

# Town of WESTLOCK

# Bylaw 2023-14

## BEING A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF WESTLOCK IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING CROSSWALKS AND FLAGS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE TOWN.

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, the Council may pass a bylaw respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property; people, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public; and the enforcement of bylaws, and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 232 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, Electors may petition for a new bylaw, and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 234 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, a public vote bylaw is a bylaw that Council was required to pass as a result of a vote of the electors, and

**WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 240 (1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, Chapter M-26, R.S.A. 2000, and amendments thereto, a bylaw or resolution that Council was required to pass as a result of a vote of the electors may be amended or repealed only if, a vote of the electors is held on the proposed amendment or repeal and the majority of the electors voting vote in favour of the proposed amendment or repeal; three years have passed from the date that the bylaw or resolution was passed and the proposed amendment or repeal is advertised, or, ten years have passed from the date that the bylaw or resolution was passed.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Town of Westlock Council enacts as follows:

### 1. SHORT TITLE

- 1.1 This Bylaw may be cited as the "Crosswalk-Flagpole Bylaw."

### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Act** means the Municipal Governments Act C. M-26 RSA 2000 as amended or replaced.
- 2.2. **Chief Administrative Officer** or **CAO** means the person appointed as chief administrative officer of the Town of Westlock or his/her designate.
- 2.3. **Council** means the municipal Council for the Town of Westlock.
- 2.4. **Crosswalk** means (a) that part of a Municipal Road at an intersection included within the lateral line of the Sidewalks on opposite sides of the Municipal Road measured from the Curbs or in the absence of Curbs, from the edges of the Municipal Road; or (b) any part of a Municipal Road at an Intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for Pedestrian crossing by signs, by lines or by other markings on the road surface.
- 2.5. **Municipal Road** means a road as defined in the Act and which is under the direction, control and management of the Town.

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- 2.6. **Town** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Westlock or the geographical area within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Westlock, as the context may require.

### 3. CROSSWALKS AND FLAGS

- 3.1. Crosswalks will only be painted in the standard white striped pattern (Continental, or ladder) between two parallel lines.
- 3.2. Only the national flag of Canada, provincial flag of Alberta, or Town of Westlock flags are raised on flagpoles on public property or facilities.
- 3.3. There will be no decorations on Town Crosswalks or displaying of flags supporting political, social, or religious movements or commercial entities.
- 3.4. No grandfathering of any existing crosswalks or flags that contravene this bylaw will be authorized.

### 4. SEVERABILITY

- 4.1. Should any provision of this Bylaw be invalid, then such invalid provision shall be severed, and the remaining Bylaw shall be maintained.

### 5. EFFECTIVE

- 5.1. This Bylaw shall take come into force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ a first time this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023

Vote of Electors on this Bylaw was held this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024

READ a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

READ a third time and passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

Signed by Deputy Mayor and CAO this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

  
Jon Kramer, MAYOR

  
Simone Wiley, CAO