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Moved by Councillor Lougheed
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris believes that conferences are vital forums for municipal leaders to interact amongst each other and discuss municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS despite new technological advances that allow remote communication, resource sharing, and networking; face-to-face interactions are one of the most crucial components for learning for municipal leaders;

AND WHEREAS parents attending conferences tend to face a childcare—conference conundrum as they struggle finding care for their children while attending and participating in conference sessions;

AND WHEREAS numerous reports and studies (1), including a recent 2019 report from the House Of Commons(2), indicate a lack of 'Family-Friendly and Gender–Sensitive' environments and policies as one of the barriers women face in pursuing and participating in all levels of politics;

AND WHEREAS most conferences such as ROMA, OGRA, AMO, FONOM, NeORA offer a companion program; the Municipality of East Ferris feels that the time has come for conference organizers to create the conditions for change and incorporate child care services throughout conferences;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, OGRA, AMO, FONOM, NeORA for considerations;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario Municipalities to request ROMA, OGRA, AMO, FONOM and NeORA to consider including a child care program during their conferences.

^{(1) &#}x27;Advancing Equity and Inclusion: A Guide for Municipalities', June 2015 https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/FEWO/Reports/RP10366034/feworp14/feworp14-e.pdf

^{&#}x27;Welcoming & Inclusive Communities Toolkit', 2014 http://citiesofmigration.ca/wp- content/uploads/2017/10/AUMA-Welcoming-and-Inclusive-Communities-Toolkit.pdf

^{&#}x27;How to ensure more women run for public office', Macleans 2018 https://www.macleans.ca/politics/how-to-ensure-more-women-run-for-public-office/

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(2) Elect Her: A Roadmap for Improving the Representation of Women in Canadian Politics, April 2019 https://www.ourcommons.ca/Content/Committee/421/FEWO/Reports/RP10366034/feworp14/feworp14-e.pdf

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 2019-280 passed by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris on the 8th day of October, 2019.

Monica L. Hawkins, AMCT

Clerk