

Whereas climate change is currently contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide, stressing local and international economies;

Whereas climate change is currently jeopardizing the health and survival of many species and other natural environments worldwide, stressing local and international eco systems;

Whereas climate change is currently harming human populations through rising sea levels and other extraordinary phenomena like intense wildfires worldwide, stressing local and international communities;

Whereas recent international research has indicated a need for massive reduction in carbon emissions in the next 11 years to avoid further and devastating economic, ecological, and societal loss;

Whereas an emergency can be defined as "an often dangerous situation requiring immediate action";

Whereas municipalities such as Sudbury, West Nipissing, Ottawa, London, Kingston, Burlington, St Catherines, Halton Hills, Vancouver and Hamilton have already declared climate emergencies;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Municipality of East Ferris, officially declare a climate emergency for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our eco systems, and our community from climate change.