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WHEREAS at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 25, 2019, Council considered a Memo from the Secretary of the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee, regarding a Motion to Declare a Climate Emergency and Accelerate GHG Reduction Actions in the Town of Cobourg;

WHEREAS Municipalities have a significant role to help change and mitigate the contributions to climate change through responsible planning and budgeting; and

WHEREAS 462 Canadian Municipalities have declared a Climate Emergency including many in Ontario, with some setting ambitious emission reduction targets such as net zero emissions by 2030; and

WHEREAS in Council's Strategic Plan it states: "the Town of Cobourg will be good stewards and practice sustainable actions"; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg's Official Plan provides a general policy framework for the conservation of water, air quality, energy and other resources and for the reduction of waste, as well as environmental stewardship, monitoring and education, and for the development of a "culture of conservation" which reflects the principle of sustainable development (Bruntland Commission); and

WHEREAS the Cobourg's Official Plan specifies that the Town of Cobourg shall develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) which will be designed with specific achievable actions for the community and will build on existing initiatives; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Cobourg declare a Climate Emergency conveying its recognition that we are facing an unprecedented crisis requiring unprecedented climate mitigation measures; and

FURTHER THAT, in response to this Climate Emergency, Council deem the need to reduce the effects that the Town of Cobourg is contributing to the climate crisis by way of the following actions:

1. That Council create a staff position on a one (1) year contract basis, under the supervision of the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (ICSP) and Green Design Standards and manage the project through to completion;

2. Refer all costs associated with the contract position and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) to the 2020 budget deliberations and have Staff prepare a budget estimate for the January 2020 budget meeting; and
3. Update Council's Strategic Plan to allow Staff to reprioritize other work commitments to ensure that staff resources will be sufficient to commence work on the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan prior to the scheduled start of 2021 as outlined in Council's current, approved Strategic Plan.