

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHROY-CARADOC

BY-LAW NO. 39-26

A BY-LAW TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR CERTAIN ACTS DURING A "LAME DUCK" PERIOD

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 5(1)*, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 5(3)*, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity rights, powers and privileges under section 9; shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275*, as amended, restricts acts that a Council can take after Nomination Day (August 21, 2026) and after Voting Day (October 26, 2026) if the Council is in a lame duck position;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275(3)*, as amended, restricts Council from taking action on the following:

- the appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
- the hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
- the disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal; and
- incurring any expenditures or liabilities which exceeds \$50,000;

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275(6)*, as amended, states that nothing in this section prevents any person or body exercising any authority of a municipality that is delegated to the person or body prior to nomination day for the election of the new Council;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the "Lame Duck" period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHROY-CARADOC AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT:** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc hereby delegates authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275*, as amended, between Nomination Day and commencement of the Council Terms as follows:
 - a) The CAO be delegated authority as the financial signing authority for expenditures, outside the current budget, exceeding \$50,000;
 - b) That the CAO be delegated the authority to execute the agreement of

Purchase and Sale, pertaining to the disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal for the acquisition of property;

- c) The CAO be delegated the authority to hire or remove any officer or employee to/from employment with the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc.
2. **THAT:** the CAO will report to Council on any actions taken under the restrictions listed in the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275*, as amended, between Nomination Day and the commencement of the Council Term.
 3. **THAT:** this by-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passing thereof in accordance with the provisions in the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 275*, as amended.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME this 4th day of May, 2026.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED in Open Council this 4th day of May, 2026.

Colin Grantham, Mayor

Jennifer Pereira, Clerk