



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH

### BY-LAW NO. 54 OF 2026

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**BEING A BY-LAW TO DELEGATE CERTAIN AUTHORITIES TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
FOR CERTAIN ACTS DURING THE LAME DUCK PERIOD FOR  
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH**

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**WHEREAS** Section 23.1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 states that Council is authorized to delegate certain powers and duties;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 5 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 provides that a Municipality's power shall be exercised by By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 275 of the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25 as amended, 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 Lamé Duck position;

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

- The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
- The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
- The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal; and
- Making any expenditure 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 new Council;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it expedient to delegate authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the Lamé Duck period of August 21, 2026 to November 16, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich enacts as follows:

1. That this By-Law may be cited as the "Restricted Acts of Council (Lamé Duck) Delegation of Authority By-Law."
2. That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich hereby delegates authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to take action, where necessary on restrictions listed in Section 275(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 between August 21, 2026 to November 16, 2026.

3. That said delegation of authority shall only apply if it has been determined by the Clerk, that the Council of the Town of Goderich is subject to the restricted acts provision/is in a Lamé Duck position.
4. That should any authority delegated under this by-law be exercised, the Chief Administrative Officer will provide a formal report on the use (if any) of their delegated authority during the Lamé Duck period.
5. That this By-Law shall come into force and takes effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026.**

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**MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet**

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**CLERK, Andrea Fisher**