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CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

At the meeting held on July 6, 2022, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution.

Moved by Boxem Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change are being felt in Mulmur and will continue to intensify, posing acute and lasting risks to people, business, and natural ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS these risks include, but are not limited to, extreme weather, threats to human health and wellbeing, economic disruption, food and water insecurity, social instability and threats to all other life on earth;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur has a crucial role to play in responding to, changing and mitigating the contributions to climate change through responsible planning and budgeting;

AND WHEREAS Council's Strategic Plan identifies a priority path of "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: being proactive in sustainable initiatives to ensure the long term well-being of Mulmur";

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur's Official Plan provides a policy for growth management where land use patterns shall "minimize negative impacts to air quality and climate change, and promote energy efficiency";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Mulmur declare a Climate Emergency for the purpose of recognizing and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change;

AND THAT, in response to this Climate Emergency, Council seeks to limit its contributions to the climate crisis, by way of the following actions:

1. That Council review the current Strategic Plan action items for "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur" to reprioritize commitments and identify additional areas to take action.
2. That Council direct staff to identify climate change options at budget time for Council consideration.
3. That Council direct staff to arrange training on climate change and climate lens adaptation to be scheduled in 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their information and potential action.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner
Township of Mulmur