



CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

THAT Goderich Town Council continue to support actions to safeguard against the current and potential consequences of the global climate crisis; and will set policy goals, provide appropriate funding to address these goals, and mobilize our community to implement these goals once a Climate Protection Program is coordinated between the Town and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada) in 2020/2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT based on a five-milestone framework from FCM and ICLEI, that Town staff complete a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target, developing a local action plan, implement the plan, and monitor progress and report results;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Town staff is directed to incorporate climate resilience policies identified in the Climate Protection Program in the Corporate Strategic Plan, Waterfront Master Plan, and other Town plans to ensure climate change and resiliency efforts are strong, effective, and aligned;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Town staff is directed to promote inter-departmental coordination to ensure that the Town's Emergency Management Plan offers an aligned approach to the threats of the climate crisis and natural hazards, including but not limited to changing Great Lakes water levels, flooding, erosion, and storm damage;

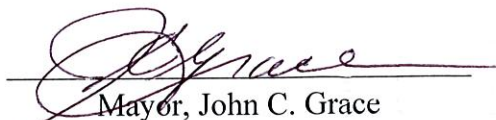
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Goderich's Environmental Action Committee and Town staff commit to educating our residents about the financial and regulatory actions needed to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, with a priority focus to putting in place policies, programs and actions within the 2030 timeframe;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Goderich's Environmental Action Committee and Town staff commits to educating our residents about the climate emergency and advocating for a transition away from fossil fuel use at the local, County, provincial and national level through a climate planning process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Goderich Town Council request our provincial and federal governments, all governments and people around the world to initiate an immediate social and economic mobilization to reverse anthropogenic climate change and ecological destruction by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to meet targets set by the FCM, ICLEI and the UN intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Doug Ford, the Premier of Ontario, Ben Lobb, MP – Huron-Bruce, Lisa Thompson – MPP – Huron-Bruce, Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, County of Huron and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.

Made the 13th day of January, 2020 in the Town of Goderich, County of Huron.


Mayor, John C. Grace