TOWN OF CORNWALL
RESOLUTION

DATE: **March 25, 2026**

DEPARTMENT: **Committee of Council**

MOTION NUMBER: **COC-13-2026 Councillor Barnes Resignation – No Byelection**

MOTION CARRIED 4-0 ✓

MOTION LOST _____

MOTION WITHDRAWN _____

Moved by Councillor _____ **Cory Stevenson**

Seconded by Councillor _____ **Steven Campbell**

Whereas: Councillor Elaine Barnes has formally submitted her resignation from the Town of Cornwall Council and the Town thanks Councillor Barnes for her service;

And Whereas: Municipal Council vacancies are typically filled through a byelection as mandated through the *Municipal Government Act* section 60;

And Whereas: The *Municipal Government Act* section 60 subsection (3) enables a municipal council to hold a vacancy open until the next general municipal election if:

(a) the vacancy occurs within the last 12 months of the council's term and
(b) the council is able to maintain quorum despite the vacancy;

And Whereas: The Town of Cornwall council vacancy fulfills both of the prerequisites to hold the vacancy open until the next general municipal election to be held on November 2, 2026, and a byelection carries approximately the same cost as a general election;

Therefore, be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall hold the vacant council seat resulting from the resignation of Councillor Elaine Barnes open until the general municipal election on November 2, 2026.