

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

July 12, 2022

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Erika Lougheed, Councillor

Terry Kelly, Councillor Rick Champagne, Councillor

ABSENT: Steven Trahan, Deputy Mayor

STAFF Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer

PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2022-203

Moved by Councillor Champagne **Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 12th day of July, 2022 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Council Minutes of June 28th, 2022

2022-204

Moved by Councillor Lougheed **Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 28th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

Councillor Champagne made a comment regarding item No. 7 of the Agenda, Delegations to Council pertaining to the Quarry Pit. Councillor Champagne advised that the property on which the Aggregate Licence Application for a Licence for a Quarry above the Groundwater Table within the Municipality was at one time under his ownership. That property has been sold and he does not have anything to do with this property.

6. Chair's Comments:

None for this session

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Catherine Matheson, Nipissing District Social Services Administration Board

Catherine Matheson, Nipissing District Social Services Administration Board made a presentation to Council regarding the services available to our community under the DNSSAB.

b. Michelle St-Onge

Michelle St-Onge made a presentation to Council expression concerns regarding the Quarry Pit Application on Lavigne Road.

c. David Boland

David Boland made a presentation to Council expressing concerns regarding their property with the application for Quarry Pit on Lavigne Road.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Councillor Kelly advised that the Public Works Committee held a meeting on this day. Discussions took place regarding Nuisance Beavers By-law, signage, and policy pertaining to roads in the Municipality. The Public Works Committee will meet again on July 28th, 2022 to finalize documents and bring forward recommendations to Council for its Regular Meeting of August 9th, 2022.

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 - Next meeting August 17th, 2022 if required

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session - Next meeting August 17th, 2022 if required

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session

g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session

h. Communications Committee

None for this session

i. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

None for this session

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

None for this session

- b. Police Services Board
 - 1. Community Safety and Well Being Plan

Mayor Rochefort advised that the East Ferris Early Years Services and Child Care Survey was out and there is great feedback from the survey. The survey will be available until July 23rd, 2022. Encouraging East Ferris residents to take the survey.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2022-39 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-205

Moved by Councillor Lougheed **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 advance votes to be held prior to voting day and to provide for reduced hours of voting at Nipissing Manor, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-39;

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. City of Owen Sound
- b. Municipality of Brighton
- c. AMO Communications
- d. Employment and Social Development Canada
- e. Enbridge Gas
- f. Letters of Concerns Received Regarding Quarry Pit on Lavigne Road Application
- g. Trout Lake Conservation Association

14. Action Items:

a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2022-206

Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of July 12th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- Referred from Last Council Meeting
 - 1. Support of CN Rail Safety Week

2022-207

Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Champagne WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 19 to 25, 2022;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

AND WHEREAS CN has requested that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 19 to 25, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2. Township of Lucan Biddulph

2022-208

Moved by Councillor Lougheed **Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution No. 153-2022, from the Township of Lucan Biddulph passed at their regular Council Meeting held June 21st, 2022 regarding Voluntary Russian Sanctions.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

c. Resolution

2022-209

Moved by Councillor Champagne **Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS section 5.3 of the Council Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 states that there shall only be one meeting of Council held in the month of July and August;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris cancel the regular scheduled meetings of July 26th and August 23rd, 2022;

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

d. Resolution

2022-210

Moved by Councillor Lougheed Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris authorizes staff to submit a funding application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for Active Transportation Project MacPherson Drive Link to Voyageur Cycling Route & Corbeil Recreation Hub for up to \$500,000 and commits to applicant's contribution and any cost overruns.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Resolution

2022-211

Moved by Councillor Champagne **Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris authorizes staff to submit a funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Capital Grant Program for Active Transportation Project MacPherson Drive Link to Voyageur Cycling Route & Corbeil Recreation Hub for up to \$150,000 and commits to applicant's contribution and any cost overruns.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2022-212

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated July 12th, 2022 in the amount of \$2,236,298.28.

Carried Deputy Mayor Trahan

16. Other Business

a. Councillor Kelly

17. In Camera (if required)

Councillor Champagne requested on the agenda that Council go to In-camera session in order to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations regarding Cost of Living.

2022-213

Moved by Councillor Champagne **Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:36 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-214

Moved by Councillor Lougheed **Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:56 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-215

Moved by Councillor Champagne **Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council of the Municipality direct CAO to proceed with Cost of Living, a one time payment to full-time staff after consultations with the UFCW.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

a. By-law No. 2022-40 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-216

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

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 June 28th, 2022 to July 12th, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-40;

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

Monica L. Hawkins

2022-217

Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:58 and meet again on August 9th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor
Pauline Rochefort
Clerk