

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

BY-LAW NO. <>

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN
APPLICATION TO ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE
AND LANDS CORPORATION ("OILC") FOR
FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL WORK(S) OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN AND
TO AUTHORIZE LONG-TERM BORROWING FOR
SUCH CAPITAL WORK(S) THROUGH THE ISSUE OF
DEBENTURES BY THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF NIAGARA (THE "UPPER TIER MUNICIPALITY")
TO OILC

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* (Ontario), as amended, (the "**Act**") provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Lincoln (the "**Lower-tier Municipality**"), a lower-tier municipality that forms part of The Regional Municipality of Niagara (the "**Upper-tier Municipality**") for its purposes has requested the Upper-tier Municipality to authorize the issue of debenture for the certain capital work(s) described in column (2) of Schedule "A" (the "**Capital Work(s)**") attached hereto and forming part of this By-law (**Schedule "A"**) in the amount of the respective estimated expenditure set out in column (3) of Schedule "A", subject in each case to approval by OILC of the financing for such Capital Work(s) requested by the Lower-tier Municipality in the Application as hereinafter defined;

WHEREAS before the Council of the Lower-tier Municipality approved the Capital Work(s) in accordance with section 4 of Ontario Regulation 403/02 (the "**Regulation**"), the Council of the Lower-tier Municipality had its Treasurer calculate an updated limit in respect of its most recent annual debt and financial obligation limit received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (as so updated, the "**Updated Lower-tier Limit**"), and, on the basis of the authorized estimated expenditure for the Capital Work or for each Capital Work, as the case may be, as set out in column (3) of Schedule "A" (the "**Authorized Expenditure**" for any such Capital Work) the Treasurer calculated the estimated annual amount payable in respect of the Capital Work or each Capital Work, as the case may be, (collectively the "**Estimated Annual Amount Payable**"), and determined that the Estimated Annual Amount payable did not cause the Lower-tier

Municipality to exceed the Updated Lower-tier Limit, and accordingly the approval of the Ontario Land Tribunal pursuant to the Regulation was not required before any such Capital Work was authorized by the Council of the Lower-tier Municipality;

WHEREAS subsection 405(1) of the Act provides, amongst other things, that a municipality may authorize temporary borrowing to meet expenditures made in connection with a work to be financed in whole or in part by the issue of debentures if, the municipality is a lower-tier municipality in a regional municipality and it has approved the work and the upper-tier municipality has approved the issue of debentures for the work;

WHEREAS subsection 401(1) of the Act provides that a municipality may incur a debt for municipal purposes, whether by borrowing money or in any other way, and may issue debentures and prescribed financial instruments and enter prescribed financial agreements for or in relation to the debt;

WHEREAS subsection 401(3) of the Act provides that a lower-tier municipality in a regional municipality does not have the power to issue debentures;

WHEREAS subsection 403(1) of the Act provides that a by-law of an upper-tier municipality authorizing the issuing of debentures for the purposes or joint purposes of one or more of its lower-tier municipalities may require those lower-tier municipalities to make payments in each year to the upper-tier municipality in the amounts and on the dates specified in the by-law;

WHEREAS the Act also provides that a municipality shall authorize long-term borrowing by the issue of debentures or through another municipality under section 403 or 404 of the Act and subsection 403(7) of the Act provides that all debentures issued under a by-law passed by an upper-tier municipality under section 403 are direct, joint and several obligations of the upper-tier municipality and its lower-tier municipalities;

WHEREAS OILC has invited Ontario municipalities desirous of obtaining temporary and long-term debt financing in order to meet capital expenditures incurred on or after the year that is five years prior to the year of an application in connection with eligible capital work(s) to make application to OILC for such financing by completing and submitting an application in the form provided by OILC;

WHEREAS the Lower-tier Municipality requested the Upper-tier Municipality to issue debentures for the Capital Work(s) and in this connection the Upper-tier Municipality and the Lower-tier Municipality completed and submitted or is in the process of submitting an application to OILC, as the case may be (the “**Application**”) to request financing for the Capital Work(s) by way of long-term borrowing pursuant to section 403

of the Act through the issue of debentures to OILC by the Upper-tier Municipality and by way of temporary borrowing by the Lower-tier Municipality from OILC pending the issue of such debentures;

