

**Village of Empress
BYLAW NO. 2022-09**

BEING A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF EMPRESS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO PROVIDE FOR AMOUNTS OWING TO THE MUNICIPALITY TO BE ADDED TO THE PROPERTY TAX ROLE.

WHEREAS; pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, 2022, sections 553(1) and 553.1(1) and amendments thereto;

AND WHEREAS; the Council considers it expedient to do so, to control debts outstanding to the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Empress, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

1. All debts owing to the municipality related to the owner or occupant of a parcel(s) of land within the municipality are considered owed to the municipality by the registered owner of said property.
2. The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to any utility charges imposed and to any services rendered to the owner or occupant of said property.
3. All debts outstanding to the Village of Empress must be added to the tax role if the amount or portion thereof is left outstanding for more than 6 months (180 days), unless a prior arrangement has been made in writing, with the Chief Administrative Officer (Cao), to repay the debt.
4. If there is an outstanding balance on a property's utility account for more than 1 year (365 consecutive days), then the municipal utilities to the property shall be disconnected until payment is made in full or a suitable arrangement is made with the municipality. All disconnect & reconnect fee's will apply.
5. Any properties being sold or transferred will have any outstanding balances transferred to the tax role immediately, regardless of the debt's age.
6. This bylaw and any subsequent amendments to the bylaw shall remain in force from year to year until repealed.

Read a first time this 19th day of October, 2022.

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Presented for third reading this 19th day of October, 2022

Read a third and final time this 19th day of October, 2022.

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Arlen Johnston

Arlen Johnston, Mayor

Gary Peers

Gary Peers, ICAO