

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

BY-LAW 15-2026

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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford

WHEREAS section 23.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes Council to delegate its 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*, restricts Council from taking certain acts 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(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, c.25 restricts Councils 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 expenditure or incurring any other liability which exceeds \$50,000;

AND WHEREAS under section 275(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, nothing prevents any person or body exercising any authority of a municipality that is delegated to the person or body prior to nomination day for the election of the new Council;

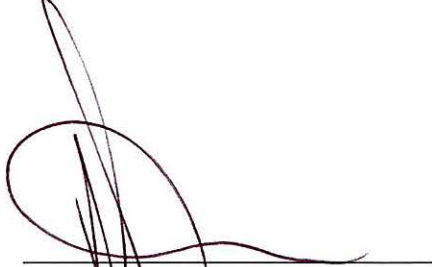
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford deems it expedient to delegate certain duties to the Chief Administrative Officer during that period that Council is restricted in its actions under section 275;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby enacts as follows:


1. THAT this by-law may be cited as the "Restricted Acts of Council (Lame Duck) Delegation of Authority By-law".
2. THAT Council 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 Village of Merrickville-Wolford is subject to the restricted acts provision/is in a 'Lame 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 Lame Duck period.
5. THAT any by-laws or parts of by-laws contrary to or inconsistent with this by-law are hereby repealed.

6. THAT this by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and passed on the 23rd day of March 2026.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk