# MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022: ACTIONS, IMPLEMENTATION & MEASUREMENT



# VISION

Our home/notre chez-nous: residents and government working together to build a vibrant and healthy rural community.



# MISSION

We provide high quality public services, through collaboration and partnerships, to promote community health and wellbeing for all.



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### **Transparency:** Openness of government decision making and operations

**Sustainability:** Good stewardship of community assets & natural resources

#### **Responsiveness:**

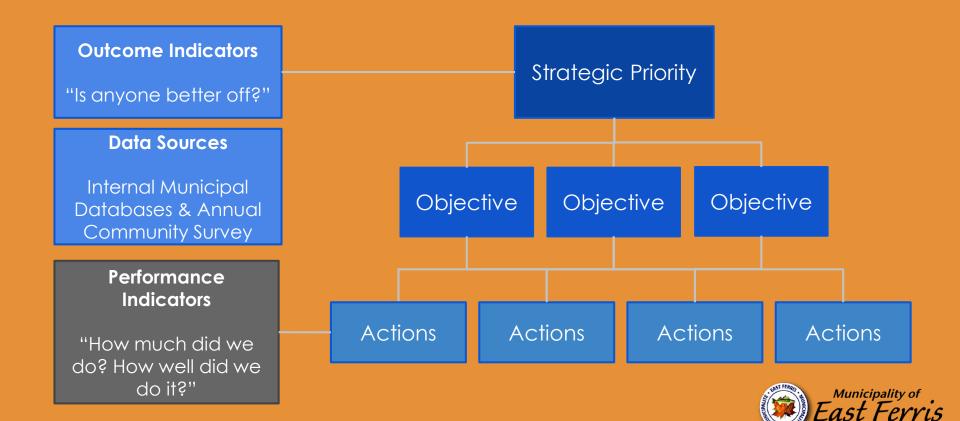
Resources & ability to adapt to changing community priorities



### STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES









# A positive and inclusive sense of place, belonging and community.



## Build Our Community

Strengthen Community Partnerships

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Preserve and Promote Our Heritage

Utilize and Safeguard Community Assets

Respond to Community Needs



Action	Lead	Year	\$
Develop a <b>volunteer recognition</b> program.	Municipal Clerk	2019	Staff time
Organize an <b>annual volunteer recognition event</b> (review/revamp).	Manager of Facilities & Recreation	2019-2022	\$1,500 / year
Plan and implement annual <b>Canada Day</b> <b>Event</b> .	Manager of Recreation and Facilities	2019-2022	\$2,000 / year
Update <b>Community Facilities Master Plan</b> for sports, recreation, leisure and culture for all age groups.	Manager of Recreation & Facilities	2019-2020	\$2,500
Strengthen our safety and security programs via the development of a <b>Community Safety and Well-Being</b> Plan in partnership with other municipalities.	Municipal Clerk	2019-2020	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Investigate and recommend a solution for moving forward with the building of a <b>new</b> <b>municipal office and fire hall</b> with advice from the Municipal Office Advisory Committee.	CAO	2019-2020	Staff time
Investigate opportunities for <b>shared use of</b> <b>municipal and school facilities</b> (reciprocal agreements).	Manager of Recreation & Facilities	2019-2020	Staff time
Plan and implement a <b>Centennial</b> <b>Celebration</b> with advice from the <b>Centennial Celebration Committee.</b>	CAO and Manager of Recreation and Facilities	2019-2021	\$20,000

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Preserve and promote our <b>heritage and</b> sense of community by developing a policy that identifies how the municipality supports local organizations and citizen leadership.	Manager of Recreation & Facilities	2020	Staff time
Develop an <b>annual information booklet</b> for Recreation and Economic Development programs and events.	Manager of Recreation & Facilities and Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020-2022	\$1,750 / year

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Create a strategy on how to improve our existing <b>village cores</b> as <b>community hubs</b> focused on social connectedness, walk- ability, and green spaces.	Manager of Recreation & Facilities	2021	\$5,000
Develop an Active Transportation Plan.	Manager of Facilities & Recreation	2022	\$2,500
Promote <b>affordable housing and seniors</b> <b>services</b> through the development of various policies.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2022	\$0
Develop a <b>Community Cultural Master</b> <b>Plan</b> .	Manager of Facilities & Recreation	2022	\$5,000

% of residents who reported that the municipality has increased its efforts to respond to community needs  $(\uparrow)$ .



# of residents who reported volunteering with local community organizations/events (†).

% of residents who reported a strong sense of belonging to community  $(\uparrow)$ .

% of residents who reported that the municipality has increased its efforts to preserve and promote heritage ( $\uparrow$ ).





## A strong local economy to support youth, families, and seniors.



#### Grow Our Local Economy

Retain and Support Local Business Pursue Economic Development

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Attract New, Diverse Business and Industry Develop, Promote, and Fill Vacant Commercial Properties



Action	Lead	Year	\$
Complete an <b>inventory of municipal</b> <b>properties</b> and recommend the sale of properties deemed surplus.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019	Staff time
Utilize the <b>Community Improvement Plan</b> (CIP) to promote the development of vacant commercial properties.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019	\$500
Advocate for the delivery of more modern, adequate and reliable <b>high-speed internet</b> service throughout the municipality to service the needs of the residents and business community.	CAO and Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019-2020	Staff time
Keep the <b>Business Registry</b> on our website current.	Municipal Clerk	2019-2022	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Facilitate discussion with potential service providers for the expansion of <b>medical and well-being services</b> .	CAO	2020	\$500
Create an <b>e-blast business contact list</b> in order to circulate relevant information to businesses.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020	Staff time
Develop a " <b>new business" welcome</b> package.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020	\$1,500
Update the <b>Economic Development</b> <b>Strategy</b> to focus on identifying and increasing community services and promoting our businesses.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020	\$5,000

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Review Policies and By-Laws affecting businesses to determine whether changes are needed to ensure we are providing a <b>business-friendly environment</b> .	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020	Staff time
Examine the need/demand for a <b>farmer's</b> market.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020	\$500
Pursue expansion of <b>Natural Gas</b> service into our community.	CAO	2019-2022	Staff Time
Investigate the feasibility of establishing an <b>industrial park</b> on existing municipal property.	CAO and Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2021	Staff time



# of registered businesses in business directory on municipal website  $(\uparrow)$ .

# of building permits issued ( $\uparrow$ ).

 $value of building permits issued (\uparrow).$ 

# of Community Improvement Plan applications approved (†).

% of businesses registered in directory who reported that the municipality's by-laws and policies offer a business-friendly environment (↑).





A place where residents are engaged, empowered, welcomed and wellserved by their municipality.



#### Provide Good Governance

#### Open and Transparent Communication

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Meaningful Community Engagement

Fiscal Sustainability Efficient and Effective Service Delivery



Action	Lead	Year	\$
Develop a <b>Complaint and Service Request</b> <b>Policy.</b>	Municipal Clerk	2019	Staff time
Draft a new <b>zoning by-law</b> .	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019-2020	\$7,500
Re-skin <b>website</b> , review content and look at increasing access to information, ensure compliance with accessibility legislation, and upgrade for mobile use.	CAO and Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019	\$8,000
Update Establishing Regulating By-Law for Fire Services.	Fire Chief	2019	Staff time
Update <b>Open-Air Burning By-Law</b> .	Fire Chief	2019	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Report annually on <b>Strategic Plan</b> implementation progress.	CAO	2019-2022	Staff time
Review <b>Provincial Mutual Aid Participation</b> <b>By-Law</b> .	Fire Chief	2019	Staff time
Obtain Superior Tanker Shuttle Certification.	Fire Chief	2019	\$3,000
Draft an <b>Offence By-Law</b> to provide the municipality with an alternative means of enforcing municipal by-laws.	Municipal Clerk and Chief Building Official	2019-2020	\$3,000
Update <b>Smoking By-Law</b> to take into consideration Provincial legislation regarding vaping and cannabis use.	Manager of Facilities & Recreation	2019	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Update <b>financial policies</b> : Reserve Funds, Debt Management, and Long-Term Funding and Financing	CAO/Treasurer	2020	Staff time
Develop a <b>communication policy</b> , to improve public communications and access to municipal information, with strategic advice from the Communications Committee.	CAO and Municipal Clerk	2020	Staff time
Develop a <b>Parks Use By-Law</b> to provide basic rules around operation and conduct of users.	Manager of Facilities & Recreation	2020	Staff time
Review Emergency Management Control Group structure and recommend changes.	Fire Chief	2020	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Increase <b>Automatic Aid Agreements</b> with neighbouring municipalities (personnel and tankers).	Fire Chief	2020	Staff time
Update Asset Management Plan.	Municipal Engineer	2020	\$7,500
Develop a <b>Community Engagement Policy</b> to guide meaningful opportunities for resident engagement in the Municipality's democratic process.	Municipal Clerk	2020	\$500
Update Procurement By-Law	Municipal Clerk and CAO	2021	Staff time
Update Property Standards By-Law.	Chief Building Official	2021	Staff time

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Investigate opportunities for providing <b>public-facing GIS</b> on our website.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2022	\$5,000
Provide <b>customer service delivery training programs</b> for staff.	CAO	2022	\$2,500

% of residents who reported being satisfied with quality of municipal services delivered (1).

% of residents who reported that the municipality has increased its communication efforts with residents (†).

% of residents who believe the municipality offers meaningful engagement opportunities for local decision making (<sup>†</sup>).

Property taxes as a % of household income are at or below the average of municipal comparators.



# Provide Good Governance



# A leader in local environmental stewardship.



### Protect Our Environment

Stewardship of Natural Resources

Maximize Landfill Lifespan

Support Environmental Partnerships +

Promote Environmental Education



Action	Lead	Year	\$
Facilitate strategic discussions with relevant organizations to <b>protect our lakes</b> from <b>Blue Green Algae</b> .	CAO	2019-2020	\$500
Update studies related to <b>Trout Lake and</b> <b>Lake Nosbonsing</b> (water management/water quality, etc.)	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2019-2020	\$17,500
Promote <b>environmental programs</b> being delivered by the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority and other local organizations.	Manager of Planning & Economic Development	2020-2022	\$250 / year
Organize an annual <b>Community Clean Up</b> <b>Day</b> to keep our community clean.	Municipal Engineer	2020-2022	\$500 / year

Action	Lead	Year	\$
Educate residents on the benefits of <b>prolonging the life of our landfill</b> site via website content and an annual recycling information mailout.	Municipal Engineer	2020-2022	\$500 / year
Recommend <b>climate change reduction</b> <b>measures</b> , that are aligned with Ontario's Environment Plan Preserving and Protecting our Environment for Future Generations, during annual budget deliberations.	CAO/Treasurer	2020-2022	Staff time
Review, prioritize, and implement recommendations from the <b>Waste</b> <b>Recycling Strategy</b> and the <b>Waste</b> <b>Composition Study</b> .	Municipal Engineer	2021	\$7,500



% of residents who are aware of what materials can be recycled and collected at curbside (<sup>†</sup>).

Total amount of solid waste diverted from landfill site  $(\uparrow)$ .

# of joint collaborative activities to address environmental issues and concerns ( $\uparrow$ ).

% of residents who reported that the municipality has increased its efforts to protect the environment and natural resources (†).



## INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING CYCLE

#### Community Engagement Continuous Improvement

Strategic Plan 2019-2022

**Council Priorities** 

Business Planning Resource Allocation Performance Management



### TIMELINES FOR COMMUNICATION/REPORTING

Internal Staff	Council	Community
Quarterly	Annually	Annually
- Performance	- Outcome	- Outcome
(% Actions	Indicators	Indicators
Completed)	Performance	Performance
- Challenges	(% Actions	(% Actions
- Successes	Completed)	Completed)
	- Challenges	- Narratives
	- Successes	Municipality of East Ferris