# TOWN OF CORONACH

# BYLAW 6.2024 THE UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY BYLAW

The Council of the Town of Coronach in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

### 1. Short Title

This Bylaw may be cited as "The Unclaimed Personal Property Bylaw, 2024."

#### 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the disposition of lost and unclaimed personal property in the possession of the Town.

### 3. Definitions

In this Bylaw:

- a) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Coronach;
- b) "Designated Officer" means a person designated by Council to deal with unclaimed personal property;
- c) "Earlier Owner" means a person who has established a claim to the personal property prior to that of the Town or the Owner, but does not include an Owner;
- d) "Owner" means a person who obtains unclaimed personal property from the Town; and,
- e) "Town" means the Town of Coronach.

## 4. Application

This Bylaw shall apply to all unclaimed personal property in the possession of the Town.

### 5. Notice to Earlier Owner

The Chief Administrative Officer shall provide a registered letter to the Earlier Owner requesting removal of any personal belongings left at the property. The letter shall include thirty (30) days' notice for removal of the items, from the date the letter was mailed. If the personal belongings are not removed within the date stated in the letter, the Town will proceed with further disposal measures as outlined in this Bylaw.

# 6. Retention of Unclaimed Property

The Town of Coronach shall retain all unclaimed personal property in its possession for one (1) year, except as provided for in Section 6.

# 7. Perishable Property

Any perishable unclaimed property in the Town's possession may be disposed of as soon as practicable after the property is received by the Town.

#### 8. Disposal of Unclaimed Personal Property

If personal property is not claimed within the time limit specified in Section 5, it becomes the property of the Town, and the Town may dispose of the property:

- a) By utilizing the items for Town buildings;
- b) By donating the items to any non-profit organization or local community group;

- c) By offering the items for sale by public tender; or,
- d) By offering the items for sale at public auction.

The method of disposal will begin at Section 7(a) and proceed downward to 7(d) as the last option.

Any personal property for sale by public tender or for sale by public auction pursuant to Section 7(c) and 7(d) above, that is not tendered or sold may be disposed of in any manner that a Designated Officer may direct.

A person who acquires personal property from the Town becomes the Owner of the personal property.

If no claim is made for the proceeds of the sale of the personal property within one year of the date of the sale, the proceeds of the same form part of the general revenues of the Town.

## 9. Claim by Earlier Owner

If the Earlier Owner of the personal property makes a claim for the property within one year from the date of the sale of the property, the claim of the Earlier Owner is a claim for the proceeds of the sale, and the Town shall pay the proceeds of the sale to the Earlier Owner of the property, less any costs incurred by the Town, including costs for hauling, storage, necessary expenses, and costs of the sale.

The person who buys unclaimed personal property by way of public tender or a public auction is the Owner of that property.

### 10. Appointment of Designated Officers

The following persons are appointed as Designated Officers for the purposes of this Bylaw:

- a) Chief Administrative Officer:
- b) Public Works Foreman; and,
- c) Bylaw Commissionaire or Bylaw Officer.

A Designated Officer is authorized to further delegate their powers or duties under this Bylaw to an employee or agent of the Town or of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

### 11. Coming Into Force

This bylaw shall come into force on the day of its final passing.

Read a first time this <u>10<sup>th</sup> day of Prember</u>, 2024.

Read a second time this 10th day of December, 2024.

Read a third time and adopted this 10th day of December, 2024

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Mayor, Calvin (Cal) Martin

Chief Administrative Officer, Renea Paridaen