## Village of Longview

## Planning and Development Public Hearing Electronic Meeting Bylaw No. 478-25

A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF LONGVIEW IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, FOR THE PURPOSE TO PROVIDE COUNCIL, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, STAFF, DELEGATIONS AND THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 199(2) of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter M26* (hereinafter called the "Act") as amended, a council must by bylaw provide for public hearings under Part 17 to be conducted with electronic participation options.

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Council of the Village of Longview duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. This bylaw shall be cited as the "Planning and Development Public Hearing Electronic Meeting Bylaw No. 478-25".
- 2. A Public Hearing for a planning and development matter under Part 17 of the Act shall include electronic options for public participation, including the use of telephone and/or online options.
- 3. A member of Council, Administration, or Village service provider may attend a Public Hearing for a planning and development matter through an electronic option.
- 4. A Council member attending a Public Hearing for a planning and development matter via electronic option is deemed to be present at the meeting for whatever period of time the connection via electronic option remains active.
- 5. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, or Presiding Officer shall announce to those in attendance at the Public Hearing for a planning and development matter if a Council member is attending the meeting by means of electronic option.
- 6. Electronic attendance options for Public Hearings for a planning and development matter shall be included in the corresponding public hearing notice, shall be prominently posted on the Village website, and shall be prominently displayed at the Village office.
- 7. Any audio or video recordings of the public hearing shall not be permitted unless explicitly approved by the Council at that Public Hearing meeting.
- 8. If any provision of the bylaw is deemed invalid, then such provision shall be severed, and the remaining bylaw shall be maintained.

9. This bylaw comes into force and effect upon the date of third reading and being signed.

**READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025.

**UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED,** Council of the Village of Longview will proceed to  $3^{\rm rd}$  Reading.

**UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, READ** a third time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer