

# Memorandum

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**TO:** Members of Council  
**FROM:** Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk  
**DATE:** Friday, January 10, 2020  
**SUBJECT: Additional Information/New Business  
Committee of the Whole – January 13, 2020**

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## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Additional Information

1. Petition received from Ms. A. Klassen, Chair – Earthcare Climate Adaptation Working Group, on Friday, January 10, 2020, containing approximately 424 signatures relative to the Declaration of Climate Emergency.
2. Letters of support relative to Declaration of Climate Emergency from the following organizations and individuals:
  - J. Boan, Ontario Nature, dated December 2, 2019
  - S. Hamel, Executive Director - EcoSuperior, dated December 2, 2019
  - J. Saunders, Chair – Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council, dated December 4, 2019
  - P. Berger, Chair – CUSP Meetings, dated December 5, 2019
  - B. Thacker, President –Thunder Bay Field Naturalists, dated December 9, 2019
  - T. Cook, CAO - LRCA, dated December 12, 2019
  - S. McIver, President – Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship, dated December 12, 2019
  - K. Kerk, Coordinator – Food Strategy, dated December 22, 2019
  - W. Chahal, Co-Chair–Diversity Thunder Bay, dated January 6, 2020
  - K. Lynch, President – Confederation College, dated January 6, 2020
  - T. Legowski, President – Thunder Bay Hiking Association, dated January 6, 2020
  - L. Lavoie, Superior Seed Producers, dated January 7, 2020

### New Business

1. Confidential memorandum from Ms. D. Earle, Deputy City Clerk, dated January 10, 2020 relative to the establishment of a Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meeting on January 27, 2020. **(Distributed to members of Council, EMT and City Solicitor only)**

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

“ THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in order to receive information relative to labour relations or employee negotiations; and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.”

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TOTAL: ~~424~~  
424

We, the undersigned, call on Thunder Bay City Council to declare a Climate Emergency

Name Address

Etienne Lynd 43 Regent

Vanessa Dacini 328 St Vincent

Lita Bouchard 30 Rupert

John W. Winton 144 Duke St.

Jeff Cowley

Sandy Tokini 93 Brant

Terry Bolen 13284B 5914Y

Hans Woffgramm 108 Peter

Bob Warden 85 Regent

Ling Paine 50 Dalton

J. W. W. Adelwick St

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Jackie McGeary - Arundel

Richard Pientok

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David Coxe

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Kaiki Laurita

Maxine Samson 435 Newton

Name Address

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Amancia Walton 286 Anker St East

James Marble Rd

D. Lyance

Paul Bishop 361 Pearl St

M. R. Crookes 1469 Silver Harbour Rd

Sodi LeBlanc SHUNIAH PLACE

Martina Vaillant 170 Wharton Rd

Louise O'Connor 99 Crown Street

Elizabeth Hoiguo 221 Bay Boulevard

Sami M. 89 Vera Ave

Janet Laid 227 S. McKellar St.

John Laid 108 Simpson St. Apt

Chris 221 Bay St.

Lynda Matten 127 PINEGROVE

Barbara Segel 301 WHITES TONK SQ.

Amy Newcott 84 High St. S.

Louise B. 317 Admiral Crt.

Joff Hoarley 427 Queen St.

Tiana Foster 520 Wainwright

Michelle Arsh 749 Rushe Cres.

Greg Hill 5136 NORAN S



December 2, 2019

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

Our organization wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Our organization is working to support climate adaptation and mitigation through nature-based educational programs designed to help youth, and their families, make the connection between climate change and our incredible natural environment. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by increasing community awareness that climate change is already happening and the importance of protecting natural systems to help store carbon and provide space for the ecosystems we rely on to adapt.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy, future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julee Boan".

Julee Boan, PhD

Ontario Nature  
10 Cumberland Street North  
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December 2, 2019

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

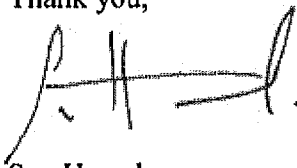
On behalf of the board and staff of EcoSuperior, I am writing to express support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change.

