



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

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BEING a By-law to authorize the execution of an extension to the Lease Agreement with The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada for the use of the Queen Street parking lot to December 31, 2026.

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**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 legally described as Part of Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 both inclusive and Part of Lot G, Plan 104 and more commonly known as the "Queen Street parking lot";

**WHEREAS** by Agreement dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014, the City agreed to lease to The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada ("Stratford Festival") such lands for use as a parking lot;

**AND WHEREAS** by Agreement dated August 8, 2018, May 1, 2022, December 31, 2024, and April 16, 2025 the Stratford Festival and the City agreed to renew the lease under similar terms and conditions in the expired Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford deems it desirable to enter into a further extension to the Lease Agreement with the Stratford Festival for use of the Queen Street parking lot to December 31, 2026;

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

1. That the extension to the Lease Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and The Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada with respect to the use of the Queen Street parking lot described as Part of Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 both inclusive and Part of Lot G, Plan 104 for Festival Theatre parking as set out in the said agreement 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.

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Mayor – Martin Ritsma

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Deputy Clerk – Audrey Pascual