



BY – LAW No. 26-31

The Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

A BY-LAW TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR CERTAIN ACTS DURING A “LAME DUCK” PERIOD

WHEREAS Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c 25, as amended (the “Act”) restricts acts that a Council can take after Nomination Day (August 21, 2026) and after Voting Day (October 26, 2026) if the Council is in a lame duck position; and

WHEREAS Section 275 (6) of the Act 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 the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the “Lame Duck” period.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville hereby delegates authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to perform the following duties between Nomination Day and commencement of the 2026-2030 Council term as follows:
 - 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. Disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal;

- d. Making any expenditures or incurring any other liability which exceeds \$50,000;
2. **THAT** these restrictions do not apply to the disposal of real property or to expenditures or liabilities exceeding \$50,000 where budget approval has been obtained before Nomination Day; and
3. **THAT** in addition Section 274 (4.1) clarifies that a Council may take all necessary and appropriate actions in the event of an emergency; and
4. **THAT** the CAO will report to Council on any actions taken under the restrictions listed in Section 275 (3) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 between Nomination Day and the commencement of the 2026-2030 Council Term; and
5. **THAT** this by-law only come into force in the event, when determined by the County Clerk with certainty, that less than 75% of the current members of Counties Council have registered as certified local head of council candidates in the 2026 Municipal Election after Nomination Day or that less than 75% of the current members of Counties Council will be returning as members of Counties Council after Election Day as certified by the local municipal Clerk.
6. **THAT** any by-laws or parts of by-laws contrary to or inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.

By-law read a first, second and third time, and finally passed this 23rd day of April, 2026.

Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

Krystin Stitt, Interim County Clerk