



**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 a Community Transportation Service Agreement Extension with 947465 Ontario Ltd. o/a Voyago for the provision of an inter-regional community bus transportation service until the end of 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 City established an inter-regional community bus transportation service ("Service") between the City, Town of St. Marys, the Kitchener-Waterloo, the Municipality of North Perth, and the City of London (collectively referred to as "Area Communities");

AND WHEREAS the goal of the City's Service is to offer scheduled, fixed-route transportation at an affordable price to workers, students and members of the general public allowing area residents and visitors to easily travel to and from the Area Communities;

AND WHEREAS the City applied for and received funding from the Province of Ontario to establish the Service until December 31, 2025;

AND WHEREAS Voyago has been in the business of providing passenger transportation services including but not limited to bus services in and between numerous municipalities situated throughout Canada and in the area including but not limited to the provision of dedicated and custom shuttles to health care facilities, universities, colleges and other institutions and private sector clients;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford and with 947465 Ontario Ltd. o/a Voyago entered into an Agreement in 2021 for the provision of an inter-regional community bus transportation service;

AND WHEREAS the City wishes to continue the Service until the end of December 31, 2025;

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

1. That the Community Transportation Service Agreement Extension between 947465 Ontario Ltd. o/a Voyago and The Corporation of the City of Stratford, for the provision of an inter-regional community bus transportation service until the end of December 31, 2025, be entered into and the Mayor and Clerk or their respective delegates are hereby authorized to execute the said Agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Stratford 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