

Prelude:

The pandemic has affected the ability to conduct in-person public consultation but through electronic means consultation has taken place on the Cobourg Community Climate Action Plan Update 2020 with these groups who have provided letters of support for '*approval in principle*'. [Sustainable Cobourg, Blue Dot Movement, Coalition for Social Justice, the Northumberland Help and Legal Centre and the Electric Vehicle Society -Northumberland Chapter.] and local media have provided lengthy outlines of the Community Climate Action Plan for the public to see. Consultation is on-going.

MOTION

WHEREAS on December 2nd, 2019 the Town of Cobourg passed a resolution to declare a Climate Emergency that stated that “we are facing an unprecedented crisis requiring unprecedented climate mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS the Cobourg's Official Plan specifies that the Town of Cobourg shall develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) which will be designed with specific achievable actions for the community and will build on existing initiatives; and

WHEREAS Cobourg has met and surpassed its two targets, first Kyoto in 2014 based on the 2010 Climate Action Plan and then the more recent 2019 Partners for Climate Protection [PCP] target which is also the provincial and federal government greenhouse gas reduction target of a 30% cut in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and

WHEREAS The Cobourg Community Climate Action Plan Update 2020 provides a *vision of the future* which if we accept in principle, will be taken up in detail by the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and in the implementation of Green Development Standards, funding for both already secured and

WHEREAS the next government sanctioned Target year is 2050, 30 years away, and the major reduction measures in the Update 2020 that we must implement by 2050 will take time -

- retrofitting all housing and buildings starting with the needs of the neediest first and
- putting the infrastructure and education in place to electrify passenger and fleet vehicles and provide alternative bio-fuels through biodigesters for heavy duty trucks
- and to green up urban forests by growing more trees

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

That the Town of Cobourg should accept this Community Climate Action Plan Update 2020 in principle as a vision document, the first step on a road to future five year Climate Action Plans and annual updates to 2050.