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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

DATE:	RESOLUTION NO
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:	
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:	
WHEREAS in June of 2019, the Federal Gove	ernment of Canada has declared a climate

AND WHEREAS cities and towns around the world have recognized that climate change is real and have declared a state of climate emergency;

AND WHERAS Niagara-on-the-Lake has, in the past three years seen record breaking floods from unprecedented water levels, the highest on record since records began in 1918, causing extensive damage to the lower sections of Old town and erosion along the shores of Lake Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Town's Community Wellness Committee, have recommended, in their January 20th presentation to Council that an Environmental Advisory Committee be created;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish an Environmental Advisory Committee to consist of up to 6 citizens of Niagara-on-the-Lake, staff as required and Councillor Norm Arsenault and advertise locally for volunteers for this Committee as per the attached recommended Terms of Reference;

AND FURTHER that the Environment Advisory Committee be tasked with providing advice and guidance to Town Council with respect to environmental issues including conservation, green energy solutions, environmental sustainability, and environmental legislation and regulation;

AND FURTHER that the Committee be tasked with coming up with recommendations to make Niagara-on-the-Lake carbon neutral by embracing new technologies, replacing existing municipal fleets and transit with ZEVs or Zero Emission Vehicles where

feasible, identifying areas where businesses and residents can come together to reduce their carbon footprints and any other ideas as the Committee deems appropriate.

And Further be it resolved that the Lord Mayor and Council of the Town of Niagara-onthe-Lake hereby declare Niagara-on-the-Lake in a climate emergency and by doing so join a growing list of towns and cities in Canada (see below) (including 394 towns and cities in Quebec) and around the world (1288 as of the end of December, 2019).

The following towns and regions throughout Canada including the government of Canada are a sample of the hundreds of municipalities that declared a climate emergency:

Brampton ON City Council - June 5, 2019 Burlington ON City Council - April 23, 2019 Canadian House of Commons - June 17, 2019 Capital Regional District - Feb. 13, 2019 Regional District Central Kootenay - April 11, 2019 Chatham-Kent ON Municipal Council - July 15, 2019 Port Moody BC City Council - June 11, 2019 Colwood BC City Council - May 27 2019 Duncan BC City Council - July 15, 2019 Edmonton AB City Council - Aug. 27, 2019 City of Edmundston NB - Feb. 19, 2019 Esquimalt BC Town Council - Mar. 18, 2019 Greater Sudbury City Council - May 28, 2019 Halifax NS Regional Council - Jan. 29, 2019 Halton Hills ON Town Council - May 6, 2019 Hamilton ON City Council - Mar. 27, 2019 District of Highlands BC Council - Mar. 18, 2019 Islands Trust BC Council - Mar. 12, 2019 Township of King ON Council - July 8, 2019 Kitchener ON City Council - June 24, 2019 City of Kingston ON - Mar. 5, 2019 Langley BC Town Council - July 22, 2019 London ON City Council - April 23, 2019 Mahone Bay Town Council - Feb. 12, 2019 Milton Town NS Council - July 22, 2019 Mississauga ON City Council - June 19, 2019 Moncton NB City Council - Mar. 18, 2019 Nanaimo BC City Council - April 29, 2019 New Westminster BC Council - Mar. 11, 2019

North Cowichan Municipal Council - July 17, 2019 District of North Vancouver Council - July 8, 2019 Oak Bay BC Municipal Council - April 8, 2019 Oakville ON Town Council - June 24, 2019 Ottawa ON City Council - April 24, 2019 Powell River BC City Council - Feb. 21, 2019 Prince Edward ON County Council - May 28, 2019 Gathet Regional District Board - June 27, 2019 City of Richmond BC - Feb. 4, 2019 Saanich District BC Council - Mar. 25, 2019 St. Catharines ON City Council - April 29, 2019 Sarnia ON City Council - June 17, 2019 Sidney BC Town Council - Mar. 25, 2019 Smithers BC Town Council - July 9, 2019 Sooke BC District Council - April 8, 2019 Squamish BC Council - June 2, 2019 Vancouver BC City Council - Jan, 16, 2019 Vaughan ON City Council - June 4, 2019 Victoria ON City Council - March 14, 2019 View Royal BC Town Council - March 5, 2019 Vuntut Gwitchin YK First Nation - May 19, 2019 West Nipissing ON Council - April 23, 2019 District of West Vancouver Council - July 8, 2019 Whitby ON Town Council - June 24, 2019 Wolfville NS Town Council - May 21, 2019