THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES

OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL

BY-LAW NO. 2010-22

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED COUNTIES OF PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL AND TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF VOTES GIVEN TO ANY MEMBER

WHEREAS Section 11(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended (the "Act") empowers the council of an upper tier municipality to pass by-laws respecting the governance structure of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Act, those sections authorize County Council to change the number of votes given to any member provided that all members have at least one vote;

AND WHEREAS County Council deems it expedient to change the number of votes given to any member by abolishing the voting cap for weighted voting;

AND WHEREAS Section 219 of the Act requires that before passing a by-law described in Section 218(3), the County shall give notice of its intention to pass the by-law and shall hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter;

AND WHEREAS County Council gave notice of its intention to pass this by-law and held public meetings on April 8, 2010 and April 22, 2010 to consider this matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Corporation of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell that:

- The number of votes for each member of council shall be based on a weighted vote formula in which each member receives one weighted vote for every 3,000 electors with no maximum vote cap.
- 2. As such, each member of Council shall have the following number of votes:
 - > 3,000 municipal electors or less: 1 vote;
 - More than 3,000 and not more than 6,000 municipal electors: 2 votes;
 - More than 6,000 and not more than 9,000 municipal electors: 3 votes;
 - More than 9,000 and not more than 12,000 municipal electors: 4 votes;
 - More than 12,000 and not more than 15,000 municipal electors: 5 votes;
 - ➤ More than 15,000 and not more than 18,000 municipal electors: 6 votes;
 - ➤ More than 18,000 and not more than 21,000 municipal electors: 7 votes;
 - More than 10,000 and not more than 21,000 municipal electors: 7 votes;
 More than 21,000 and not more than 24,000 municipal electors: 8 votes;
 - More than 24,000 and not more than 27,000 municipal electors: 9 votes;
 - ➤ More than 27,000 and not more than 30,000 municipal electors: 10 votes;
 - > Etc.
- 3. This by-law shall not be valid unless the requirements of section 219(2) of the Act have been met.
- 4. The Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell shall hereafter be composed of the heads of the councils of the local municipalities which form part of the United Counties of Prescott and Russell.
- 5. The Chairperson shall be chosen annually amongst its Members.
- 6. By-law Number 97-16 shall be repealed on the date that this by-law comes into force.

7. As prescribed by section 219(3) of the Act, this by-law does not come into force until the day the new council is organized following the second regular election (in 2014) following the passing of the by-law, unless otherwise authorized.

DONE AND PASSED in open Council this 27th day of April, 2010.

Conrad Lamadeleine, Warden

Stéphane P. Parisien, Clerk