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Re: Motion on Climate Change Emergency

Dear Mayor Rochefort and Council Members,

It was rather ironic that after attending the last council meeting on June 11th, the lead story on the national news was the fact that the “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico had expanded to record high levels of nearly 21,000 square kilometers. This has been attributed directly to human activity. Every day there are examples of the crisis our precious planet is in.

Closer to home, we see the total collapse of bee colonies in East Ferris and the persistent toxic blooms of blue-green algae in Lake Nosbonsing, as two examples.

Councillor Lougheed presented a knowledgeable and thoughtful motion to Council regarding this climate change emergency. The amended motion which was ultimately passed made me wonder if any of the other council members had bothered to research this topic, as Councillor Lougheed clearly had. For them to ignore scientific evidence and the expertise of specialists such as the former Ontario Environmental Commissioner, Dianne Saxe, boggles the mind.

It was apparent from the attendees at the last council meeting that we, the residents of East Ferris, are deeply concerned about this topic. I urge Council to reconsider this motion.

Sincerely,

Brenda Walsh

Cc Councillor Erika Lougheed  
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