



**BY-LAW NUMBER XXX-2024
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

BEING a By-law to authorize the execution of the Spruce Lodge Long Term Care Cost Apportionment Agreement with The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and The Corporation of the County of Perth from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028.

WHEREAS by various previous agreements commencing in 1896, Perth and Stratford agreed to operate what is now known as Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged situated at 643 West Gore Street in the City of Stratford, Province of Ontario, ("Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged"), which is a long-term care home pursuant to the provisions of the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, S.O. 2021, c. 39, Sched. 1 (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS in 1978 Perth and Stratford deemed it in the public interest to permit St. Marys to join in the operation of Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged and to purchase an interest in the capital assets of Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged at that time;

AND WHEREAS Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged is an approved long term care home jointly operated by Perth, Stratford and St. Marys;

AND WHEREAS the Act requires that every southern municipality that is an upper or single tier, which includes Perth, Stratford and St. Marys, to establish and maintain a municipal home which includes establishing a joint home such as Spruce Lodge Home for the Aged;

AND WHEREAS no agreement may be entered into by Perth, Stratford, and St. Marys to establish a municipal joint home without the approval in writing of the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, or if the responsibility for the administration of the Act has been assigned to another Minister under the Executive Council Act, to the assigned Minister ("Minister");

AND WHEREAS in 2017, the Parties entered into a cost apportionment agreement (the "2017 Agreement"), which automatically renewed in 2024, and which continues until December 31, 2025, subject to provisions on negotiation and renewal;

AND WHEREAS subject to Ministerial approval, the Parties wish to terminate the 2017 Agreement and replace it with a new Agreement;

AND WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the Spruce Lodge Long Term Care Cost Apportionment Agreement dated the 1st day January, 2026 between The Corporation of the City of Stratford, The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and The Corporation of the County of Perth from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028, be entered into and the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be and the same are hereby authorized to execute the said agreement on behalf of and for this Corporation and to affix the corporate seal thereto.
2. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect as of January 1, 2026.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and
FINALLY PASSED this 2nd day of July, 2024.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe