



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

November 23, 2021

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Steven Trahan, Deputy Mayor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor Rick Champagne, Councillor
 Erika Lougheed, Councillor

STAFF Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer
PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2021-338

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 23rd day of November, 2021 be adopted as amended with the following changes:

- In-Camera session to be moved after item #6, Chair's Comments and add to in-camera session matter of Cassellholme Re-development under Section 239(2)(h) - information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- Add under section 14, resolution for NOHFC - Funding Application.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes

2021-339

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held November 9th, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings held November 15th and November 18th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

None for this session

7. In Camera

Council proceeded to In-Camera session at 6:03 p.m. Municipal Solicitor and Manager of Planning and Economic Development joined in the In-camera session in order to discuss Ontario Land Tribunal Appeals. After the discussion of the OLT appeal Council discussed the matter of Cassellholme Re-development.

2021-340

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:03 p.m., under Section 239(2)(f) and (h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-341

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 6:40 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

8. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

9. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 - 1. Minutes of November 17th, 2021
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2021-342

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held November 17th, 2021 for File No. C-2021-04 Barbara Breault as the applicant for the lands described as EAST FERRIS CON 14 PT LOT 18 PCL 3661 W/F on what is locally known as 2667 Highway 17 East has applied for a zoning by-law amendment to rezone the property from Agricultural (A) to General Commercial Special Zone in order to permit a self storage business and an accessory residential home on the property;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2014;

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held November 17th, 2021, Resolution No. 2021-36.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment

1. Minutes of November 17th, 2021
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee

1. Minutes of November 17th, 2021
2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

The Economic Development Committee recommended to Council to allow the committee to adopt a hybrid model for their quarterly meetings. Council advised they had discussed this matter and will allow Boards and Committee to either meet in person or virtual up to January 15th, 2022.

2021-343

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommended to Council to plan for an in-person Tradeshow for 2022 while ensuring all provincial and local COVID-19 health protocols and procedures are in place;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-344

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is in the process of adopting a new Comprehensive Zoning by-law;

AND WHEREAS Short Term Rentals are currently prohibited and would be prohibited in the new by-law unless authorized by a zoning by-law amendment;

AND WHEREAS Short Term Rentals were discussed in length at both the Open House on October 27th and the Planning Advisory Committee meeting on November 3rd, 2021 and are a point of concerns for the residents;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommended to Council that the Planning Advisory Committee consider a permitting structure including licensing fees for Short Term Rentals in the new

Comprehensive Zoning By-law rather than an outright prohibition without any other policies;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

h. Communications Committee

i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

The Committee met for their last meeting on Monday, Mayor Rochefort advised that the forecast is looking great for this day. Deputy Mayor thanked all volunteers and the committee. He encouraged the residents to participate and come to the tree lighting and the fireworks.

j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

Mayor Rochefort advised that Council will unveil the New Municipal Building at the Centennial Celebration on November 27th, 2021.

10. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

b. Police Services Board

During the discussion of the Police Services Board vacancy, Clerk advised Council that two other applications came in after the agenda was prepared and released. Council deferred this item to the next Regular Meeting in order review all applications.

1. Application received from Mr. Peter McDonald to fill vacancy on the PSB

11. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. PLAN-2021-21

2021-345

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-21 and sell a portion of the unopened road allowance south of 106 Cedar Bay Road to Mr. Bon at a reduced rate in conjunction with a transfer of lands owned by Mr. Bon to the municipality for the purpose of establishing an appropriate full-sized turnaround for Cedar Bay Road.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Verbal Report -

2021-346

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS the Manager of Planning and Economic Development made a verbal report to Council regarding a follow up from Report No. Plan 2021-19 presented to Council at the Regular Meeting held October 12th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Council passed resolution 2021-287 approving the sale of land in accordance with the recommendation contained within report PLAN-2021-19;

AND WHEREAS there are existing roadways and laneways on a registered plan of subdivision, Plan M-180, as shown on the schedule attached to this resolution that need to be closed and deemed surplus in order to execute the consolidation of all of the lands within this area as outlined in report PLAN-2021-19;

AND WHEREAS Mann Ave, Canada Ave, Gibson Place and Minto Place, as shown on Plan M-180, as well as all laneways shown on the attached part of Plan M-180, should be deemed surplus in order to continue with the consolidation of these lands;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of Mr. Kirton's verbal report and deems the above mentioned roadways and laneways to be surplus and Mr. Kirton be authorized to proceed with the consolidation of these lands.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

12. Notice of Motions

13. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2021-54 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-347

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

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 execution of a Lease Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Roger's Communications Incorporated for the use of Municipal land on which to operate

and maintain a Communication Tower, Building and Antennas, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-54;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. By-law No. 2021-55 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-348

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor 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 close and convey a part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance in front of Plan M475, Lot 15, Pcl 12832 W/F, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, described as Part 2, Plan 36R-14661 known as 1386 Hemlock Island, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-55;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. By-law No. 2021-56 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-349

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

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 close and convey a part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance in front of PT Hemlock Island Trout Lake Pcl 5881 W/F, East Ferris, District of Nipissing described as Part 1, Plan 36R-14661, known as 1232 Hemlock Island, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-56;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

14. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. Municipality of Calvin
Councillor Kelly requested to refer for support
- c. Municipality of Mattice-Val Cote
- d. Cassellholme
The Cassellholme Re-development Project Financing Options was deferred to the next regular meeting.
- e. AMO Communications
- f. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority

15. Action Items:

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

2021-350

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of November 23rd, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. CUPE

2021-351

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn and call for an immediate, comprehensive and independent third-party expert review of OMERS'S Investment performance and practices over the past ten years, conducted by the OMERS Pension Plan's sponsors and stakeholders;

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of East Ferris calls on the OMERS Administration Corporation to:

- Provide all requested data, documentation and information required of the review panel to fulfill its mandate;
- Establish a step-by-step plan, with OMERS sponsors and stakeholders, to implement any recommendations set out in the review report.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Pierre Ranger - Let's Remember Adam

2021-352

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS Stop-Arm Camera Systems are a major part of creating safer school buses and safer roads for all area residents;

AND WHEREAS Bill 174 received Royal Assent on December 12th, 2017, under Schedule 4 Amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* by adding a new Part providing for the use of automated school bus camera systems;

AND WHEREAS given the district courts are in North Bay, it is imperative that the City of North Bay come on board with a Stop-Arm Camera Program so that other municipalities within the Nipissing District can move forward to help keep the children in communities safe;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris request the City of North Bay to look into the process of implementing a stop-arm camera program with BusPatrol for the City with the goal of developing a regional program to ensure coverage of all school buses within the collective municipalities;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to FONOM, OGRA, Let's Remember Adam, Stop for School Buses, BusPatrol and municipalities that form part of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) through the City of North Bay.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Draft Community Engagement Policy

2021-353

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Community Engagement Policy as prepared and presented.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Resolution

No discussion on this item. There was no resolution prepared.

- f. Resolution - NOHFC

2021-354

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris authorizes staff to submit a funding application to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the East Ferris Medical Centre project with a total project cost of \$3,134,156 and a requested NOHFC contribution of \$1,384,578.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Approval of Accounts Payable

2021-355

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated November 23rd, 2021 in the amount of \$265,724.03.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

17. Other Business

Councillor Kelly requested that congratulations be forwarded to Mr. Anthony Rota - being elected to Speaker of the House.

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-57 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-356

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor 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 November 9th, 2021 to November 23rd, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-57;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

19. Adjournment

2021-357

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:28 p.m. and meet again on December 14th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins