

Bill No. 337
2023

By-law No. A.-_____

A by-law to establish the Debt Substitution
Reserve Fund.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, provides a municipality with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001 C.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws respecting the financial management of the municipality (paragraph 3) and services or things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection 10(1) (paragraph 7);

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to establish reserve funds to provide for Contingencies/Stabilization & Risk Management of The Corporation of the City of London and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as required;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts the following:

1. A reserve fund is hereby established entitled the "Debt Substitution Reserve Fund" (hereinafter called the "Fund").
2. The monies standing in the Fund shall be used by The Corporation of the City of London to reduce the amount of authorized but unissued tax supported debt as a source of financing in the capital plan or as a temporary funding source to manage fluctuations in debt servicing costs.
3. Contributions to the Fund shall be deposited by the City Treasurer or designate and consist of:
 - i. Municipal Council approved tax supported multi-year budget contributions;
 - ii. Municipal Council approved annual surplus contributions, if any;
 - iii. City Treasurer approved tax supported Assessment Growth contributions, if any;
 - iv. Contributions in accordance with Council approved policies, if any; and
 - v. Other non-tax supported contributions as approved by The City Treasurer, and/or Municipal Council.
4. The City Treasurer or designate is authorized to allocate approved debt substitution funds held in the reserve fund for the purposes outlined in section 2 of this by-law.
5. The City Treasurer or designate may deposit the monies standing in the Fund into a special bank account or into a consolidated bank account into which are deposited the monies raised for other funds, and the earnings derived from the monies so deposited shall accrue to and form part of the Fund.
6. The City Treasurer, or designate, may invest the monies standing in the Fund in such securities as are permitted under subsection 418(1), of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended, and in so doing, may consolidate the monies standing in the Fund with other funds that the City may hold from time to time provided

that any earnings derived from the monies standing in the Fund shall be accrued to and form part of the Fund as permitted under sections 418(3) and 418(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, C.25, as amended.

7. Notwithstanding that provision may not be made by the Municipal Council in the budget estimates of the current or any subsequent year for contributions or drawdowns to the Fund, it shall continue and be maintained, and the Municipal Council shall always be taken as considering the Fund as necessary so long as this by-law continues in force.

8. This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date it is passed subject to the provisions of PART VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

PASSED in Open Council on September 26, 2023, subject to the provisions of PART VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Josh Morgan
Mayor

Michael Schulthess
City Clerk

First Reading – September 26, 2023
Second Reading – September 26, 2023
Third Reading – September 26, 2023