



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

BEING a By-law to authorize the entering into and execution of a Dark Fibre Lease Agreement with Festival Hydro Services Inc. operating as Rhyzome Networks.

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

AND WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that the powers of a municipality under this or any other Act, shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the Festival Hydro Services Inc. operating as Rhyzome Networks wish to enter into a Dark Fibre Lease Agreement for the lease of certain dedicated optical fibre for use;

AND WHEREAS the term of the agreement shall be for a ten-year period to January 1, 2034, with an option to renew for an additional one-year period;

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

1. That the Dark Fibre Lease Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and Festival Hydro Services Inc. operating as Rhyzome Networks 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.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 25th day of November, 2024.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe