



**AGENDA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL TO BE**  
**HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.**  
**IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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Present

Absent

Others Present

1. Endorsement of the Agreement to a Special Council Meeting
2. Call to Order
3. New Business
  - (a) A petition ensuring public buildings, crosswalks and flags on public property remain neutral
4. Adjournment

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

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**To:** Town Council

**From:** Edward LeBlanc, CAO

**cc:** File

**Date:** September 3, 2024

**Re:** Declaration – Whether a petition is sufficient

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## 1.0 **PURPOSE:**

For the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to declare if a petition is sufficient and satisfies the requirement of the Municipal Government Act (MGA).

## 2.0 **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

On July 26, 2024, the Town office received a petition - please refer to the attachment.

In accordance with Section 226(1) of the MGA, within 45 days on which a petition is filed, the CAO must make a declaration to Council on whether the petition is sufficient or insufficient.

Section 223(2) of the MGA states for a petition to be sufficient, the petition must be signed by the electors equal in number to at least 10% of the population.

In accordance with Section 224(2) of the MGA, the petition must contain the following information for each petitioner:

- Printed surname and printed given name or initials of each petitioner.
- The petitioner's signature.
- The street address of the petitioner or the legal land description on which the petitioner lives.
- The petitioner's telephone number or e-mail address, if any
- The date on which the petitioner signs the petition.

Each signature of a petitioner must be witnessed and signed opposite of the signature of the petitioner. The witness must also sign an affidavit which is sworn in front of a Commissioner for Oaths or a Notary Public.

The official 2023 Municipal Affairs Population List has the population for the Town of Barrhead at 4,320.

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| Town of Barrhead's official population                        | 4,320 |
| 10% of the Town of Barrhead population                        | 430   |
| Total number of petitioners submitted to the Town of Barrhead | 851   |
| Total rejected petitioners                                    | 139   |
| Total accepted petitioners                                    | 712   |

Based on the submitted information, as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Barrhead, I declare the petition ensuring public property within the Town of Barrhead remain neutral sufficient and meeting the requirements in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

In accordance with Section 233(1) of the MGA, within thirty days after the day on which the CAO declares a petition, Council must give first reading to a bylaw in respect to the petition.

In accordance with Section 233(4) of the MGA, Council must within 30 days after the bylaw receives first reading, pass the bylaw or fix a date that is within 90 days after the bylaw receives first reading for a vote of the electors on the bylaw.

**3.0 ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable as it relates to this particular report from Administration.

**5.0 INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**6.0 SENIOR GOVERNMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**7.0 POLITICAL/PUBLIC IMPLICATIONS:**

Town Council is adhering to the requirements as stated in the Municipal Government Act.

**8.0 ATTACHMENTS:**

8.1 – The wording found on the Petition By Electors form.

**9.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) That Council accepts the report from the Chief Administrative Officer declaring that the petition received ensuring public buildings, crosswalks and flags on public property remain neutral is sufficient and satisfies the requirements of the Municipal Government Act.
- b) That in accordance with Section 233 of the Municipal Government Act, instructs Administration to prepare a bylaw to address the petition received to ensuring public buildings, crosswalks and flags on public property remain neutral.

(original signed by the CAO)

Edward LeBlanc - CAO

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## PETITION BY ELECTORS

To: The Council of the Town of Barrhead, in the Province of Alberta

The undersigned persons, being electors of the Town of Barrhead, in the Province of Alberta, hereby petition Council to:

**MAKE A BYLAW ENSURING PUBLIC BUILDINGS, CROSSWALKS AND FLAGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY REMAIN NEUTRAL, ADHERING TO THE FOLLOWING:**

### CROSSWALKS

Crosswalks will only be painted in the standard white striped pattern ("continental" or "ladder") between two parallel lines.

### FLAGS

Only the national flags, provincial flag of Alberta, or Town of Barrhead flags are raised on flagpoles on public property or facilities.

There will be no decorations on Town crosswalks or displaying of flags supporting political, social, or religious movements or commercial entities.

No grandfathering of any existing crosswalks or flags that contravene the new bylaw will be authorized.