



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

**March 9, 2021**

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| PRESENT:          | Pauline Rochefort, Mayor<br>Terry Kelly, Councillor | Erika Lougheed, Councillor<br>Rick Champagne, Councillor |
| ABSENT:           | Steven Trahan, Deputy Mayor                         |                                                          |
| STAFF<br>PRESENT: | Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk                            | Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer                            |

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

2021-56

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 9th day of March, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes - February 23rd, 2021 and Minutes of the Special Meeting, March 3rd, 2021

2021-57

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 23rd, 2021 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held March 3rd, 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. Delegations to Council:**

- a. Mr. Todd Wilcox

Mr. Wilcox was scheduled to do a presentation to Council. Mr. Wilcox contacted the office at 5:00 p.m. advising that he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Wilcox requested to have his presentation moved to the next Regular Meeting of Council of March 23rd, 2021.

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
- e. Committee of Adjustment
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee
- h. Communications Committee
- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee
- j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

**9. Board Reports:**

- a. Library Board
- b. Police Services Board

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

**11. Notice of Motions**

**12. By-laws:**

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier - Vaccine Distribution Task Force
- b. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Ministry of Solicitor General
- d. Municipality of West Grey  
Council referred for support
- e. Township of Archipelago  
Council referred for support
- f. Township of Lake of Bays  
Council requested that a letter be sent to the Township of Lake of Bays for support
- g. Township of Perry
- h. AMO Communications
- i. Councillor Rick Champagne - Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)  
Council requested that a letter of support be forwarded to OGRA and Minister Christine Elliott
- j. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- k. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority

**14. Action Items:**

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with the agenda  
2021-58  
**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed  
**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly  
  
THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 9th day of March, 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Support of Resolution - City of St. Catherines

2021-59

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the City of St. Catherine's that endorses legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

c. Support of Resolution - Township of Conmee

This resolution was put on the floor. It was moved and seconded for the purpose of discussing. Council deferred this resolution for further information.

2021-60

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the Township of Conmee to lobby the Provincial Government to amend the Municipal Act and Municipal Elections Act, as may be, so that people with a criminal record who have not had their record cleared from the RCMP Data Base by order of the Governor General of Canada, be prohibited from becoming a candidate in municipal elections.

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

2021-61

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 9th, 2021 in the amount of \$419,331.38.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

None for this session

**17. In Camera - if required**

Councillor Rick Champagne requested to proceed to in-camera session.

2021-62

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:23 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
- litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

2021-63

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 6:54 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

## **18. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2021-11 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading

2021-64

**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 confirm the proceedings of Council from February 23rd, 2021 to March 9th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-11;

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**

2021-65

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:56 p.m. and meet again on March 23rd, 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins