



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 10, 2023

PRESENT:	Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Terry Kelly, Councillor Steven Trahan, Councillor	Rick Champagne, Councillor Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor
STAFF PRESENT:	Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk	Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2023-01

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 10th day of January, 2023 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):

a. Minutes of December 13th and Special Meeting December 15th, 2022

2023-02

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 13th and the Special Meeting of Council held December 15th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort welcomed everyone to our 1st Council Meeting of 2023. Mayor Rochefort advised that the 2023 Municipal Calendars have been mailed out and if some residents don't have one; they can come to the Municipal Office and pick one up.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Mr. Scott Gardiner, Hospice Coordinator

Mr. Gardiner from the Near North Palliative Care Network advised that he could not make this meeting. He will present at a later date.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Next meeting scheduled for January 26th, 2023.

- b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session

- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session

- d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session

- e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session

- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session

- g. Economic Development Committee

Next meeting scheduled for January 25th, 2023

- h. Striking Committee

1. Minutes of Meeting - January 5th, 2023

2. Resolution(s) from meeting

2023-03

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the East Ferris Striking Committee recommended to Council that Donna St. Martin's application be approved to sit on the Recreation, Parks, and Culture Committee for the term of Council 2022-2026;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board

Library Board appointed Joyce Effinger as Chair for this term.

- b. Police Services Board

None for this session

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. COMM-2023-01

2023-04

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. COMM-2023-01 and that the Municipality proceed with the purchase of the vehicle outlined in the bid by Mac Lang Sundridge for a total purchase price of \$60,130.00 plus HST.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. COMM-2023-02

2023-05

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. COMM-2023-02 and that the Municipality of East Ferris enter into an agreement with Kenalex

to have the kitchen remodelling work done at the East Ferris Community Centre and Arena at a total cost of \$252,850+HST, as outlined in their RFP submission package, received December 16, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Report No. COMM-2023-03

2023-06

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. COMM-2023-03 and enter into an agreement for cleaning services in five (5) municipal facilities with RJ Janitorial Services (5035054 Ontario Inc.) as outlined in their Request for Proposal (RFP) submission dated December 7, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-01 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-07

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2023 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-01;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. By-law No. 2023-02 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-08

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-law to provide for Interim Tax Rates for the Year 2023 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-02;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

c. By-law No. 2023-03 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

In regard to the discussion of By-law No. 2023-03 to enter into an agreement with Ontario Trillium Foundation for Active Transportation; Council moved this item of discussion until after the return of the in-camera session. The in-camera session was pertaining to section 239(2)(h) - Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them - regarding a letter from the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. - Council went to in-camera session at 7:37 p.m. and resume to regular session of Council at 8:06 p.m. to discuss By-law No. 2023-03.

Councillor Steven Trahan requested a recorded vote on the motion of By-law No. 2023-03, resolution No. 2023-18.

Results of Recorded Vote:

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers - Yea

Councillor Kelly - Yea

Councillor Trahan - Yea

Councillor Champagne - Yea

Mayor Rochefort - Yea

Motion was carried.

2023-18

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-law to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Trillium Foundation for Active Transportation - Paved Trail along MacPherson Drive to Highway 17, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-03;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark
- b. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
- c. Municipal Support of Councillor Kelly to the FONOM Board of Directors
- d. Town of Mattawa
- e. Municipality of Mattawan
- f. Municipality of Tweed
Council referred for support
- g. AMO Communications
- h. ROMA
- i. OGRA
- j. East Ferris Santa Fund
- k. Merv Leach
This item was deferred to the next meeting of Council
- l. Near North Crime Stoppers
- m. Senior's Villa
- n. East Ferris Carnival

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda
2023-09
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Champagne
THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of January 10th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Approval of list of Council Memberships for the year 2023

2023-10

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the 2023 Membership list as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council held January 10th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. East Ferris Carnival

2023-11

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris has no objection to the East Ferris Carnival Committee hosting the 2023 Winter Carnival from February 16th to February 19th, 2023;

AND FURTHER that Council declares this a community festival and has no objections to the applications for appropriate licences.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Near North Crime Stoppers

2023-12

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS Crime Stoppers, an internationally recognized program, is a partnership of the public, the police and the media providing citizens with a proactive program to anonymously assist our police partners in the solving of crime, contributing to an improved quality of life in our communities;

AND WHEREAS to date, Near North Crime Stoppers has received over 20,800 calls from tipsters, contributing to the arrest of 1,772 individuals, over \$4.3 million in property and cash has been recovered and over \$57 million in drugs destined for our communities have been seized because of Crime Stoppers valuable information;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris hereby authorizes the declaration of the month of January 2023 as Crime Stoppers Month in the Municipality of East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Council Meeting January 24th, 2023

2023-13

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Council Members will be attending the 2023 ROMA Conference being held in Toronto from January 22nd to January 24th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS there is a Regular Scheduled Council meeting on January 24th, 2023;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 24th, 2023 be canceled in its entirety and that a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, as amended at the call of the Chair if required.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- f. Economic Development Council of Ontario Conference February 7-9th, 2023

2023-14

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers to attend the Economic Development Council of Ontario Conference to be held in Toronto from February 7th to February 9th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2023-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated January 10th, 2023 in the amount of \$1,130,691.29.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

2023-16

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:37 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-17

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:06 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2023-04 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-19

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to pass three readings of the following by-law at this session; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council from December 13th, 2022 to January 10th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-04;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

19. Adjournment

2023-20

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:12 p.m. and meet again on February 14th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins