



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 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

2021-117

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 27th day of April, 2021 be amended by adding to Section 17 - In-camera, the discussion of Cassellholme, Medical Building and Road Tendering under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, subsection (c), (f) and (h).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Minutes

2021-118

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 13th and the Special Meeting of Council held April 22nd, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Rochefort mentioned the week of April 18th-24th, 2021 was declared as Volunteer Week. The Municipality highlighted citizens of the Municipality.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

None for this session

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Deputy Mayor Trahan highlighted points of the meeting held April 22nd, 2021. The minutes will be circulated with the Council agenda of May 11th, 2021.

1. Meeting scheduled for April 22nd, 2021

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session

d. Planning Advisory Committee

1. Minutes of April 21st, 2021

2. Recommendations from minutes

2021-119

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS no public input was received during the public meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. C-2021-02 (Miller & Urso Surveying on behalf of 1851477 Ontario Inc.) at the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held April 21st, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement 2014 and is in

conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee recommended to Council that the lands described as East Ferris CON 9 PT LOT 14, RP 36R2507, PT 1, PCL 10482 on what is locally known as Corbeil Road be approved for Zoning By-law Amendment to rezone the property from an Agricultural (A) Zone to a General Industrial Special (M2S) Zone in order to allow for the owner to develop the property with a contractor's yard and associated business offices and additional special provisions to permit self-storage units as a secondary component of the development plan for a future second phase of development;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Committee of Adjustment

Councillor Kelly and Councillor Loughheed advised that the Committee of Adjustment had a busy meeting. The minutes will be circulated with the Council agenda of May 11th, 2021.

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

1. Minutes of April 20th, 2021

2. Recommendations from minutes

2021-120

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommended to Council that the Draft Volunteer Recognition Program Policy be hereby adopted as circulated;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

3. Applications for Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

Referred to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee for review

g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session

h. Communications Committee

1. Minutes of April 19th, 2021

i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

None for this session

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of April 12th, 2021

b. Police Services Board

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality has a survey out regarding the Community Safety and Well Being. She encouraged Council to take the survey and advise friends and family. The survey will play an important role in the development of the East Ferris Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. PLAN 2021-08

2021-121

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-08 and decline the request from Stewart and Nancy Millar to purchase their property on Lake Nosbonsing Road (EAST FERRIS CON 5 PT LOT 27 RP 36R12909 PARTS 1 TO 3).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Report No. PLAN-2021-09

2021-122

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-09 and award the contract for realty services with the

municipality to Realty Executives and direct staff to prepare an agreement between the Municipality of East Ferris and Realty Executives.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Notice of Motion prepared by Mayor Rochefort

2021-123

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS education that is available to all students from pre-kindergarten through higher education is foundational to our democracy;

AND WHEREAS all of our students, including those in Northern Ontario, deserve access to colleges and universities that are close by and affordable;

AND WHEREAS Laurentian University and its affiliated Universities are long-established providers of excellent higher education to Ontario students including to Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS Laurentian University is experiencing the elimination of programs, staff, and service cuts as it is engaged in insolvency proceedings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris urges both the Provincial and Federal Governments to ensure Laurentian University emerges from its insolvency proceedings as a strong and healthy provider of higher education for the students of the Municipality of East Ferris and for all Ontario;

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of East Ferris hopes the authorities will ensure the protection of the affiliated Universities and their programs and all other Laurentian programs aimed at meeting the needs of Ontario students including its Francophone and Indigenous populations as well as needs specific to the north such as that provided by the School of Midwifery / *École de profession des sages-femmes*; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Vic Fedeli, MP Anthony Rota, the Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities, Ross Romano and Laurentian University.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2021-19 - 1st and 2nd Reading

2021-124

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT By-law No. 2021-19 being a By-law for the use, regulation and protection of Municipal Parks and Recreation Areas for the Municipality of East Ferris be read a first and second time this 27th day of April 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. By-law No. 2021-20 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-125

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

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 authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-20;

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. 2021-22 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-126

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 authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Canada Post Corporation for the amendment to lease the agreement for the Astorville Post Office, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-22;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Township of Archipelago
- d. AMO Communications
- e. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
- f. Ingrid VanderMarel

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with the agenda
2021-127
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 27th day of April, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

- 2021-128
Moved by Councillor Lougheed
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated April 27th, 2021 in the amount of \$207,440.11.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera - Requested by Mayor Rochefort

- 2021-129
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:01 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board;

- advise 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

2021-130

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:54 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-131

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris authorize the CAO to prepare a Letter of Intent to Dégagné/Lefebvre Building Group for the development of a Medical Centre.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-132

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris rescind motion No. 2021-115 of the Special Council Meeting held April 22nd, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-133

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris upon re-evaluation of the Tender for Lake Nosbonsing Road Reconstruction; is now being awarded to the lowest bidder, Pioneer Construction.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-21 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-134

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 April 13th, 2021 to April 27th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-21;

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

2021-135

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Loughheed

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:57 p.m. and meet again on May 11th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins