

Ferris website.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers announced to Council that she is stepping away from the title of Deputy Mayor. She will also relinquish her position on the Planning Advisory Committee and the Committee of Adjustment. Rooyakkers will remain on Municipal Council for the remainder of the Term.

Mayor Champagne thanked Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers for her dedication to the community and for her work as Deputy Mayor.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session. Meeting on March 24th, 2026.

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session. March meeting cancelled - No applications received.

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session. March meeting cancelled - No applications received.

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

None for this session. Next meeting: April 13th, 2026.

b. OPP Detachment Board

None for this session.

c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

1. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority

re: Minutes of February 11th, 2026

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. CLERK-2026-01: Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes

2026-77

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

That Council of the Municipality of East Ferris receives Report No. CLERK-2026-01 and approves the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy for the 2026 Municipal Election.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Report No. R-2026-01: EF-2026-09 (Equipment Rental Rate List)

2026-78

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts Equipment Rental 2026 reference table derived from submissions received for RFQ EF 2026-09 Equipment Rental Rate List and that equipment rental needs be selected from the submitted rates based on the criteria stated in Report No. R-2026-01.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- c. Report No. R-2026-02: EF-2026-02 (Reline Work)

2026-79

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards Tender EF-2026-02 Culvert Reline to Provincial Underground Services Inc. in the amount of \$114,469.00 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. Report No. R-2026-03: EF-2026-03 (Dust Control)

2026-80

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards RFQ-2026-03 – Supply and Application of Dust Control and Road Stabilization Materials to Pollard Distribution Inc. in the amount of \$56,036.70 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Report No. R-2026-04: EF-2026-04 (Granular Material)

2026-81

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards Tender EF-2026-04 Granular Material to Degagne Aggregates in the amount of \$ 40,269.25 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Report No. R-2026-05: EF-2026-05 (Winter Sand)

2026-82

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards Tender EF-2026-05 Winter Sand to A. Miron Topsoil Ltd. in the amount of \$86,784.00 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- g. Report No. R-2026-06: EF-2026-06 (Granular Material South Shore Road)

2026-83

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards Tender EF-2026-06 Granular Materials – Road Construction (South Shore Road) to Lefebvre Commercial Industrial in the amount of \$118,424.00 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- h. Report No. R-2026-07: EF-2026-07 (Asphalt Paving South Shore Road)

2026-84

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards tender EF-2026-07 - Asphalt Paving - South Shore Road to Pioneer Construction Inc. in the amount of \$ 445,677.65 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- i. Report No. R-2026-08: EF-2026-08 (Asphalt Paving Village Road)

2026-85

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris awards tender EF-2026-08 - Asphalt Paving - Village Road to Pioneer Construction Inc. in the amount of \$ 186,656.23 including HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2026-14: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-86

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

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 amend By-Law 2021-60, as amended and be hereby known as Zoning By-law Amendment 2026-01, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-14;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. By-law No. 2026-15: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-87

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

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 amend the Official Plan for the Municipality of East Ferris, hereafter known as Official Plan Amendment 2026-01, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-15;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- c. By-law No. 2026-16: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-88

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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 amend the Official Plan for the Municipality of East Ferris, hereafter known as Official Plan Amendment 2026-02, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-16;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. By-law No. 2026-17: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-89

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyackers

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 the delegation of authority to the CAO/Treasurer for certain acts during a Lame Duck period, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-17;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. By-Law No. 2026-18: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-90

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

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 an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-18;

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

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
re: Community Emergency Preparedness Grant
- b. MPP Fedeli - Nipissing District Office (Diane Deagle)
re: Response to Broadband Letter of February 24th, 2026.
- c. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
re: Conservation Authority Consolidation
- d. Ministry of Natural Resources
re: 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest
This item will be brought back to the April 14th meeting of Council with further information.
- e. AMO Communications
re: Watchfile of March 12th & 19th, 2026
- f. Municipality of Bluewater
re: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

2026-91

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Avon Maitland District School Board in their request to the Government of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, and MPP Vic Fedeli.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- g. Shirley Ferron
re: Delay New Official Plan (Email)
- h. Sal Renshaw
re: Objection to Quarry Application - MacDonald Road

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2026-92

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of March 24th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Resignation from Deputy Mayor Position

2026-93

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS Lauren Rooyakkers has submitted her resignation from the position of Deputy Mayor;

AND WHEREAS she has indicated her intention to continue serving as a member of Council for the Municipality of East Ferris;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the resignation of Lauren Rooyakkers from the position of Deputy Mayor;

Carried Mayor Champagne

- c. Appointment of Deputy Mayor

2026-94

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Terry Kelly as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the term of Council.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. Resignation from Planning Advisory Committee and Committee of Adjustment

2026-95

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Lauren Rooyakkers has submitted her resignation from the Planning Advisory Committee and the Committee of Adjustment;

AND WHEREAS she has indicated her intention to continue serving as a member of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the resignation of Lauren Rooyakkers from the Planning Advisory Committee and the Committee of Adjustment.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Appointment of Council Member to Planning Advisory Committee and Committee of Adjustment

2026-96

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Nick Brazeau to the Planning Advisory Committee and the Committee of Adjustment.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-97

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 24th, 2026 in the amount of \$213,664.66.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law No. 2026-19: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-98

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 March 11th, 2026 to March 24th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-19;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

19. Adjournment

2026-99

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:57 p.m. and meet again on April 14th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor

Rick Champagne

Clerk

Kim Rose