been submitted to Council.

#### **PENALTIES**

- 7. Any Councillor who contravenes a provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and must forfeit and pay a penalty as set out in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw. Each 30 day period that a Disclosure Statement remains unfiled after it is due is a separate offence.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 8. (1) Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a Councillor from observing the provisions of the Municipal Government Act relating to the disclosure of pecuniary interest.
- (2) If a deadline for filing a Statement under this Bylaw occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or a County holiday then the deadline will be the next County working day.

**DATE OF COMMENCEMENT**

9. This Bylaw comes into effect upon the date of third reading.

Read the First Time on November 27, 2001.

Read a Second Time on November 27, 2001.

Read a Third Time and Finally Passed on November 27, 2001.

SEVERED

Reeve

SEVERED

County Administrator

**SCHEDULE "A" – DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31,**

Name of Reeve/Councillor: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERS**

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Children: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATED ENTITIES**

The names of all corporations, partnerships, firms, governments, organizations, clubs, services or person related to me under section 170 of the Municipal Government Act (or any replacement legislation) and details of my relationship to such entities or persons are:

**NAME:**

**RELATIONSHIP:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**LAND HOLDINGS**

"Land" by definition in the Alberta Land Titles Act may be every estate or interest in land, legal or equitable, and this includes options, easements, agreements for sale, mortgages, trusts and leaseholds.

The legal description and nature of my land holdings or those of my Family members which I am required to disclose are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**CONTRACTS**

I or a member of my Family, have an interest in the following listed contracts or work with the County, including work or contracts either directly with me or my Family member OR through a partnership, as agent, or as a result of some other interest with a corporation or business as defined in the Disclosure Bylaw:

**CONTRACT DATE**

**CONTRACTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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This is to certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this Disclosure Statement is accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**TO BE FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ON OR BEFORE THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY EACH YEAR.**

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**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**Schedule of Fines**

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Fine</b>
1. Filing an incomplete or inaccurate Statement	\$100.00
2. Failing to file a Statement by the deadline or for each 30 day period after the deadline during which a Statement remains unfiled	\$ 50.00 per offence