



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

By-law No. 101-2020

Being a By-law to Authorize the Appointment of Auditor and to Authorize the Execution of Letter of Engagement with Grant Thornton LLP for the Fiscal Years 2020-2022 and Repeal By-law No. 119-2015

Whereas Section 296(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended provides that a municipality shall appoint an auditor licensed under the *Public Accountancy Act* who is responsible for

- (a) annually auditing the accounts and transactions of the municipality and its local boards and expressing an opinion on the financial statements of these bodies based on the audit, and
- (b) performing duties required by the municipality or local board, and

Whereas Section 296(3) of the said *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that an auditor of a municipality shall not be appointed for a term exceeding five (5) years, and

Whereas Report No. CS-18-2020 was approved at the Council-in-Committee meeting held October 13, 2020 authorizing the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as auditor for the Town of Fort Erie for a one (1) year term with a cost of \$53,958 (including 13% HST) and an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms at a cost of \$55,285 and \$56,698 respectively (including 13% HST) for fiscal years 2020-2022, to authorize the execution of a Letter of Engagement, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Financial Services, and to circulate the report to the Fort Erie Public Library Board and Business Improvement Areas for information purposes;

Now therefore the Council of the Town of Fort Erie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Grant Thornton LLP is appointed as the Auditor for The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie to provide audit services for one (1) year with an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms for fiscal years 2020-2022.
2. **That** the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute an Audit Engagement Letter with Grant Thornton LLP for the provision of the aforesaid audit services for a one (1) year term with a cost of \$53,958 (including 13% HST) and an option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms at a cost of \$55,285 and \$56,698 respectively (including 13% HST), in a form satisfactory to the Director of Financial Services, and to affix the corporate seal thereto.
3. **That** By-law No. 119-2015 is repealed.

4. **That** the Clerk of the Town is authorized to effect any minor modifications or corrections solely of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature to this by-law or its schedules after the passage of this by-law.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 19th day of October, 2020.

Mayor

Clerk

I, Carol Schofield, the Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie certifies the foregoing to be a true copy of By-law No. 101-2020 of the said Town. Given under my hand and the seal of the said Corporation, this day of , 2020
