THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE

BY-LAW NO. 37-2024

Being a By-law to repeal By-law 29-2013 being a By-law to provide for the licensing, regulating and governing of Owners of Taxi Cabs and Limousines and Drivers of Taxi Cabs and Limousines for hire in the Municipality of Port Hope in order to deregulate taxi cabs and vehicles-for-hire within the Municipality of Port Hope

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising the authority under the Act; and

WHEREAS Members of Council continue to hear from residents and local businesses about the increasing demand for affordable transportation opportunities and the need for ridesharing applications and other vehicles-for-hire to enhance services in the area; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Port Hope currently regulates taxicabs and limousines but does not formally regulate or allow ridesharing apps and other similar fee for service transportation businesses; and

WHEREAS Council considered Report CS-10-24 at its meeting on May 29, 2024, which included recommendations to deregulate the taxi licensing process on a trial basis to open up opportunities for improved access to transportation services while also continuing to support the local taxicab industry that currently provides a crucial service to the community;

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT By-law 29-2013, as amended, being a by-law to provide for the licensing, regulating and governing of Owners of Taxi Cabs and Limousines and Drivers of Taxi Cabs and Limousines for hire in the Municipality of Port Hope, is hereby repealed; and

2. THAT this By-law shall come into full force effective June 1, 2024.

BYLAW READ AND PASSED in Open Council this 29th day of May, 2024.

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Olena Hankivsky, Mayor

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Shrishma Davé, Clerk