BYLAW 31-2023 MUNICIPAL WARD BOUNDARIES AND COUNCIL COMPOSITION BYLAW

Strathcona County is established as a specialized municipality under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26 and Order in Council 761/95;

Section 143 of the *Municipal Government Act* states the council of a specialized municipality consists of the number of councillors specified in the order forming it unless, after its formation, council passes a bylaw specifying an odd number of three (3) or more;

Section 148(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* states that unless otherwise provided for in a bylaw under that section, councillors are elected for each ward when a municipality is divided into wards;

Section 148(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states a council may by bylaw, in the case of wards established for a specialized municipality, change the number of wards and their boundaries and may state the number of councillors to be elected for each ward established or changed;

Section 148(4) of the *Municipal Government Act* states a council may by bylaw provide that all councillors are nominated by ward and are councillors for the ward in which they were nominated;

Section 150 of the *Municipal Government Act* states the chief elected official of a specialized municipality is to be elected by a vote of the electors of the municipality or appointed as specified in the order that forms the specialized municipality;

Section 151 of the *Municipal Government Act* states a bylaw passed under sections 143, 148, or 150 of the *Municipal Government Act* must be passed by December 31 of the year before the general election at which it is to take effect;

Section 155 of the *Municipal Government Act* states a councillor is to have the title "councillor" and that council may direct a title appropriate to the office to be used for the chief elected official;

Strathcona County Council is desirous of changing its municipal ward boundaries to take effect for the 2025 general municipal elections;

Council enacts:

PART I - PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS, AND INTERPRETATION

PURPOSE	1. The purpose of this bylaw is to divide Strathcona County into
	wards, establish ward boundaries, and specify the number of
	councillors that will comprise Strathcona County Council.

DEFINITIONS	2. In this Bylaw:		
	(a)	"Councillor" does not include the Mayor;	
	(b)	"Local Authorities Election Act" means the Local Authorities Election Act, RSA 2000, c L-21;	
	(c)	"Mayor" means the chief elected official under the Municipal Government Act;	
	(d)	"Municipal Government Act" means the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-2; and	
	(e)	"Strathcona County" means the municipal corporation of Strathcona County, a specialized municipality established under the authority of the <i>Municipal Government Act</i> and Order in Council 761/95.	
INTERPRETATION	3. The following rules apply to interpretation of this bylaw:		
	(a)	headings, titles, margin notes, and preambles in this bylaw are for ease of reference only;	
	(b)	gender-specific words, phrases, and references are intended to be gender-neutral, and the singular includes the plural as the context requires;	
	(c)	every provision of this bylaw is independent of all other provisions and if any provision of this bylaw is declared invalid by a Court, all other provisions of this bylaw remain valid and enforceable; and	
	(d)	references to bylaws and enactments in this bylaw include amendments and replacement bylaws and enactments, and regulations and order thereunder.	

PART II - COUNCIL COMPOSITION

MAYOR	4. The chief elected official for Strathcona County shall have the title "Mayor".
MEMBERS	5. Strathcona County Council shall be comprised of nine (9) members, consisting of eight (8) Councillors and the Mayor.

TERM	6. The terms of office of the Councillors and the Mayor are governed	
	by the Local Authorities Election Act.	
ELECTION	7. Councillors and the Mayor are to be elected in accordance with the	
	Local Authorities Election Act.	

PART III - WARDS AND WARD BOUNDARIES

WARDS	8. Strathcona County is divided into eight (8) wards.
BOUNDARIES	9. The ward boundaries for each ward in Strathcona County shall be those ward boundaries depicted in the individual ward maps attached as Schedule "A" to this bylaw.
	10. If a highway, street, avenue, lane, road, parkway trail or creek is given as the boundary of a ward, the ward boundary shall be deemed to fall in the centre of such highway, street, avenue, lane, road, parkway trail, or creek.
ONE COUNCILLOR PER WARD	11. A candidate for the office of Councillor shall be nominated for a specific ward, and one (1) Councillor is to be elected in each ward.
MAYOR ELECTED BY ENTIRE MUNICIPALITY	12. The electors of the whole of Strathcona County shall elect one (1) Mayor who shall be elected at-large.
WARD RESIDENCY	13. Ward residency requirements for any person nominated as a candidate for Councillor in the 2025 general municipal election, and all subsequent municipal elections, shall be based on the ward boundaries depicted in the individual ward maps set out in Schedule "A" attached to this bylaw.

PART IV EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF BYLAWS

REPEALS	14. Strathcona County Bylaw 22-2016, the <i>Municipal Ward Boundaries and Council Composition Bylaw</i> , is repealed upon the coming into effect of this bylaw.			
EFFECTIVE DATE	15. This bylaw comes into effect on January 1, 2025 for the 2025 general municipal election.			
FIRST READIN	NG:	-		
SECOND REA	DING:	-		
THIRD READI	NG:	-		
SIGNED THIS	day of, 20	_•		
		MAYOR		
		DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL SERVICES		

SCHEDULE "A" BYLAW 31-2023

Strathcona County ward boundary overview map (one (1) map) Strathcona County individual ward boundary maps (eight (8) maps)

















