

Official Rules and Regulations/Terms & Conditions

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1. CONTEST DESCRIPTION

The intent of the East Ferris Photo Contest is to showcase the unique aspects of our community and expand on the current library of photographs that the municipality uses to promote attractions, events and tourism. Themes will remain open for a period of one year and winners will be determined monthly. All monthly winners will be entered for a Grand Prize at the end of the year.

2. HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST

Take an original still photo that showcases East Ferris based on a specific theme. Submit it to the Contest online at www.eastferris.ca. Once a photo is submitted to the Contest, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified, edited, or replaced. A Photo Submission must be an original photograph (in digital format) taken by the photographer.

a) Photo Submissions

All photos must be submitted in digital format, as a jpeg file. Images are to be a maximum of 4MB (4,000 KB). All submissions must include the name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address of the photographer.

b) Model Release

If your photograph includes an identifiable person or people who are the main subjects of your photograph, you must be able to provide a model release to the Municipality upon request for each individual in the photograph. Should the subject be under 18 years of age, the form shall be signed by a parent or guardian of the minor.

c) Retouching of Photos

The submitted contest photograph cannot be significantly retouched; nothing in the photographs (people, animals, scenery, objects, etc.) may be altered, removed, augmented or rearranged. If the contest photograph has been retouched as stated above, it will be immediately disqualified. Cropping of the original image is permitted, as are modest tonal or colour corrections.

3. CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

Photo Submissions must not contain obscenity, explicit sexual material, nudity, profanity, graphic violence, or calls or incitement to violence. Submissions also must not contain content or images that could be considered abusive, inflammatory, denigrating, or disrespectful to the Municipality of East Ferris, or to groups, individuals or institutions.

Photo Submissions must be original photos created by the Contestant and must not contain any elements that are protected by someone else's copyright or otherwise subject to third party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights (except as expressly permitted below).

The content of all Photo Submissions must be suitable for a global, public audience. The Municipality of East Ferris reserves the right to disqualify, at their sole and absolute discretion, any submission that does not adhere to these criteria, to the intent, or to the substance of these Official Contest Rules.

By submitting a photo to the Contest, the Contestant affirms that he or she has obtained written consent from all individuals whose image or likeness appears in the photo, and further affirms that he or she is prepared to provide reliable documentation to that effect upon request (or from the individuals' parent/legal guardian if any such individuals are considered a minor in their country of residence).

The Municipality of East Ferris recognizes no allowance for “fair use” of copyrighted material. In the event of any question or difference of view regarding compliance with, interpretation, or application of these Content Requirements or other provisions of these Official Contest Rules, The Municipality of East Ferris reserves the exclusive right to resolve such questions or differences of view in their sole discretion.

Prior to entering the Contest, participants must agree to the Official Rules and Regulations/Terms & Conditions, as well as the photo, print and model release documents. Failure to agree to these terms will result in disqualification.

4. JUDGING

A monthly winner will be determined by Council, Staff or the Economic Development Committee. All decisions of the contest judges are final. All photos will be screened by the Municipality of East Ferris to ensure compliance with these Official Contest Rules.

Photos will be judged on originality, creativity and photo quality.

5. ELIGIBILITY

a) The Contest commences at 9 a.m. on October 1st, 2020, and closes at 4 p.m. on September 30th, 2021. Entries must be received by the contest closing date. Municipality of East Ferris is not responsible for entries that are lost, late, delayed, misdirected, unintelligible, illegible, incomplete, stolen, returned, separated, damaged, or undeliverable entries. Winners’ names and winning photographs will be posted on our website www.eastferris.ca.

b) Monthly entries are to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Any entries received after this time will be considered entries for the following month.

c) The person submitting the photo will be considered the Contestant and will be the only person eligible to compete for the prizes. In order to be eligible to win the prize, you must provide accurate and complete information. All prizes must be accepted as awarded, and are not convertible to cash.

d) The selected participants will be contacted by phone or email (using the contact information provided by participant at time of entering the contest) following the announcement of the winners.

e) The following individuals are not eligible to enter the Contest: employees and Councillors of the Municipality of East Ferris and their immediate family members.

f) Once a photo submission has been accepted for entry into the contest, the contestant’s name may be publicly identified at the sole discretion of The Municipality of East Ferris.

g) To be considered in the contest, all submissions must be original, unpublished photographs taken of or within East Ferris and submitted by the photographer who took the photo. By entering into the contest, the contestant grants the Municipality of East Ferris the unrestricted and exclusive rights to use the photograph(s) for any purpose. This includes, but is not limited to, publishing your photograph(s) in print or electronic form for promotional purposes without further compensation or photo crediting. The photographer must own all rights to any photographs entered in this contest. It is the responsibility of the contestant to ensure that publication of the photographs raises no legal claims. Accordingly, by entering the contest, you agree to compensate the City of Municipality of East Ferris fully regarding any claims arising out of the use of your photograph(s). Photograph(s) previously published in full or in part in other publications, contests etc., are not eligible. All entries and contest materials received by Municipality of East Ferris will not be returned.

h) Municipality of East Ferris shall not be responsible for incorrect or inaccurate transcription or registration of contest entry information, technical malfunctions, lost/delayed data transmission, omission, interruption, deletion,

defect, faulty, incomplete, incomprehensible, or erased computer or network transmissions, line failures of any telephone network, failure of computer equipment, software, inability to access any online service or website, inability to submit the online participation form, or any other error or malfunction, or any injury or damage to participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this contest, or for late, lost, stolen, illegible or misdirected entries.

i) Municipality of East Ferris reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or suspend this contest, at its sole discretion, in the event of a technical failure, computer virus or bug, unauthorized human intervention, fraud or any other occurrence or cause beyond its control that corrupts or adversely affects the administration, security, fairness or normal operation of the contest.

j) By entering this contest, the participant consents to these Official Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding in all matters to this contest. By participating, each participant and selected winner agrees: (a) to be bound by these rules and the decisions of Municipality of East Ferris, (b) to release and hold harmless the Municipality of East Ferris, its affiliates, subsidiaries, and independent contractors, and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives including advertising and promotion agencies, from any and all liability for claims/damages including, but not limited to, claims/damages for personal injury, for property damage with respect to acceptance, possession or use or misuse of the prize or participation in the contest; (c) to permit Municipality of East Ferris to use his/her name, city, photograph, or any likeness for advertising or publicity purposes without any additional compensation.

k) Municipality of East Ferris reserves the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to verify that a potential finalist or winner is in full compliance with these Official Contest Rules before the Contestant is recognized as a finalist or winner, and before awarding any prize. The inability of Municipality of East Ferris to contact a potential finalist or winner may result in disqualification and/or selection of an alternate finalist or winner from among all remaining eligible submissions.

l) The contest is subject to all Federal, Provincial and local laws, as well as the rules adopted in view of said laws. The personal information provided to enter the contest will be used only to administer the contest, and for no other reason.

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