



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

February 9, 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. Welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### a.     Oath of Office - Richard Champagne

After the meeting was declared opened by the Mayor, the Municipal Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the appointment of Richard Champagne to the Office of Councillor.

On behalf of Council, the Community and the Citizens of the municipality, Mayor Rochefort thanked Councillor Champagne for accepting the appointment to Council.

### 2.     **Adoption of Agenda**

2021-33

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

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

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

- a. Council Minutes of January 26th, 2021

2021-34

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 26th, 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:**

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality is launching its first activities for the Centennial. A poster of activities for the Family Day Weekend has been posted on our Municipal Website and Social Media.

Mayor Rochefort mentioned that shortly we will have a display of all the apparel that will be for sale during the Centennial. Sponsorship package in various levels of participation have also been prepared.

**7. Delegations to Council:**

- a. Invited presentation - Ontario Provincial Police

The Ontario Provincial Police made a presentation to Council regarding Aggressive Driving/Traffic Complaint and theft from motor vehicles in the Municipality of East Ferris. Staff Sgt. Bill McMullen, Sgt. Camirand, Acting Sgt. Morrison from the OPP were present as well as Maizy Alexander, member of the East Ferris Police Services Board.

**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

1. Councillor Kelly

Council approved the sending of a letter of thanks to the Wasi Cross Country Ski Club for keeping their activities opened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1. Minutes of February 1st, 2021

b. Police Services Board

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

a. Report No. CLERK-2021-02, Monica Hawkins, Clerk - Report of Integrity Commissioner

2021-35

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the Report of Integrity Commissioner as prepared under Report No. CLERK-2021-02 for information purposes only.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

b. Report No. FD-2021-01; Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief/CEMC - 2020 Annual Fire Report

2021-36

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2020 Annual Fire Report for information purposes only as prepared under Report No. FD-2021-01.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**11. Notice of Motions**

- a. Notice of Motion from Mayor Rochefort

2021-37

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

**NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY MAYOR ROCHEFORT**

THAT Council approves the modifications to the Boards and Committees for the Members of Council for the balance of the term of office as follows:

**Mayor Rochefort:** Centennial Committee, Police Services Board, Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee, Community Emergency Management Committee and Communications;

**Deputy Mayor Trahan:** Public Works Committee, Economic Development Committee, and East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee;

**Councillor Kelly:** Public Works Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, DNSSAB, and Cassellholme;

**Councillor Lougheed:** Communications Committee, Fire and Emergency Services Committee, Planning Advisory Committee, and Library Board;

**Councillor Champagne:** Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee, NBMCA, and Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee.

NOTE: Council members do participate in additional sub-committees and working groups e.g. Medical Office.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**12. By-laws:**

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier - Vaccine Distribution Task Force
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. City of North Bay
- d. Municipality of Callander
- e. Town of Mattawa
- f. Township of Baldwin
- g. Township of Augusta
- h. Chris McConnell, President of OPSEU Local 317

Council referred the letter from OPSEU Local 317 for support

- i. AMO Communications
- j. DNSSAB
- k. FONOM
- l. David King, Integrity Commissioner
- m. Denise Beaupré and Tim Foster  
Council referred to the Public Works Committee
- n. Ruth and Bill Beattie
- o. Tony and Nancy Van der Akker

**14. Action Items:**

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

2021-38

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 9th day of February, 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

2021-39

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated February 9th, 2021 in the amount of \$353,160.82.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

Councillor Kelly advised that Expressions of Interest were prepared last week. It has been posted on social media and he advised that local media have given coverage regarding same.

**17. In Camera**

**18. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2021-07, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-40

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**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 January 26th, 2021 to February 9th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-07;

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**

2021-41

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:36 p.m. and meet again on February 23rd, 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins