

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Approval of Council Minutes: Special Meeting of March 4th, 2026

2026-65

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 4th, 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 thanked the Public Works staff for their hard work during the thaw. He also advised that the Waste Management tender has been advertised.

Mayor Champagne noted his concerns regarding the state of Highway 94. The micropaving that was completed in 2025 has degraded and is being pushed into the ditches. The Mayor asked Council to pass a resolution under Other Business requesting that the MTO rectify the issue before it becomes a larger environmental concern. Council unanimously agreed, and the resolution was added to item 16 of the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers reminded Council that the East Ferris Public Library was hosting Trivia Night this evening at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Councillor Trahan recognized International Women's Day. He also reminded the public to test the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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

Minutes of February 25th, 2026.

- 1. Recommendation(s) Arising from Minutes - Trout Lake Policies

2026-66

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS the Director of Community Services completed a full review of the Official Plan Amendment OPA-2026-01 and Zoning By-law Amendment C-2026-01, as well as the review of the Amendment No. 2026-01 to the Official Plan of the Municipality of East Ferris - Trout Lake Influence Area;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory has recommended these amendments for approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Official Plan Amendment OPA-2026-01 and Zoning By-law Amendment C-2026-01 be approved by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-67

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Director of Community Services completed a full review of the Official Plan Amendment OPA-2026-02 regarding subdivision policy amendments;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory has recommended this amendment for approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Official Plan Amendment OPA-2026-02 be approved by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Committee of Adjustment

Minutes of February 25th, 2026.

- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

- g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board

Draft Minutes of March 2nd, 2026.

- b. OPP Detachment Board

Draft Minutes of March 3rd, 2026.

- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

- 1. Cassellholme - Minutes of January 29th, 2026
- 2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board - Minutes of February 25th, 2026
- 3. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit - Minutes of January 28th, 2026

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session.

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law 2026-10: 3rd Reading

2026-68

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 establish property standards in the Municipality of East Ferris BE READ a third and final time, passed and numbered 2026-10;

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. AMO Communications
re: Watchfile of February 26th and March 5th, 2026
- b. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
re: Medical Officer of Health Update - Board Highlights
- c. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
re: Discontinuation of Beach Sampling
- d. Cassellholme
re: 2026 Municipal Operating Levy
- e. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
re: Homelessness Advocacy

2026-69

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyackers

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board advocating for funding to support homelessness services and supports, including maintaining the 24-hour emergency low-barrier shelter services from May 1 to October 31, as well as additional emergency shelter overflow spaces;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the DNSSAB for their information.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Township of McNab/Braeside
re: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy
- g. Township of Perry
re: Reduced Rate Interlibrary Loan Services
NOTE: This item has been resolved

14. Action Items:

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

2026-70

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-71

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 10th, 2026 in the amount of \$387,446.96.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

a. Highway 94

2026-72

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Highway 94 was micropaved from Highway 17/Highway 94 intersection to Callander Bay Road/Highway 94 intersection in 2025;

AND WHEREAS with recent thawing, it has become evident that the road has significantly deteriorated over the winter resulting in black asphalt emulsion residue covering the snowbanks adjacent to the highway and reaching adjacent properties;

AND WHEREAS there are concerns about environmental impacts to adjacent properties and waterways;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Director of North Operations, Ministry of Transportation, to bring the matter to the Ministry's attention.

Carried Mayor Champagne

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law No. 2026-13: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-73

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from February 24th to March 10th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-13;

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

2026-74

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:34 p.m. and meet again on March 24th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor

Rick Champagne

Clerk

Kim Rose