

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN**

**BY-LAW 2022-23**

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Being a By-law to authorize delegated authority during the  
'Lame Duck Period' of Council

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**WHEREAS** Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25 as amended, sets out restricted acts after Nomination Day;

**AND WHEREAS** under the provisions outlined in section 275 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, any administration that will "with certainty" not retain 75 percent of its current members in an upcoming election becomes Lame Duck.

**AND WHEREAS** Council can become Lame Duck during an election year in the following circumstances:

- a) At the close of Nomination Day (August 19, 2022) if 75 percent of the current members of Council are not nominated; and/or
- b) After Election Day (October 24, 2022) if the new Council is not made up of at least 75 percent of the outgoing Council members. (The current Council would sit as Lame Duck through to Inaugural Day)

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c. 25 Section 23.1 (1) provides that a municipality may delegate its powers and authority to a person or body;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c. 25 Section 23.3 (1) provides for restrictions and powers which cannot be delegated;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan deems it desirable to delegate certain authority and powers during the 2022 Municipal Election should Council become Lame Duck;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25 restricts Council from taking action on the following:

- a) The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
- b) The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
- c) The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality, which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal; and
- d) Making any expenditures or incurring any other liability which exceeds \$50,000;

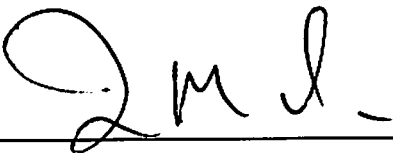
**AND WHEREAS** Section 275 (6) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25 states that nothing in this section prevents any person or body exercising authority of a Municipality that is delegated to the person or body prior to nomination day for the election of the new council;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it expedient to delegate authority to Clerk to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the "Lame Duck" period.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan hereby enacts as follows:


1. That the Clerk be delegated the authority to:
  - (a) approve contracts for projects approved by the Budget and be authorized to sign approved contracts;
  - (b) be the financial signing authority for expenditures, outside the current budget, exceeding \$50,000.00;
  - (c) dispose of any real or personal property of the Municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000.00 when it was acquired by the Municipality;
  - (d) be the authority to hire or remove any officer from/to employment with the Municipality of Powassan;
  
2. **THAT** the Clerk will report to Council on any actions taken under the restrictions listed in Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 between nomination Day and the commencement of the Council Term.
  
3. This Bylaw will only take effect and be limited to the "Lame Duck Period" of Council and shall expire on November 15, 2022

**READ** a **FIRST** time, and considered **READ** a **SECOND** and **THIRD** time and passed as such in open Council this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 for the immediate wellbeing of the Municipality.



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Mayor



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Clerk