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Mayor and Council Municipality of East Ferris 25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON POH 1KO

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: The Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race - August 16, 2025

We are excited to announce that *The Voyageur 200* charity cycling event is returning to East Ferris on Saturday, August 16, 2025. This year, we've moved the date to August in hopes of avoiding the bone-chilling temperatures we encountered during last year's September ride!

In just two years, the event has raised \$8,000 for the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation, supporting local patients in their rehabilitation journey from heart health and stroke-related conditions, including Aphasia. And we're only just getting started.

Organized by local volunteers in partnership with **Discovery Routes**, the event offers a unique cycling experience along a mix of trails and backroads, including sections of the **Voyageur Cycling Route**. Riders can choose from 60km, 100km, and 200km distances—and new for this year, we've added a 30km route to open the event to even more participants. Once again, the **Corbeil Four Seasons Club** will serve as the Start/Finish line. The Municipality's continued investment in cycling infrastructure and its support for a bicycle-friendly community has played a key role in the selection and success of our route.

To help deliver a high-quality, safe, and memorable event for all, we are seeking support from local municipalities, businesses, and community organizations. We are pleased to have already secured support from the City of North Bay, several local businesses, and a new title sponsor—**Lefebvre's Commercial Industrial**, a proud East Ferrisbased company.

We are respectfully requesting a \$500 contribution from the Municipality of East Ferris to assist with event-related expenses such as hall rental, catering, permit fees, safety planning, and temporary route markers. Additional support the Municipality could provide includes assistance with traffic control or public notices on Corbeil Road on race day.

We would also like to acknowledge that some of the temporary signs used to mark last year's course were not removed in a timely manner due to poor weather conditions. We have taken steps to ensure this will not happen again, with volunteers committed to removing signs as the final riders pass through each section of the course.

We will keep your staff informed as planning progresses. In the meantime, we invite you to follow our journey at <a href="mailto:thevoyageur200.ca">thevoyageur200.ca</a> and on Facebook @thevoyageur200.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeff Miller, Event Organizer