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Mayor and Council  
Municipality of East Ferris  
25 Taillefer Road  
Corbeil, ON P0H 1K0

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Re: The Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race - September 8/9, 2023**

We are excited to share the news that a new charity biking event is coming to East Ferris and surrounding communities on September 8 and 9. *The Voyageur 200* is a gravel bike race with 60, 100 and 200km courses following a series of trails and backroads including the Voyer Trail, parts of the Voyageur Cycling Route and backroads around Lake Nosbonsing. We are hoping to attract over 100 riders in the first year.

This new charity event is being organized by local volunteers in partnership with Discovery Routes. Its mission is to raise awareness for a heart health and stroke disorder called Aphasia through a love of bikes and endurance sport. Funds raised through *The Voyageur 200* will be directed to the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation to support patients during their rehabilitation journey.

The investments the Municipality has made in cycling infrastructure and creating a bicycle friendly community were a significant factor for our volunteers when planning the event. Much of the race course weaves through East Ferris and includes the start/ finish line and after-race activities on September 9 at Corbeil Park Hall. Greg Kirton, the Municipality's Director of Community Services has been a tremendous assistance so far as we begin to iron out the logistics of the event.

To help make this inaugural year a success and provide the best experience possible for participants, we are seeking sponsorship and support from local businesses, municipalities and community organizations. We have already secured support from the City of North Bay and a number of local businesses. **Our request to the Municipality of East Ferris is a similar show of support through a contribution of \$500** to be used for the hall rental, additional washroom facilities if needed based on numbers, BBQ rental, catering and permit costs, and temporary route markers among other expenses. Additional supports the Municipality could offer include grading the parking lot in advance of the races, and providing access to water for outdoor bike cleaning station at the Hall.

We will continue to keep your staff informed as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, we invite you to follow our progress on our website at <https://thevoyageur200.ca/> and Facebook @thevoyageur200.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Miller, Event Organizer