



**BY-LAW NUMBER XXX-2025
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

BEING a By-law to authorize the entering into and execution of an Extension Agreement to the Local Partnership Agreement with The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and The Corporation of the Municipality of North Perth for the Intercommunity Transportation Project (PC Connect) to December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS Section 8.(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended*, (“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 natural persons for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 10(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has established the Community Transportation Grant Program (the “**Program**”) to fund municipalities to plan, implement and operate intercommunity and local transportation projects;

AND WHEREAS the City applied and was successful in obtaining funding from the Program and entered into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province to assist the Parties in carrying out the intermodal transportation project (the “**Funding**”);

AND WHEREAS the transportation project will provide inter-regional bus service from Stratford, St. Marys and the community of Listowel located in North Perth to the agreed upon intermodal transportation hubs located in the Cities of Kitchener and London (the “**Intermodal Transportation Project**”);

AND WHEREAS the Intermodal Transportation Project will enable passengers to access business activities, hospital and medical appointments, government agencies and services, shopping, industry and employment in the City, St. Marys and North Perth and enhance regional transportation links located across Southwestern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Intermodal Transportation Project established a regional intermodal service relying on scheduled bus runs to connect the Perth County transportation hubs of the City, the community of Listowel in North Perth, and St.

Marys to intermodal services in the Cities of London and Kitchener ("**Service Delivery Area**");

AND WHEREAS the City shall be responsible for overseeing and managing the Intermodal Transportation Project in accordance with the Transfer Payment Agreement and this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the service launch date for the Intermodal Transportation Project was November 16, 2020, with the end date projected to be March 31, 2025, in accordance with the Provincial Payment with the specific dates to be determined and in accordance with the Funding;

AND WHEREAS the City, St. Marys and North Perth previously entered into a Transit Agreement, dated September 21, 2020, amended September 12, 2023, and the Parties wish to enter into an extension to the Transit Agreement amending the expiry date, and other administrative amendments;

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

1. That the Extension Agreement to the Local Partnership Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford, The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys, and The Corporation of the Municipality of North Perth for the Intercommunity Transportation Project (PC Connect) to December 31, 2025; be entered into and the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be and are hereby authorized to execute the said Extension 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 24th day of February, 2025.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Deputy Clerk – Audrey Pascual