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Mayor and Council  
Municipality of East Ferris  
25 Taillefer Road  
Corbeil, ON P0H 1K0

Dear Mayor and Council,

**Re: The Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race - September 7, 2024**

We are excited to share the news that The Voyageur 200 charity biking event is coming back to East Ferris on September 7. Last year, in its inaugural year, we raised \$2000 for the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation to support patients during their rehabilitation journey for a heart health and stroke disorder called Aphasia. Our goal this year is to double that amount.

The event is organized by local volunteers in partnership with Discovery Routes. The 60, 100 and 200km courses will follow a series of trails and backroads including the Voyer Trail, parts of the Voyageur Cycling Route and backroads around Lake Nosbonsing with the Start/ Finish line at the Corbeil Four Seasons Club. We would like to once again give kudos to the Municipality for investments made in cycling infrastructure and creating a bicycle friendly community. This welcoming environment is a significant factor for our volunteers when planning the event.

To help make the event a success and provide the best experience possible for participants, we are seeking sponsorship and support from local businesses, municipalities and community organizations. We have already secured support from the City of North Bay and a number of local businesses. **Our request to the Municipality of East Ferris is a similar show of support through a contribution of \$500** to be used for the hall rental, catering and permit costs, safety measures and temporary route markers among other expenses. Additional supports the Municipality could offer include grading the parking lot in advance of the races, and providing access to water for outdoor bike cleaning station at the Hall.

We will continue to keep your staff informed as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, we invite you to follow our progress on our website at <https://thevoyaguer200.ca/> and Facebook @thevoyaguer200.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Miller, Event Organizer