**BYLAW NO. 9/23 A BYLAW FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
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**Records Retention and Disposal Schedule**

1. **ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| * 1. **Accounts Payable** (includes billing, payments, overdue accounts, invoices, receipts, payment vouchers, receipt duplicates, related correspondence, etc.)
 | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| * 1. **Accounts Receivable** (includes receipt records, write-offs, invoices, vouchers, related correspondence, etc.)
 | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.3 **Annual Financial Statements** | **PERMANENT** as per legislation | **PERMANENT** as per legislation |
| * 1. **Audits and Compliance Reviews** (auditor recommendations, reports, etc.)
 | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| * 1. **Bank Accounts** (includes records related to termination and establishment of bank accounts, deposit slips, cancelled cheques, passbooks, bank statements, reconciliation, deposit books, cheque stubs/duplicates, etc.)
 | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.6 **Budget** (as part of the minutes) | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |
| 1.7 **Budget Related Reports** | **7 years**  | **Dispose** |
| 1.8 **Cash Payments and Receipts** (includes cash payments books, print-outs, cash reports & summaries, register tapes, etc.) | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.9 **Debentures/Loans** (includes registers, coupons, etc.) | **7 years after final payment** | **Dispose** |
| 1.10 **Federal/Provincial Remittances** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |

1. **ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE *(cont’d)***

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 1.11 **Grants** (includes applications and supporting documentation) | **7 years after completion of project, activity, task, etc. or rejection ofapplication** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 1.12 **Investment Records**  | **7 years after maturity of financial instruments** | **Dispose** |
| 1.13 **Ledgers/Journals** (includes general ledgers, subsidiary ledgers, ledger cards, reports, journals, etc.) | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.14 **Local Improvement Roll** | **7 years after completion of project** | **Dispose** |
| 1.15 **Monthly Financial Statements** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.16 **Requisition/Purchase Orders** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 1.17 **Tax Roll/Assessment Roll** (i.e. hard copy of year-end print out) | **PERMANENT** as per legislation | **PERMANENT** as per legislation |
| 1.18 **Utility Documents** (includes water and sewer cards and ledgers, utilities tax roll, etc.) | **7 years**  | **Dispose** |

1. **ADMINISTRATION**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| * 1. **Agreements/Contracts and Supporting Documentation** (pertaining to land, buildings, properties, structures, etc. owned by the municipality including construction agreements/contracts, etc.)
 | **10 years after disposition of building, property or structure** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 2.2 **Agreements/Contracts and Supporting Documentation** (not related to land, buildings, properties, etc.) | **7 years after termination of agreement/contract** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 2.3 **Appeals** (under *The Planning and Development Act, 1983)* | **7 years after final decision rendered** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 2.4 **Celebrations and Events** | **3 years after concluded** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 2.5 **Cemetery Records** | **PERMANENT** as per Legislation | **PERMANENT** as per Legislation |
| 2.6 **Change of Ownership Documents** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 2.7 **First Nations Consultations** | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |
| 2.8 **Inquiries** (under *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)* | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 2.9 **Insurance Policies – Liability** (may be required if there is a liability claim in the future) | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |

1. **ADMINISTRATION *(cont’d)***

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 2.10 **Insurance Policies – Property** (includes insurance claims) | **7 years after termination/cancellation of policy**  | **Dispose** |
| 2.11 **Photographs** | **When obsolete contact the Archives** | **Contact the Archives. Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 2.12 **Public Notice Documentation** | **2 years after event for which notice was given** | **Dispose** |
| 2.13 **Records Disposal Documentation** | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |
| 2.14 **Tax Assessment Appeals** | **7 years after final decision rendered** | **Dispose** |
| 2.15 **Tax Assessment Records** (assessor’s valuation records, reassessment sheets, etc.) | **3 years after superseded by new assessment or obsolete** | **Dispose** |
| 2.16 **Tax Certificates** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 2.17 **Tax and Assessment Undelivered Notices** (Where a notice is undelivered or returned due to an unknown address the notice shall be retained) (Section 216 & 268 *The Municipalities Act*) | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 2.18 **Tax Enforcement Records** (includes tax lien withdrawals, etc.) | **7 years after tax title property sold or property disposed of in any manner** | **Dispose** |

**2. ADMINSTRATION *(cont’d*)**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 2.19 **Other Enforcement Records** (includes weed control & pest control records) | **7 years after settlement** | **Dispose** |
| 2.20 **Water Analysis and Reports** (may be required if there is a liability claim in the future) | **25 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |

1. **ELECTION**

Records included in this section are governed by *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* and *The Municipalities Act*. Where specific retention requirements are identified in the legislation, relevant sections in the acts are indicated. **Unless otherwise specified, all records are retained for “after election day” plus number indicated below.**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 3.1 **Ballots**  | **3 months** (142 *Local Government Election Act, 2015-LGEA*) | **Dispose** |
| 3.2 **Disclosure of Holdings** (includes public disclosure statements) | **Term Office (4 years)**  | **Dispose** |
| 3.3 **Declaration of Agent/Friend** | **3 months**  | **Dispose** |
| 3.4 **Declaration of Polls** | **3 months** (142 LGEA) | **Dispose** |
| 3.5 **Deputy Returning Officer Statement of Results**  | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |

 **3. ELECTION *(cont’d*)**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 3.6 **Nominations and Receipts** | **Term of Office (4 years)** (69(6) LGEA) | **Dispose** |
| 3.7 **Oaths of Office** | **Term of Office** | **Dispose** |
| 3.8 **Returning Officer’s Summary of Results** | **PERMANENT or contact the Archives** | **PERMANENT or contact the Archives** |
| 3.9 **Poll Books** | **3 months** (142 LGEA) | **Dispose** |
| 3.10 **Voters’ List** | **Contact the Archives** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 3.11 **Voters’ Registration Forms** | **3 months** (142 LGEA) | **Dispose** |
| 3.12 **Ballot Box Contents (includes ballots, registration forms, etc.)** | **3 months** (142 LGEA) | **Dispose** |
| 3.13 **List of Assessed Owners (Rural Municipalities Only)** | **Until replaced pursuant to Section 40 LGEA** | **Dispose** |

1. **EMPLOYEE – EMPLOYER**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 4.1 **Employee Records** (includes time cards, pay records, etc. | **10 years after termination of employment** | **Dispose** |
| 4.2 **Income Tax** (T4s, TD1s, etc.) | **7 years** | **Dispose** |

1. **LEGAL**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 5.1 **Minister’s Orders** | **PERMANENT** as per Legislation | **PERMANENT** as per Legislation |
| 5.2 **Claim’s** (includes notices of claim, statements of claim, etc.  | **10 years after settlement** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon Archives recommendation** |
| 5.3 **Petitions** | **7 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendations** |
| 5.4 **Writs** | **10 years after expiration or completion** | **Dispose** |

1. **LICENCES AND PERMITS**

**6.1 Licences and Permits Issued by Municipalities**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 6.1.1 **Building Permits** (includes supporting documentation) | **After rejection of permit or life of building/structure plus 10 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 6.1.2 **Development Permits** (includes supporting documentation) | **25 years after superseded** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 6.1.3 **Development Permits – Denied** | **10 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 6.1.4 **Development Permits – Register** | **PERMANENT** | **PERMANENT** |
| 6.1.5 **Other Permits** (not related to land, buildings, structures, development projects) | **3 years after expiration/termination or rejection of permit** | **Dispose** |
| 6.1.6 **Licences** (includes supporting documentation) | **7 years after termination/expiration or rejection of licence** | **Dispose** |

**6.2 Licences and Permits Issued to Municipalities**

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| 6.2.1 **Licences and Permits** (related to land, buildings, structures, properties) | **Upon rejection of permit/licence or life time of structure, building, property plus 10 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 6.2.2 **Licences and Permits** (not related to land, buildings, structures and development projects) | **7 years after expiration/termination or rejection of licence or permit** | **Dispose** |

1. **MAPS, PLANS AND SURVEYS**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 7.1 **Architect’s Drawings** (buildings, park sites, structures, etc.) | **Life time of facility/structure plus 10 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 7.2 **Municipal Maps and Plans** | **Original or one selected copy to be retained permanently** | **PERMANENT or contact the Archives Dispose copies only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 7.3 **Road Surveys**  | **7 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |
| 7.4 **Land Surveys Certificates / Surveyor’s Reports** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |

1. **MINUTES AND BYLAWS**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 8.1 **Council Minutes** (includes original bylaws, active and repealed) | **PERMANENT** as per legislation | **PERMANENT** as per Legislation |
| 8.2 **Repealed Bylaws** (includes certified copies that may be retained in Repealed Bylaw Registers) | **7 years** | **Dispose** |
| 8.3 **Bylaw Registers (active and repealed)** | **PERMNENT** | **PERMANENT** |

 **9. REPORTS AND STATISTICS**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 9.1 **Reports of Boards and Committees established by Council** (not forming part of council minutes) | **7 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendations** |
| 9.1 **Vital Statistics** | **7 years** | **Dispose** |

1. **ROADS AND STREETS**

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| **RECORDS** | **RETENTION PERIOD** | **DISPOSAL RECOMMENDATION** |
| 10.1 **Road Maintenance Records (includes reports)** (may be required if there is a liability claim in the future) | **25 years** | **Contact the Archives Dispose only upon the Archives recommendation** |