



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

April 28, 2026

PRESENT: Terry Kelly, Deputy Mayor
Steven Trahan, Councillor
Rick Champagne, Mayor

Lauren Rooyakkers, Councillor
Nick Brazeau, Councillor

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer

Kari Hanselman, Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Champagne called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-120

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 28th day of April, 2026 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Champagne

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 14th, 2026 and Special Meetings of April 7th and April 14th, 2026

2026-121

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 14th, 2026 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings of April 7th and April 14th, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Champagne

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Mayor Champagne advised that Goods Exchange Day is on May 2nd, Community Cleanup Day is May 5th, and Free Dump Day is May 5th.

Mayor Champagne read a letter from the MTO regarding the recent resurfacing treatment on Highway 94. They are aware of issues that have emerged and are assessing the situation.

Councillor Trahan advised that Emergency Preparedness Week is May 3rd through 9th. East Ferris Fire and Emergency Service will have a booth at the Tradeshow on May 23rd.

Councillor Brazeau advised that Starlink has a new plan for \$79.00 plus tax.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session.

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

1. Minutes of April 15th, 2026

2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2026-122

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS Council of the Municipality of East Ferris directed staff on February 24th, 2026 to amend section 3.2.8 of the Zoning By-law No. 2021-60 to permit the locating of freight containers within Rural, Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Zones subject to a series of conditions regulating their placement and use;

AND WHEREAS at the April 15th, 2026 Planning Advisory Committee meeting the Committee reviewed the corresponding report for File No. C-2026-02 as presented by the Director of Community Services;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Zoning By-law Amendment Application C-2026-02 be recommended for approval;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Champagne

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session.

f. Recreation, Parks and Events Committee

None for this session.

g. Striking Committee

1. Minutes of April 20th, 2026

2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2026-123

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Michael Philbin to the Planning Advisory Committee and Committee of Adjustment for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried Mayor Champagne

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of April 13th, 2026
 - 2. 2025 Audited Financial Statements
- b. OPP Detachment Board
 - None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
 - 1. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions

None for this session.

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2026-22: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-124

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

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 appoint a Compliance Audit Committee under the Municipal Elections Act for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-22;

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. 2026-23: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading
 - Discussion of this by-law was deferred until after the In-Camera session.

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- b. City of Greater Sudbury
- c. AMO
 - 1. AMO 2026 Delegation Meeting Requests

2026-125

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to submit the following requests for delegations at the 2026 AMO Conference:

1. Fire hall training centre
2. DNSSAB funding

Carried Mayor Champagne

2. Communications

- d. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- e. Jack Doherty

2026-126

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris adopted Policy No. GOV-FLAG on July 13th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Part 4, Section 1 prescribes for flag raising requests;

AND WHEREAS resident Jack Doherty has made a request to fly the Pride Flag on June 1st, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris, in accordance with the Municipality's Flag Policy, agrees to raise the Pride Flag for 1 day on the first business day of June: Monday, June 1st, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

14. Action Items:

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

2026-127

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of April 28th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Resolution: Cancel First Meeting in May (FONOM Conference)

2026-128

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Council Members will be attending the 2026 FONOM Conference being held in Timmins from May 11th to May 13th, 2026;

AND WHEREAS there is a Regular Scheduled Council meeting on May 12th, 2026;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for May 12th, 2026 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 Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-129

Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated April 28th, 2026 in the amount of \$162,687.27.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

2026-130

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 5:31 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address matters pertaining to:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding By-law No. 2023-26, a by-law to amend By-law No. 2021-60, as amended, relating to the use of freight containers.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-131

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 6:20 p.m. and return to our regular session.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-132

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT the passing of By-law No. 2026-23, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2021-60, as amended, relating to the use of freight containers, be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried Mayor Champagne

18. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law No. 2026-24: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-133

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

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 April 14th, 2026 to April 28th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-24;

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

2026-134

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:22 p.m. and meet again on May 26th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor

Rick Champagne

Clerk

Kari Hanselman