

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ORKNEY NO. 244

## BYLAW No. 17/2025

### A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND DESIGNATED OFFICERS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1. Short Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the "Administrative Bylaw".

#### Part I – Purpose and Definitions

2. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this Bylaw is to establish the powers, duties and functions of municipal officials and employees of the municipality; and to establish who may sign specified municipal documents on behalf of the municipality and to establish the position of Administrator and Public Works Manager.

3. Definitions

"Act" means *The Municipalities Act*;

"Municipality" means the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244;

"Administrator" means the administrator of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244; appointed pursuant to section 110 of *The Municipalities Act*.

#### Part II - Administrator

4. Establishment of Position

The position of administrator is established pursuant to section 110 of the Act. Council shall by resolution appoint an individual to the position of administrator and shall establish the terms and conditions of employment. Any person appointed to the position of administrator must be qualified as required by *The Rural Municipal Administrators Act*.

5. Assignment of Responsibility

The administrator shall perform the duties and exercise the powers and functions that are assigned by *The Municipalities Act*, any other acts, this bylaw, or any other bylaw or resolution of council.

6. Duties of the Administrator – *The Municipalities Act*

Without limiting the generality of section 5 of this bylaw, the administrator shall:

- (a) Take charge of and safely keep all books, documents and records of the municipality that are committed to his or her charge;
- (b) Produce, when called for by the council, auditor, minister or other competent authority, all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the municipality;
- (c) On ceasing to hold office, deliver all books, vouchers, papers and moneys belonging to the municipality to their successor in office or to any other person that the council may designate;
- (d) Ensure all minutes of council meetings are recorded;
- (e) Record the names of all council members present at council meetings;
- (f) Ensure the minutes of each council meeting are given to the council for approval at the next regular council meeting;
- (g) Ensure the safe keeping of the corporate seal, bylaws, minutes, funds, securities and any other records or documents of the municipality;
- (h) Advise the council of its legislative responsibilities pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* or any other act;
- (i) Provide the minister with any statements, reports or other information that may be required by *The Municipalities Act* or any other act;
- (j) Ensure that the official correspondence of council is carried out in accordance with council's directions;
- (k) Maintain an indexed register containing certified copies of all bylaws of the municipality;
- (l) Deposit cash collections that have accumulated to \$25,000 at least once a month, but not more than once a day, in the bank or credit union designated by council;
- (m) Disburse the funds of the municipality in the manner and to those directed by law or by the bylaws or resolutions of council;

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- (n) Maintain an accurate account of assets and liabilities and all transactions affecting the financial position of the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- (o) Ensure that the financial statements and information requested by resolution are submitted to council;
- (p) Complete a financial statement for the preceding financial year in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles for municipal governments recommended from time to time by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada by June 15 of each year;
- (q) Send copies of bylaws for closing roads and closing and leasing roads to the Minister of Highways;
- (r) Bring to council's attention any resignation(s) of elected officials;
- (s) Record each abstention in the meeting minutes that may occur at the time of voting;
- (t) At the first meeting in January of each year, provide all bond or equivalent insurance of employees to council;
- (u) Sign minutes of council and committee meetings;
- (v) Sign bylaws;
- (w) Sign cheques and other negotiable instruments;
- (x) Provide copies of public documents upon request or payment of fee;
- (y) Provide notice of first meeting of council;
- (z) Call a special meeting when lawfully requested to do so;
- (aa) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a public meeting of voters;
- (bb) Determine the sufficiency of a petition for a referendum;
- (cc) Note any change reported on a council member's annual declaration to the member's public disclosure statement, including the date that change was noted;
- (dd) Make each public disclosure statement and declaration available for public inspection during regular business hours;
- (ee) Provide copies of public disclosure statements to any designated officials when directed to do so by council;
- (ff) Record in the minutes every declaration of conflict of interest, including the general nature and material details of the disclosure and any abstention or withdrawal;
- (gg) Provide information to the auditor;
- (hh) Send amended tax notices when required and make necessary adjustments to the tax roll;
- (ii) Provide for payment of writ of execution against the municipality; and
- (jj) Produce certain records upon request of inspector appointed by the minister.

7. Additional Duties of the Administrator

The administrator shall:

- (a) Act as the returning officer for all elections under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.
- (b) Ensure that public notice is given as required in the Act, any other act, and/or as required by council in this bylaw, any other bylaw or resolution.
- (c) Ensure the policies and programs of the municipality are enforced.
- (d) Make recommendations to council on the:
  - i. Operations and affairs of the municipality;
  - ii. Policies and programs of the municipality; and
  - iii. The financial position of the municipality.
- (e) Monitor spending within the budget established by council.
- (f) Make routine expenditures until the annual budget is adopted by council.
- (g) Call for tenders as directed by Council.
- (h) Attend meetings of council and other meetings as council directs.

**Part III – Acting Administrator**

8. Establishment of Position

If the administrator is unable to act for any reason, council will appoint a person within thirty (30) days to fill the position of administrator in an acting capacity. This appointment will be for a period of no longer than three months. Should council require to extend the appointment of the acting administrator beyond three months, they will obtain permission from the Board of Examiners.

9. Duties

The acting administrator shall have all the powers and duties of the administrator while acting in the capacity of the administrator.

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**Part IV – Public Works Supervision**

- 10. Council shall appoint two Council members, one Council member for the north side of the municipality and one Council member for the south side of the municipality, that will be responsible to supervise, oversee and direct the work of the public works employees.

**Part V – Other Positions**

11. Establishment of Positions

The Human Resource Committee is permitted to hire employees necessary for the operations of the municipality subject to the approved municipal budget.

12. Duties

The Administrator will determine the job description and list of duties for each position established. The Public Works Manager may assist in this duty. Council and/or council committees may provide suggestions regarding municipal operations and duties to the administrator.

**Part VI – Delegation of Authority**

13. Delegation of Authority

Council hereby authorizes the administrator to delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to another employee.

**Part VII – Municipal Documents**

14. Signing Agreements

The Reeve and the Administrator shall sign all agreements to which the municipality is party. In the absence of the Reeve the Deputy Reeve shall sign. Where Council has provided authority the Public Works Manager may have authority to sign limited agreements such as but not limited to: Road Maintenance Agreements

15. Cheques and Negotiable Instruments

The administrator and the Reeve, or in the absence of the Reeve the Deputy Reeve shall sign all cheques on the behalf of the municipality.

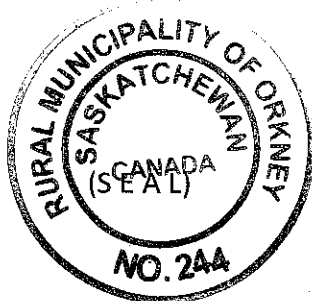
**Part VIII – General Items**

16. Repeal of Bylaw

Bylaw No. 11/2024 is hereby repealed.

17. Coming into Force

This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on upon its' third reading.



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Reeve  
*[Signature]*  
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Administrator

(The Municipalities Act Section 310,312-315)

Read a third time and adopted  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025

*[Signature]*  
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Administrator

Certified a true copy of Bylaw No. <sup>17/2025</sup> 11/2024 adopted by the Council of the Council of the R.M. of Orkney No. 244 on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

*[Signature]*  
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Administrator – Bridgette Rushkewich

