



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

BEING a By-law to authorize the execution of an extension to the Lease Agreement with The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada for the lease of certain lands at 270 Water Street, more commonly known as the Discovery Centre (former Teacher’s College), to December 31, 2026.

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 a natural person 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 Corporation of the City of Stratford is the owner of the lands and premises municipally described as 270 Water Street, and commonly known as “the Discovery Centre (former Teacher’s College)”;

AND WHEREAS by Agreement dated May 1, 2022, The Corporation of the City of Stratford agreed to lease the subject lands to The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada (“Stratford Festival”) for the purpose of operating the Discovery Centre (former Teacher’s College) for a period of one (1) year from May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, with the provision for a one (1) year extension;

AND WHEREAS the lease of the subject lands to the Stratford Festival was extended to April 30, 2025 by Agreement dated December 31, 2023 and to December 31, 2025 by Agreement dated April 16, 2025;

AND WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of City of Stratford deems it desirable to further extend the Lease Agreement with the Stratford Festival for the continued lease of certain lands at 270 Water Street, known as the Discovery Centre (former Teacher’s College), to December 31, 2026;

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

1. That the Lease Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada for the lease of lands at 270 Water Street to December 31, 2026, 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 14th day of July, 2025.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Deputy Clerk – Audrey Pascual