THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN BY-LAW NO. 2022-06

Being a By-law to authorize an Automatic Recount Policy for the 2022 Election

WHEREAS Elections are to be conducted in a free and fair manner that ensures the certainty of the votes cast as this is a key feature of well-functioning democracy

AND WHEREAS amendments to the Municipal Elections Act has added a provision (Section 56(3) permitting municipalities and school boards to establish policies requiring automatic recounts when the results fall within a threshold established by the policy

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Powassan finds it desirous to provide a clear solution that would identify to candidates and voters the circumstances where a recount will automatically be completed

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

The Clerk shall hold a recount:

- a) of the votes for two or more candidates who receive the same number of votes and cannot both or all be declared elected to the office;
- b) of the votes for two or more candidates who receive within 5 votes of each other and cannot both or all be declared elected to the office;

At the discretion of the Clerk, a recount shall be held,

a) of the votes for two or more candidates who receive within 10 votes of each other and cannot both or all be declared elected to the office.

READ a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on the 15th day of March, 2022; AND **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and passed on April 5, 2022

Mayor

CAO-Clerk