WHEREAS OILC has accepted and has approved or will notify the Upper-tier Municipality only if it accepts and approves the Application, as the case may be;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara enacts as follows:

1. That the Council of the Upper-tier Municipality hereby approves the issue of debentures for the Capital Work(s) in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$1,398,923.00 and \$4,000,000.00 for the floating rate capital loan facility made available by OILC and the Council of the Upper-tier Municipality hereby confirms, ratifies and approves the execution by the Treasurer of the Application and the submission by such authorized official of the Application by the Upper-tier Municipality, duly executed by such authorized official, to OILC for the financing of the Capital Work(s) through the issue of debentures in such maximum aggregate principal amount substantially in the form of Schedule “B” hereto and forming part of this By-law, with such changes thereon as such authorized official may hereafter approve, such execution and delivery to be conclusive evidence of such approval.
2. That the Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into, execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Upper-tier Municipality a financing agreement (a “**Financing Agreement**”) with OILC that provides for long-term borrowing from OILC under the authority of this By-law in respect of the Capital Work(s) on such terms and conditions as such authorized officials may approve, such execution and delivery to be conclusive evidence of such approval.
3. That subject to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement and such other terms and conditions as OILC may otherwise require, the Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to long-term borrow for the Capital Work(s) and to issue debentures to OILC on the terms and conditions provided in the Financing Agreement and on such other terms and conditions as such authorized officials may agree (the “**Debentures**”); provided that the principal amount of the Debentures issued in respect of the Capital Work or of each Capital Work, as the case may be, does not exceed the Authorized Expenditure for such Capital Work and does not exceed the related loan amount set out in column (4) of Schedule “A” in respect of such Capital Work.

4. That in accordance with the provisions of section 25 of the *Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Act, 2011*, as amended from time to time hereafter, the Upper-tier Municipality is hereby authorized to agree in writing with OILC that the Minister of Finance is entitled, without notice to the Upper-tier Municipality, to deduct from money appropriated by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for payment to the Upper-tier Municipality, amounts not exceeding the amounts that the Upper-tier Municipality fails to pay to OILC on account of any unpaid indebtedness of the Upper-tier Municipality to OILC under any Debentures (the “**Obligations**”) and to pay such amounts to OILC from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
5. That for the purposes of meeting the Obligations the Upper-tier Municipality shall, in accordance with the Act, provide for raising in each year as part of the general upper-tier levy, the amounts of principal and interest payable in each year under any Debenture outstanding pursuant to the Financing Agreement, to the extent that the amounts have not been provided for by any other available source including other taxes or fees or charges imposed on persons or property by a by-law of any municipality.
6. (a) The Chair and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the Financing Agreement and to issue the Debentures, one or more of the Clerk and the Treasurer are hereby authorized to generally do all things and to execute all other documents and papers in the name of the Upper-tier Municipality in order to perform the Obligations of the Upper-tier Municipality under the Financing Agreement and to issue the Debentures, and the Treasurer is authorized to affix the Upper-tier Municipality’s municipal seal to any such documents and papers.

(b) The money realized in respect of the Debentures, including any premium, and any earnings derived from the investment of that money, after providing for the expenses related to their issue, if any, shall be delivered to the Lower tier Municipality on the basis that the Lower-tier Municipality will apportion and apply such money to the respective Capital Work and to no other purpose except as permitted by the Act.

7. That this by-law shall come into force and effect on the day upon which it is passed.

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

James Bradley, Regional Chair

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Passed: < >

**Schedule “A”
to By-Law Number 2024-41
(Capital Work(s))**

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<u>Capital Work Number</u>	<u>Description of Capital Work</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u>	<u>Loan Amount</u>
2023-58	Ontario St Sani Sewer Upsizing	\$8,330,786.00	\$1,180,786.00
2023-69	Durham Rd Reconstruction	\$3,853,757.00	\$218,137.00
2024-40	Municipal Site Purchase (Floating Rate Capital Loan Facility)	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00