BYLAW NO. 65/2024

A BYLAW OF FOOTHILLS COUNTY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

TO REQUIRE THAT CANDIDATE'S NOMINATIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT

WHEREAS Section 29(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, authorizes the elected authority to pass a bylaw prior to December 31 of the year before a year in which a general election is to be held, requiring that every nomination be accompanied with a deposit in the amount fixed in the bylaw;

WHEREAS Section 29(2) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, indicates that an amount fixed in a bylaw under subsection (1) may not exceed (a) \$1000, in the case of a local jurisdiction with a population of more than 10,000, or (b) \$100, in any other case;

WHEREAS Section 30(1) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, when a bylaw has been passed to provide for a deposit, the returning officer shall require the deposit to be provided in cash, by certified cheque or by money order;

WHEREAS Section 30(2) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, the candidate's deposit shall be returned to the candidate (a) if the candidate is declared elected (b) if the candidate obtains a number of votes at least equal to ½ of the total number of votes cast for the candidate elected to the office with the least number of votes or (c) if the candidate withdraws as a candidate in accordance with section 32;

WHEREAS Section 30(3) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, if a candidate dies before the closing of the voting stations on election day, the sum deposited by the candidate shall be returned to the candidate's estate;

AND WHEREAS Section 30(4) of the Local Authorities Election Act, being Chapter L-21, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000 and amendments thereto, if a candidate does not obtain the number of votes described in subsection (2) (b), the deposit shall be paid into the general revenue of the local jurisdiction for which the deposit requirement has been established;

THEREFORE the Council of Foothills County hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. Every nomination will be accompanied with a \$500 deposit.
- 2. This Bylaw shall have effect on the date of its third reading.

First Reading: December 4, 2024

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Second Reading: December 11, 2024

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Third Reading: December 11, 2024

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PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL assembled at the Town of High River in the Province of Alberta, the 11 day of December, 2024.