We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership. EcoSuperior is working to support climate adaptation and mitigation through community-supported programs that help residents conserve energy, reduce transportation emissions, and manage stormwater. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by solidifying public support and leveraging increased investment by provincial and federal programs.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Thank you,



Sue Hamel  
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Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council  
c/o EcoSuperior  
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December 4, 2019

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

The Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Our organization is working to support climate change resilience through public outreach, and habitat conservation and remediation projects. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by increasing community awareness of climate change, providing a frame we can reference for increasing our own commitment to climate action.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Saunders", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jamie Saunders, Chair

Thunder Bay District Stewardship Council



December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

Dear Mayor Mauro and Thunder Bay City Councillors,

CUSP – Citizens United for a Sustainable Planet – wishes to express our support for EarthCare’s Climate Adaptation Working Group’s request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. Climate change is a crisis and we urgently need coordinated responses. We encourage City Council to declare a climate emergency as we recognize the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. Through this act, we believe the City of Thunder Bay will continue to show strong climate leadership.

CUSP works to support climate action by engaging in official processes such as Ontario Energy Board hearings and the federal government consultations on the pan-Canadian climate plan. We also work to raise awareness by engaging in peaceful rallies and by holding educational events. A climate emergency declaration will support raising public awareness of the urgency of climate change. As the 16-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg said, if people understood the urgency of climate change, they would act. Declaring a climate emergency will help people understand the urgency.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay’s leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay’s City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

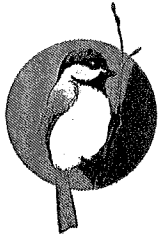
We should be concerned about climate change, but we should welcome a future where climate change is taken seriously. It will mean a decades-long boom in building out the infrastructure for efficient public transit, a task for which Thunder Bay, with Bombardier, is particularly well-positioned. It will mean quieter streets and cleaner air, as trucks and cars become electric. It will mean healthier citizens, as active transport becomes widespread.

We welcome the transition and we urge City Council to support EarthCare’s Climate Adaptation Working Group request to declare a climate emergency.

Sincerely,

Paul Berger

CUSP Meetings Chair



## Thunder Bay Field Naturalists

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9 December 2019

Mayor & Council, City of Thunder Bay  
c/o Office of the City Clerk  
City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, 3rd floor  
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 5V3  
Attention: Ms Krista Power, City Clerk

Dear Mayor Mauro & Members of City Council:

Our organization wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of addressing climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable and sustainable action both in mitigation and adaptation. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership on all issues under their control and which are related to climate change.

Our organization is working in those areas in which we have expertise to promote appreciation, understanding, protection and love of nature through our programs and activities. One of our main activities to support climate mitigation is through our program of land acquisition for nature reserves. A climate emergency declaration will increase community awareness of climate change and its massive economic, social and environmental consequences both in Thunder Bay and across the region.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating a sense of urgency to other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Thacker, President  
Thunder Bay Field Naturalists





**LAKEHEAD REGION**  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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December 12, 2019

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

Our organization wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Our organization is working to support climate adaptation, mitigation, and action through various programs. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by increasing community awareness of climate change.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Yours truly,

Tammy Cook  
Chief Administrative Officer



Lakehead Unitarian  
fellowship

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December 12, 2019

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Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

“Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

This is one of the seven principles that guide Unitarian Universalism. Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship’s (LUF) commitment to this principle leads us to support the call for Thunder Bay City Council to declare a climate emergency.

LUF supports EarthCare’s Climate Adaptation Working Group’s request that Council recognize and acknowledge the importance and urgency of this issue by declaring a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Our members take many individual actions to reduce their own global climate change impact. We also recognize that there is a leadership role for governments to take in order to affect meaningful change. As the government closest to the people we value what can be done at with municipal leadership.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay’s leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay’s City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare’s Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Sincerely,

Sandra McIver  
President

*Together in liberal religious community, we grow in spirit,  
nurture inclusive relationships, and act for a just and sustainable world.*



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## Climate Emergency Declaration

Submission by: The Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy

Date: December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Attention: Mayor Bill Mauro and City of Thunder Bay Councillors (Aldo Ruberto, Brian Hamilton, Kristen Oliver, Peng You, Brian McKinnon, Mark Bentz, Rebecca Johnson, Shelby Ch'ng, Cody Fraser, Andrew Foulds, Albert Aiello, Trevor Giertuga)

We are writing today on behalf of the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy (TBAFS). TBAFS brings local food stakeholders together to provide a coordinated approach to achieving food security through the implementation of research, planning, policy, and program development. Our mission is to create a healthy, equitable, and sustainable food system that contributes to the economic, ecological, and social wellbeing.

Our organization wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses.

