



**TOWN OF CARDSTON
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

BYLAW 1723

CIVIC NEUTRALITY

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A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF CARDSTON IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO MAINTAIN IMPARTIALITY IN THE VISUAL DISPLAYS AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.

WHEREAS, under the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26 and its amendments, the objectives of municipalities are confined to delivering good governance, advancing environmental responsibility, supporting economic progress, providing essential services, ensuring safety, and promoting collaboration between municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a municipality to pass bylaws respecting people, activities and things in, on or near a public place or place that is open to the public;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Cardston, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

PART I – TITLE, PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

TITLE

- 1)** This Bylaw shall be known as the “Civic Neutrality Bylaw” of the Town of Cardston.

PURPOSE

- 2)** The Purpose of this Bylaw is to maintain impartiality in the visual displays and official statements of the Municipality of the Town of Cardston.

DEFINITIONS

- 3)** In this Bylaw:
 - (a)** “Act” means the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.M-26, or as amended, enacted or modified from time to time.
 - (b)** “Council” means the municipal council of the Town of Cardston.
 - (c)** “Declaration” means a formal, public statement or expression of opinion, position, or endorsement regarding a specific cause, issue, or movement; including but not limited to resolutions of council, letters of support, written statements, or social media posts.



- (d)** “Decorations” means any decorative or artistic items or illustrations.
- (e)** “Marking Guide” means the *Alberta Highway Pavement Marking Guide, Second Edition*, as updated or amended from time to time.
- (f)** “Municipal Building” means buildings and any structures incidental to those buildings owned by the Town.
- (g)** “Municipal Facilities” means infrastructure, improvements, and equipment, on, over, or under Municipal Land or in Municipal Buildings owned, maintained, or operated by the Town for public use or municipal purposes.
- (h)** “Municipal Land” means land owned by the Town and includes any vegetation on the land.
- (i)** “Municipal Road” means land located within the Town
 - i.** shown as a road on a plan of survey that has been filed or registered in a land titles office, or
 - ii.** used as a public road.
 and includes a bridge forming part of a public road and any structure incidental to a public road including sidewalks.
- (j)** “Public Property” means all Municipal Land, Municipal Roads, Municipal Buildings, Municipal Facilities, and any other real or personal property owned by or under the control of the Town.
- (k)** “Town” means the municipal corporation of the Town of Cardston or the geographical area within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Cardston, as the context may require.

RULES FOR INTERPRETATION

- 4)** In this Bylaw:
 - (a)** Where this Bylaw refers to another act, bylaw, regulation or agency, it includes reference to any act, bylaw, regulation or agency that may be substituted therefore.
 - (b)** Every provision of this Bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions of this Bylaw shall remain valid and enforceable.



- (c) All references in this Bylaw will be read with such changes in number and gender as may be appropriate according to whether the reference is to a male or female person, or a corporation or partnership.

PART II – VISUAL DISPLAYS & OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

FLAGS

- 5) Only the following flags may be raised on municipal flagpoles or otherwise displayed on or in Municipal Buildings or Municipal Facilities:
 - (a) The National Flag of Canada, the flag of Alberta, and the flag of the Town of Cardston;
 - (b) The official flags of Cardston County, Blood 148 Indian Reserve, and the Blackfoot Confederacy.
 - (c) Flags associated with Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Veteran Associations, or first responders.
 - (d) The official flag of a country other than Canada.

ROAD MARKINGS

- 6) Traverse markings on Municipal Roads shall be in conformity with and limited to those set out in subsections C3.2, C3.3, and C3.4 of the Marking Guide.
- 7) The use of symbols and words on Municipal Roads shall be in conformity with and limited to those set out in section C4 of the Marking Guide.
- 8) No other marking, symbol, word, or Decoration may be applied to a Municipal Road.

DECLARATIONS

- 9) Council shall make no Declarations except those which relate to issues or causes that directly affect or have the potential to directly affect the Town's property, operations, or service provision.

PART III – ENFORCEMENT

REMEDIES

- 10) In the event of a contravention of this Bylaw, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or their designate is authorized to remove any non-compliant items from Public Property, with any costs incurred by the Town in removing the items constituting a debt owing to the Town



PART IV – COMING INTO FORCE

EFFECTIVE DATE **11)** This Bylaw shall come in force upon the date of its third and final reading.

Received First Reading this 23 day of September, 2025

Received Second Reading this 23 day of September, 2025

Received Third & Final Reading this 23 day of September, 2025

Signed by the Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer this 24 day of September, 2025

TOWN OF CARDSTON

MAYOR – *Maggie Kronen*

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER – *Jeff Shaw*

