


# Grey Highlands Declares "Climate Crisis"

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*Grey Highlands to take a closer look at what's happening to its climate.*

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Grey Highlands council has declared a climate "crisis" and committed to developing an action plan to study the issue in the municipality.

Councillors unanimously supported a motion at their meeting Wednesday to strike a committee to work with stakeholders in creating a fact-based plan to look into the impact of climate change in Grey Highlands.

The committee will be made up of two municipal councillors, five local citizens and at least one person from the local business community.

Mayor Paul McQueen calls this an opportunity for Grey Highlands to take a closer look at what's happening to its climate and consider ways council can look to impact change.

"A lot of people have started to think more about our weather and the changes we're seeing, even this year," McQueen says. "I will say as a farmer talking to other farmers, the conversation this spring has been 'what's going on with our weather?'"

"... Is it a factor of something (larger) or is it just a cycle?"

The resolution by Grey Highlands council will be sent to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, as well as Bruce-Grey Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker and MP Larry Miller.

A statement from Grey Highlands municipal staff explains this is an effort to "send a signal to the federal and provincial governments that our rural municipality sees this as a critical issue that must be addressed."

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