In 2019, the Eat-Lancet Commission convened 37 leading scientists from 16 countries to explore the connection between food, health and environmental sustainability. In the final report, their findings demonstrated that **"food production threatens climate stability and ecosystem resilience and constitutes the single largest driver of environmental degradation and transgression of planetary boundaries."**

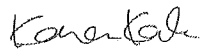
By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Our organization is working to support climate action through awareness, advocacy and action across all pillars of the Food Strategy including *Food Access, Forest and Freshwater Foods, Food Infrastructure, Food Procurement, Food Production, School Food Environments, and Urban Agriculture*. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by increasing community awareness of climate change and working towards sustainable food system solutions in our region.

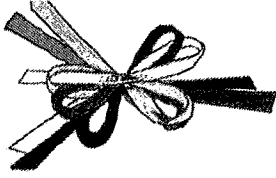
We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Sincerely,



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**Diversity  
Thunder Bay**

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c/o 22 Ontario Street  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 3E9

January 6th, 2020

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

Diversity Thunder Bay wishes to express support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Diversity Thunder Bay recognizes that climate change is a diversity issue and that citizens of Thunder Bay have already felt the effects of climate change. To date, climate change has most impacted those least responsible for causing it. With strong action to tackle climate change, there will be much future suffering that will be avoided. Declaring a climate emergency might seem like a small and symbolic gesture, but it is an important part of raising awareness and generating support for action locally and nationally.

We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future.

We fully support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Sincerely,

Walid Chahal, Co-chair



Office of the President

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January 6, 2020

Members of City Council  
500 Donald Street East  
Thunder Bay ON P7C 5K4

Dear Members of City Council:

**Re: Climate Emergency Declaration**

Confederation College wishes to express our support for EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. We applaud the City of Thunder Bay's leadership in developing and implementing the Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Plan, Stormwater Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and Active Transportation Plan. Declaring a climate emergency will continue this progressive work by communicating with other governments and with local and regional residents that the climate crisis warrants urgent attention and action and Thunder Bay's City Council is committed to pursuing a healthy future. We know many local groups in our City, like Confederation College, are committed to continue to show strong climate leadership.

Confederation College has recently completed a number of energy reduction retrofit projects to reduce our emissions. We are saving an estimated 624,000 m<sup>3</sup> in natural gas, not to mention our savings of approximately \$150,000 in annual heating costs. Implementing energy waste reduction projects make good business sense. The College has an active Sustainability Committee with representation from across our organization who work on specific environmental sustainability targets each year. A climate emergency declaration by the City complements and supports our work.

We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Thank you,

Kathleen Lynch, MSW  
President

cc.     Aynsley Klassen, Program Coordinator – EcoSuperior  
        Krista Power, City Clerk – City of Thunder Bay  
        K. Piche, Committee Coordinator – City of Thunder Bay  
        Confederation College – Sustainability Committee



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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

January 6, 2020

Dear Members of City of Thunder Bay Council

The Thunder Bay Hiking Association supports the declaration of a Climate Emergency by the City of Thunder Bay. The TBHA deeply cherishes our natural environment. It is a precious gift in which we maintain and grow in our physical, mental and spiritual health. As human beings we cannot live without it.

This is a timely opportunity to show leadership to other municipalities in Northwestern Ontario on climate change, the most urgent challenge all of us face. We only have 12 years to turn things around according to credible science. Municipalities are positioned to spearhead local mitigation actions. For the TBHA these include a significant increase in planting trees, preservation of undeveloped properties as green spaces, keeping property zoned Open Space as Open Space, elimination of single use plastics, collaboration between the City, industry and business to support and promote electric vehicle ownership and establishment of Indigenous partnerships to enrich and inform policy and implementation of climate emergency initiatives.

The TBHA therefore urges the City of Thunder Bay to declare a Climate Emergency and immediately begin to implement measures to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

Yours truly, on behalf of the Thunder Bay Hiking Association,

Teresa Legowski, President

January 7, 2020

Re: Climate Emergency Declaration

To Thunder Bay City Council,

Superior Seed Producers supports EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group's request to Council to declare a climate emergency in the City of Thunder Bay. Our organization is working to support climate adaptation by producing vegetable seeds that are adapted to growing conditions in our region. A climate emergency declaration will support and improve our work by increasing community awareness of climate change and the importance of growing food from locally-adapted seed sources.

We recognize the enormity and complexity of climate change and the urgent need for coordinated responses. By encouraging City Council to declare a climate emergency, we are recognizing the important role municipalities have in driving meaningful, measurable, and sustainable action on climate change. We encourage the City of Thunder Bay to continue to show strong climate leadership.

We welcome the opportunity to support EarthCare's Climate Adaptation Working Group request to City Council to declare a climate emergency.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucie Lavoie".

Lucie Lavoie

Superior Seed Producers