



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2025

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2025-54

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 25th day of February, 2025 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes: Special Meeting of February 10th, 2025 and Regular Meeting of February 11th, 2025

2025-55

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 10th, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of February 11th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

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

Council expressed their condolences to the families of Doug Armatage and Steve Horton.

Council members attended the Winter Carnival and it was a great success.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

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.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session.

e. Committee of Adjustment

1. Minutes of February 19th, 2025

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

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. R-2025-01: RFQ EF-2025-08 New Pickup Truck

2025-56

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris hereby accepts the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Engineering contained in Report No. R-2025-01 to award RFQ EF-2025-08 to Mac Lang (Sundridge) Limited for a new 2024 - 2500 series Crew Cab 4x4 Long Box (Option B) in the amount of \$75,671.58 (H.S.T. included).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2025-15: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-57

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor 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 2025, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-15;

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. United States Tariffs on Canadian Goods

1. City of Peterborough
2. Township of Uxbridge
- b. Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula
 1. Re: Cell Towers and Their Associated Maintenance
Deferred to next meeting.
 2. Re: Tow Hooks on All New Cars and Trucks Sold in Canada
Deferred to next meeting.
- c. AMO Communications
- d. Knights of Columbus #6664

2025-58

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Council 6664 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on March 16th, 2025;

AND WHEREAS, in respect of this milestone the Knights have requested Council proclaim the week of March 16th to March 22nd, 2025 as Knights of Columbus #6664 week in East Ferris;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves of this request and declares the week of March 16th as Knights of Columbus #6664 week in East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Northern Ontario School of Medicine
- f. Phil Koning
Deferred to next meeting.
- g. Rob Effinger
- h. East Ferris Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers and Councillor Champagne will review and bring an updated plan back to Council in the fall.

14. Action Items:

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

2025-59

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of February 25th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2025-60

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 February 25th, 2025 in the amount of \$209,874.34.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law No. 2025-16: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-61

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 February 11th, 2025 to February 25th, 2025, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-16;

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

2025-62

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:39 p.m. and meet again on March 11th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman