



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

November 12, 2024

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

ABSENT: Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor

STAFF Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer Kari Hanselman, Clerk
PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2024-233

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 12th day of November, 2024 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 22nd, 2024

2024-234

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 22nd, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Regarding the presentation from Cassellholme at the last meeting and the proposed meeting to make representation for the grant that has not been allocated to Cassellholme, Mayor Rochefort advised that the municipality should know by next week of the meeting date.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Council members advised that the Remembrance Day Ceremony on the weekend was well attended. Council also expressed their condolences for the passing of Karen Sabourin.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Maddy From, Food Cycle Science

Maddy From from Food Cycle Science made a presentation to Council regarding residential food waste diversion solutions.

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. Next meeting November 26th, 2024.

- d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session.

- e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session.

- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

- 1. Recommendation: Commemorative Park Donation Program

2024-235

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee reviewed the Commemorative Park Donation Program Report;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has provided input into the final document;

AND WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the Commemorative Park Donation Program be adopted as presented;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation with the required amendments.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board

- 1. Minutes of November 4th, 2024

- b. OPP Detachment Board

- 1. Minutes of October 29th, 2024
 - 2. Recommendation from Minutes

2024-236

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board supports the Safe Streets Campaign of the Ontario Provincial Police;

AND WHEREAS the campaign raises awareness about the Safe Streets Act, to improve roadway safety and promote overall community well-being;

AND WHEREAS the Board recommends that this initiative be brought forward to the Board's respective Council's to determine how best to disseminate the information to the community;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves of this recommendation and directs staff to share the campaign on social media.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. COMM-2024-05: Septic Inspection Program - Strategic Plan Initiative

2024-237

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to undertake a public education campaign about best practices around septic system maintenance.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Mayor Rochefort

12. By-laws:

None for this session.

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- b. Minister of Finance
- c. Town of Aurora
- d. Township of Nairn and Hyman
- e. AMO Communications
- f. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

2024-238

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution received from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and endorses the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Elizabeth Walker (Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health), Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli (MPP, Nipissing), the Honourable Graydon Smith (MPP, Muskoka-Parry Sound), and the Honourable John Vanthof (MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane), Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Enbridge Gas
- h. Good Roads

2024-239

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- i. Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- j. Ontario Provincial Police

14. Action Items:

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

2024-240

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of November 12th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution: 2025 ROMA Conference Delegation Request (Deadline November 27th)
- c. Motion to Reconsider

2024-241

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Resolution No. 2024-228 carried on October 22nd, 2024 relating to Subdivision Application No. SB-2024-01 and the request for a fee waiver be reconsidered.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-242

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the owners (1851477 Ontario Inc.) of the lands described as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Concession 15, Township of East Ferris, District of Nipissing, has applied for approval of a draft plan of subdivision for the purpose of creating 12 new lots;

AND WHEREAS this application is a resubmission of phase 2 a previously approved application under file SB-2018-02, which has lapsed;

AND WHEREAS no additional lots or changes have been made to the proposed development from the approval that was given for file SB-2018-02;

AND WHEREAS since the original approval was granted on May 14th, 2019 the application has gone through an Ontario Land Tribunal hearing;

AND WHEREAS in their letter dated September 12th, 2024, Tulloch Geomatics, on behalf of 1851477 Ontario Inc., requested Council for the Municipality of East Ferris waive the \$2,000 application fee as it was previously collected for this application;

AND WHEREAS the date of lapsing of the approval was set at three years, where five years is more common for developments of this size;

AND WHEREAS the global COVID-19 pandemic had great impacts on the residential construction industry, as well as other industries, throughout the pandemic;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of the fee waiver request due to the three-year development period substantially falling within the same period of the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND FURTHER THAT by approving this request, Council is not setting a precedent for future fee waiver requests for planning applications and that any future fee waiver requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-243

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated November 12th, 2024 in the amount of \$328,245.98.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera

2024-244

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves the following addition to the In-Camera session: 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including

communications necessary for that purpose regarding a matter before the Human Rights Tribunal.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-245

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:44 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

(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 regarding the Algonquin Land Claim;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding a matter before the Human Rights Tribunal.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-246

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:27 p.m. and return to our regular session.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2024-42: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-247

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

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 October 22nd, 2024 to November 12th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-42;

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

2024-248

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:28 p.m. and meet again on November 26th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman