



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

February 10, 2026

PRESENT: Rick Champagne, Mayor Steven Trahan, Councillor
 Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor Nick Brazeau, Councillor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor

STAFF Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer Kim Rose, Clerk
PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Champagne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-30

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 10th day of February, 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 January 27th, 2026

2026-31

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 27th, 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 reminded residents to register for the snow sculpture competition by contacting the Municipal office. The Mayor invited residents to attend Carnival breakfast this weekend, as well as the Opening Ceremonies of Carnival on Friday at 5:45 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers noted that the Municipality has partnered with the Wasi Ski Club for snowshoeing events during Carnival. Details can be found on the Wasi Ski Club Facebook page.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers thanked staff for publishing an election information flyer to all residents.

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. Next meeting February 12th, 2026.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session. Next meeting February 25th, 2026 (rescheduled from February 18th).

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session. Next meeting February 25th, 2026 (rescheduled from February 18th).

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

g. Striking Committee

Minutes of February 4th, 2026

1. Recommendation(s) Arising from Minutes

2026-32

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Shelley Lamothe to the Recreation, Parks & Events Committee for the remaining 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-33

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Leette Morrissette-Villneff and Patty Point to the East Ferris Public Library Board for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried Mayor Champagne

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

None for this session.

- b. OPP Detachment Board
None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
 - 1. North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit
re: Board of Health Minutes of November 26th, 2025.
 - 2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
re: Minutes of Board Meeting, January 28th, 2026.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. CAO-2026-01 re: Asset Management Plan

2026-34

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves the Draft Municipality of East Ferris December 2025 Asset Management Plan as presented;

AND THAT a copy of the approved Asset Management Plan be provided to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Carried Mayor Champagne

11. Notice of Motions

Mayor Champagne noted that he will bring a resolution of support forward to the next meeting of Council from the North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding food insecurity.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-Law No. 2026-09: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-35

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 authorize an agreement between the Municipality of East Ferris and His Majesty the King, in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Hon. Minister of Transportation, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-09;

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. 2026-10: 1st and 2nd Reading

2026-36

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT By-law 2026-10 being a by-law to establish property standards in the Municipality of East Ferris be read a first and second time this 10th day of February, 2026.

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. AMO Communications
re: Watchfile of January 29th and February 5th, 2026
- b. Good Roads
re: 2026 Conference Delegations Open

2026-37

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council directs staff to apply for, and prepare a delegation to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth at the Good Roads Conference regarding the Municipality's funding application to NOHFC for a new fire hall and training facility.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- c. North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit
re: 2026 Municipal Levy
- d. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
re: Source Protection Plan Public Consultation
- e. East Nipissing-North Parry Sound Veterinary Services Committee
re: 2026 Contribution
- f. Knights of Columbus 6664
re: Thank You Letter

14. Action Items:

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

2026-38

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of February 10th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses

2026-39

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., c.25, as amended, requires that the Treasurer of a Municipality shall in each year on or before March 31st provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Member of Council and Member of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-40

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 February 10th, 2026 in the amount of \$359,010.91.

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. 2025-11: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-41

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from January 28th, 2026 to February 10th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-11;

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

2026-42

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:55 p.m. and meet again on February 24th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor
Rick Champagne

Clerk
Kim Rose