

Notice of Special General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors has called a Special General Meeting scheduled for March 12, 2021 where Supplemental Bylaw No.8 will be presented. Complete details regarding Supplemental Bylaw No. 8 can be found on the reverse side of this newsletter.

The intent and rationale of the Special General Meeting is only to pass the standardized Supplemental Bylaw (drafted by Rural Utilities) allowing for alternative methods of voting to conduct the legislated business of the REA without the need to meet-in person.

Based on current health protocols and meeting attendance restrictions, the Special General Meeting (to be held virtually-online) shall only be attended by West Wetaskiwin REA's elected Board of Directors who shall constitute quorum for the purpose of the vote as per s.6 (3) b of the Rural Utilities Regulation, Schedule 3.

This Bylaw is not intended as an ongoing replacement for in-person member meetings; rather it is a necessary amendment to accommodate legislated member engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic and may be rescinded at a later date when in-person group events are permitted once again.

As the Supplemental Bylaw reflects the minimum criteria to be compliant with legislation and cannot be altered in any way, Rural Utilities has committed to work diligently to expedite the approval process.

Upon the approval of Supplemental Bylaw No.8, West Wetaskiwin REA will develop a set of policies and procedures to accommodate the chosen alternative method of voting that ensures the rights of members are recognized and protected. More detail will be provided as we begin to make arrangements for our Annual General Meeting.



If any member has questions regarding Supplemental Bylaw No. 8, you may contact the REA office or one of our Directors. Director contact information is located on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com <Power Points>.

Regulated Rate Option



The Regulated Rate Option (RRO) may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather is a default rate. If you do not have a contract with an electricity retailer, then you are on the RRO. For February 2021, the RRO is priced at \$0.08558 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed orange bill. For March 2021, the Battle River Power Coop monthly RRO billing rate is \$0.06763.

For power troubles or service requests, contact: FortisAlberta (the distribution system operator for West Wetaskiwin REA): Toll-free: 1-855-333-9473 or 780-310-9473

For REA inquiries contact:
West Wetaskiwin REA
R.R. #1 Station Main,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 1W8
Phone: 780-335-9378 (WEST)
E-mail: westwet@telus.net
www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

For billing or account inquiries contact:
Battle River Power Coop
Box 1420
Camrose, Alberta T4V 1X3
Toll-free: 1-877-428-3972
E-mail: brpc@brpower.coop
www.brpower.coop

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

Information on West Wetaskiwin REA's Code of Conduct Regulation Compliance Plan can be found on our website: www.westwetaskiwinrea.com

West Wetaskiwin REA - Supplemental Bylaw No. 8

The Bylaws of the REA shall be amended by passing Supplemental Bylaw No. 8 as follows.

General

- (1) Any member of West Wetaskiwin REA who is in good standing shall have the right to vote at any general meeting of the association by mail-in ballot or electronic means according to association policy and procedures for alternative methods of voting.
 - (a) each member in good standing has one vote, regardless of the number of utility service contracts held by the member;
 - (b) no member may vote by proxy;
 - (c) members will be verified through a unique member number only; votes will be gathered in a manner that ensures anonymity of the member;
 - (d) an impartial scrutineer, publically identified by the association board, will be responsible for securely receiving, counting, and recording all ballots received by alternative voting means; and
 - (e) tallied votes will be presented to membership without the identity of the members and how the members voted being disclosed.

Mail-in Voting

- (2) For mail-in voting, members must:
 - (a) pre-register in advance of the general meeting in order to receive a declaration form and a numbered paper ballot or ballots detailing the vote or votes to be held at the meeting,
 - (b) the ballot or ballots will be identified by a unique member number only.
- (3) A valid ballot shall be processed if:
 - (a) the separate declaration form is signed only by a member eligible to vote, and
 - (b) received within 10 business days of the date of the general or special meeting of the association.
- (4) Mail-in ballot(s) may be returned either by mail to the address provided in the voting package or in person at the association's registered office.

Electronic Voting

- (5) Members wanting to participate virtually and cast votes by electronic means must pre-register with the association to do so.
- (6) The virtual platform used for electronic voting will:
 - (a) be moderated by either the meeting chair or an individual appointed such duties by the meeting chair,
 - (b) permit all members to communicate freely with each other during the meeting, and
 - (c) permit members to cast votes anonymously to polls presented on screen.
- (7) The association will:
 - (a) create policies and procedures for general meetings that are in line with the selected virtual platform and make these available to membership prior to the meeting,
 - (b) ensure pre-registered members are verified as being members eligible to vote prior to entering the meeting,
 - (c) communicate with all members regarding access and use of the selected platform for the general meeting,
 - (d) allow sufficient time for members to prepare adequately for the general meeting to ensure members are able to access and test the functionality of the selected virtual platform prior to the meeting, and
 - (e) ensure each registered email address receives only one vote per log in for each question that appears on screen. All votes will be kept anonymous.
- (8) A verified member participating in a meeting by such means is deemed present at the meeting.