



PROVINCE OF QUEBEC  
MRC DES LAURENTIDES  
TOWN OF BARKMERE

**DRAFT BYLAW NUMBER 274**

**BYLAW ESTABLISHING A FINANCIAL RESERVE FOR EXPENSES  
RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

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**WHEREAS** pursuant to section 569.1 of the *Cities and Towns Act*, *CQLR v. C-19*, a financial reserve may be established for a specified purpose for the financing of specific expenditures;

**WHEREAS** that no election was held in 2021, The Council having been elected without opposition;

**WHEREAS** the Town wishes to create a new financial reserve for expenses related to the holding of municipal elections in order to allocate budget sums necessary and sufficient for the holding of an election;

**WHEREAS** An Act to amend the Municipal Elections and Plebiscites Act, the Municipal Ethics and Ethics Act and various legislative provisions, S.Q. 2021, c. 31, provide for an obligation to incorporate, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, a fund reserved for the financing of election expenses;

**WHEREAS** the fund must be sufficient to cover the cost of the next general election;

**FOR THESE REASONS, COUNCIL DECREES AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. RESERVE CREATION**

Council is authorized to establish a financial reserve for municipal elections in the amount of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000).

The Council shall be authorized, when it makes payment of the expenditure provided for in this Bylaw, to continue to allocate this reserve to the amount provided for in the first sub paragraph.

**2. RESERVE OBJECTIVES**

This reserve is established for the purpose of financing expenses related to the holding of by-elections or general elections.

For the purposes of these bylaw, authorized expenditures include, but are not limited to, the remuneration of election officers, expenses related to the preparation of the list of electors, the purchase of election materials, reimbursement of election expenses and any expenses necessary to hold an election.

### 3. RESERVE ALLOCATION

This reserve is created for the benefit of the entire territory of the Town.

### 4. RESERVE PERIOD

This reserve has an indefinite duration given its nature.

### 5. METHOD OF FUNDING

This reserve is financed in part by an allocation of \$2,500 from the general fund provided for in the 2022 budget (account # 02-120-20-141-20) and by an allocation of \$7,500 from the unallocated surplus of the Town.

### 6. USE OF RESERVE

The municipal Council, by resolution, shall allocate an amount of the financial reserve to the budget for the financing of an expenditure under this Bylaw.

### 7. INTERESTS

Interest from the financial reserve is appropriated as ordinary income in the year in which it is earned. Any excess of income over expenditure, if any, will remain in the reserve for future use

### 8. SURPLUS OF THE RESERVE

Any surplus of income over expenditure, if any, will remain in the reserve for future use.

### 9. ENTRY INTO FORCE

This by-law shall enter into force in accordance with the law.

*(original signed) Luc Trépanier*

*(original signed) Martin Paul Gélinas*

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Luc Trépanier, Mayor

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Martin Paul Gélinas,  
Secretary-Treasurer

<b>Procédure d'entrée en vigueur</b>	
Avis de motion	November 12th, 2022
Adoption du règlement	
Entrée en vigueur	