

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION*

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

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

AND 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;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are on the front lines of climate change being at risk for storms, flooding, hurricane damage, and reductions in agricultural productivity having the potential to severely impact human health and food security;

AND WHEREAS municipalities influence roughly half of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions and therefore are key to meeting Canada's climate goals through efforts to build more sustainable and resilient communities;

AND WHEREAS international research as identified by the 2018 *UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)* has indicated a need for massive reduction in carbon emissions in the near future to avoid further and devastating economic, ecological, and societal loss;

AND WHEREAS the climate in Canada is warming at twice the rate of the rest of the world, as per *Canada's Changing Climate* released in 2019, which demands better integration of climate risks into public decision making and requires greater collaboration between all levels of government, including First Nations;

AND WHEREAS current initiatives undertaken by the Municipality of Port Hope and municipalities throughout the Province of Ontario are not sufficient to meet the targets as defined by the IPCC scientists;

AND WHEREAS an emergency can be defined as "an often dangerous situation requiring immediate action" and more than 600 municipalities in Canada have declared climate emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a climate emergency be declared by the Municipality of Port Hope for the purposes of naming, framing, and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, our eco systems, and our community from climate change;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Federal and Provincial Ministries, MP Philip Lawrence (Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Honourable David Piccini (Northumberland-Peterborough South), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Mayor Olena Hankivsky