

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LESK NO. 464**

**BYLAW NO. 22- 2023**

**A Bylaw to Establish a Volunteer Fire Department in and for the RM of Leask No. 464**

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464, in the Province of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

**SHORT TITLE**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Fire Department Bylaw.

**INTERPRETATION**

2. In this Bylaw:
  - a. "Fire Department" means the Volunteer Fire Department established pursuant to the Bylaw;
  - b. "Unit" means the Fire Department established pursuant to this Bylaw;
  - c. "Municipality" means the RM of Leask No. 464;
  - d. "Fire Equipment" means the fire truck, pumps, hoses, fire suits, and any and all other fire fighting equipment of lifesaving equipment owned by and provided by the RM of Leask No. 464 for the use of the Fire Department in the prevention and control of fires;
  - e. "Fire Hall" means the premises, owned by the Village of Leask and the RM of Leask no. 464 that is used for housing the fire truck and all other equipment.

**SCOPE OF THE BYLAW**

3. The Council shall be resolution appoint Fire Department personnel for the following purposes:
  - a. To maintain and operate the fire truck for the prevention and extinguishing of fires within the municipality;
  - b. To control, supervise and manage the premises known as the Leask Fire Hall, and all the equipment contained therein;
  - c. To ensure Council's satisfaction that adequate fire protection be provided for the safety and welfare of the municipality;
  - d. To promote and encourage preventive fire measures in the municipality;
  - e. To regulate the conduct and assistance of persons present at fires within the municipality;
  - f. To maintain and operate fire fighting equipment in extinguishing fires outside the municipality where a request for such service is made by another municipality, urban or rural, or any of its officers, or by any person outside the RM of Leask No. 464.

**COMPOSITION OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

4. Composition of the Volunteer Fire Department shall be as follows:
  - a. The Fire Department shall consist of a Fire Chief and a minimum of 6 volunteer fighters;
  - b. The Fire Chief may appoint a Deputy Fire Chief from among the volunteer fire fighters. Any senior member of the Fire Department may take charge in the event that both the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief are absent from a fire.
  - c. The Fire Chief position shall be appointed by the Department members. Other members of the Fire Department will be solicited from the populace of the municipality.

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## **POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT & COUNCIL**

5. The Fire Chief and volunteers shall meet monthly for an instruction and / or training session.
6. The Fire Chief shall, before the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of each year, prepare an inventory of all fire equipment of the municipality and shall indicate on such inventory the working condition of each piece of equipment. One copy of each annual inventory shall be forwarded to Council to be held in the municipal records, and one copy shall be held in the records of the Fire Department.
7. The Fire Chief shall, upon completion of the annual inventory, prepare a budget for the following year and shall present such annual budget to the Council prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January annually. Upon approval by Council, this budget shall be included and form part of the municipal budget.
8. The Fire Chief shall try to maintain a list of volunteer members who may be called upon by the Fire Department for assistance, should additional people be required, in the extinguishing of fires, fire prevention campaigns, fire education and so forth.
9. The Fire Department may, by fund raising campaigns, assist Council in the purchase of additional equipment as deemed necessary in the opinion of Council and the Fire Chief.
10. The Fire Chief and the volunteer fire fighters under the supervision of the Fire Chief. Shall control, manage, and operate the fire equipment and facilities within the budget allowance approved in consultation with the Appointed RM Fire Committee.
11. The Fire Department shall not enter into any contracts or lease agreements for service to another municipality. All such contracts and agreements shall be created, approved and signed by Council.
12. The Volunteer Fire Department Chief shall provide quarterly reports to Council.
13. Council shall before approve the municipal budget of the Fire Department budget annually, set aside a portion of municipal revenue for fire protection. Council shall determine how these revenues are to be used, but shall give due consideration to the National Fire Code regulations, the recommendations of the Provincial Fire Commissioner, the recommendation of the Fire Chief, and to the general financial position of the municipality in arriving at a decision regarding such revenues and expenditures.
14. Council set aside a sum of money within the municipal budget deemed sufficient to cover any necessary emergency repairs to the fire or pumping equipment. It shall be the responsibility of the Fire Chief to maintain equipment in working order as provided in the budgetary allowance and advise Council when equipment needs repair.
15. Council shall ensure that adequate personal injury, death and liability insurance be maintained for the Fire Department.

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16. Failure to comply with the regulation of this bylaw shall make any or all members of the Fire Department liable to dismissal from the Fire Department entirely at the discretion of Council.



Reeve

Administrator

Read a 3<sup>rd</sup> time and adopted on this 13 day of Decemb, 2023.