



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

April 14, 2026

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

2026-109

Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th 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 March 24th, 2026

2026-110

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 24th, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Approval of Council Minutes: Special Meeting of April 7th, 2026

2026-111

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of April 7th, 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 noted that the Public Works Department was working hard to get roadways cleared of water and reopened after significant rainfall. Mayor Champagne also advised that he attended a luncheon with the Bonfield Lion's Club, who are celebrating 48 years as a Club.

Councillor Rooyakkers noted that May 2nd is the Indoor Yard Sale, hosted by the East Ferris Public Library at the East Ferris Community Centre.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Minutes of 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.

- e. Committee of Adjustment
None for this session.
- 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.
- b. OPP Detachment Board
None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
Minutes of February 19th, 2026
 - 1. Cassellholme
 - 2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
Minutes of March 25th, 2026
 - 3. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
Minutes of March 11th, 2026

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session.

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-Law No. 2026-20: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-112

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 adopt the estimate of all sums required during the year and to provide for the adoption of tax rates for 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-20;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. AMO Communications
re: Watchfile of March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th, 2026
- b. Ministry of Natural Resources
re: New Regulations under the Wildland Fire Management Act
- c. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
re: Media Release - Oral Health Essential for Lifelong Well-being
- d. North Bay Parry Sound District Health unit
re: Public Service Announcement - Health Unit Confirms 13 Overdoses, 3 Deaths in Connection with Public Safety Alert
- e. Discovery Routes
Re: New Adventure Trails Map Partnership Opportunity

2026-113

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS Discovery Routes is working with tourism partners from across the region to develop a new Adventure Trails Map;

AND WHEREAS 2000 trail maps will be distributed across the province and given away for free at venues such as the Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show and Montreal Bike Show;

AND WHEREAS maps will be sold locally for \$10 each serving as a fundraiser directly supporting volunteer stewardship of the trails;

AND WHEREAS Discovery Routes is asking municipalities with residents who use the trails to partner with us to share in the cost of design and production of this valuable resource;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris provides a contribution of \$250 to Discovery Routes to help them attain their budget.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
re: Request for Support - Chip and Tar Surface Treatment
- g. Town of Saugeen Shores
re: Request for Support - Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal
- h. Nipissing Forest Resource Management
re: 2026-2027 Work Schedule - Follow-up from March 24th Meeting. Further details available [HERE](#)
- i. Mayor Gould, Municipality of Calvin
re: North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Sale of Escarpment Lands
- j. Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
re: Northern Ontario Tourism Campaign

2026-114

Moved by Councillor Rooyackers

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris partners with the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth by directing staff to forward 2 to 3 images of East Ferris to use in a Northern Ontario Tourism Campaign.

Carried Mayor Champagne

14. Action Items:

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

2026-115

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of April 14th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Signing Authority

2026-116

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT the following be approved as financial signing authorities for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris effective April 14th, 2026 as follows:

One of Mayor - Richard (Rick) Champagne

Deputy Mayor – Terry Kelly

And One of CAO/Treasurer - Jason Trottier

Clerk - Kari Hanselman

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-117

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 14th, 2026 in the amount of \$771,644.98

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. 2026-21: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-118

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

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 March 24th, 2026 to April 14th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-21;

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

2026-119

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:32 p.m. and meet again on April 28th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor

Rick Champagne

Clerk

Kim Rose