



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

January 12, 2021

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Erika Lougheed, Councillor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor Steven Trahan, 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**

2021-01

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 12th day of January, 2021 be adopted with the changes to the order of agenda as follows:

- Adoption of the Agenda
- Declarations of Conflict of Interest
- Chairs Comments
- Accepting the minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)
- Business Arising from the Minutes

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Council Minutes

2021-02

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 8th and the minutes of the Special Council meeting held December 15th, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Kelly commented on the Cassellholme Redevelopment. Mayor Rochefort mentioned regarding the Algonquin Land Claims presentation from the last meeting and we had another presentation for this evening. Mayor Rochefort also advised that the tenders were prepared for the trusses at the East Ferris Community Centre.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality of East Ferris was saddened with the news that was received during the holiday season with the passing of Deputy Mayor Voyer. Deputy Mayor Voyer was a strong, energetic person.

Mayor Rochefort also advised that the Municipality acknowledged Premier Ford's announcement today and the Emergency Management Committee will be meeting on Wednesday to review the Provincial Declaration.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Todd Wilcox

Mr. Todd Wilcox made a presentation to Council pertaining to the Algonquin Land Claims. Council mentioned to provide our MP and MPP with copies of Mr. Wilcox's presentation. The Municipality has been in contact with the Algonquin Land Claims regarding setting up a Special Meeting with them and having the residents around the Algonquin Land Claims area participate in providing questions to the Municipality to bring forward for the meeting.

- b. George Elliott

Mr. George Elliott made a presentation to Council regarding the crown land at the end of Bertha Road. Council referred Mr. Elliott's presentation to the Public Works Committee for review.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 - 1. Minutes of December 17th, 2020 - Next meeting January 18th, 2021
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee

CECM, Fire Chief Loeffen called an Emergency Management Meeting for Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 to discuss the Provincial announcement regarding the Provincial Emergency Declaration.
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 - 1. Minutes of December 16th, 2020 - Next meeting, January 20th, 2021
- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of December 16th, 2020 - Next meeting, January 20th, 2021
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
 - 1. Minutes of December 9th, 2020
- g. Economic Development Committee
 - 1. Minutes of December 16th, 2020 - Next meeting, January 20th, 2021
 - 2. Recommendation from Minutes

2021-03

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommended to Council to hire Karen Jones Consulting to plan a virtual event for 2021 in place of the East Ferris Trade show;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-04

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the Economic Development introduced in 2020 the Business Show Cases and was proven to be successful;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommended to Council to continue throughout the year on a more permanent basis to highlight the Businesses in our community;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

h. Communications Committee

Communications meeting changed from January 18th, 2021 to January 19th, 2021.

i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of December 14th, 2020

b. Police Services Board

1. Minutes of December 10th, 2020

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. CLERK-2021-01, Monica Hawkins, Clerk - Councillor Vacancy

Council declared the Councillor seat vacant and deferred the process of filling the vacant seat to the next Regular Council Meeting.

2021-05

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris declare the Office of Councillor to be vacant at the January 12th, 2021 Council Meeting.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-06

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris consider appointing a person to fill the vacancy on or before March 12th, 2021 (within 60 days of declaration).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. CAO - Verbal Report regarding Canada Post Lease

CAO advised Council that Canada Post is requesting more space at its present location at the East Ferris Community Centre. Council advised CAO to move forward and negotiate with Canada Post regarding available space that we current have and prepare agreement.

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2021-01 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading

2021-7

Moved by Councillor Trahan

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 temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-01;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. By-law No. 2021-02 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading

2021-08

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Loughheed

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 provide for Interim Tax Rates for the Year 2021 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-02;

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. 2021-03 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading

2021-09

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 set Tax Ratios for the Municipality of East Ferris for the year 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-03;

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. Anthony Rota, MPP, Nipissing-Timiskaming
- b. General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier-COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force
- c. Ministry of Solicitor General
- d. Office of the Solicitor General
- e. Information and Privacy Commissioner
- f. City of Greater Sudbury, Marmara and Lakes, Municipality of Chatham-Kent and Township of Puslinch
- g. City of Hamilton
- h. Marmara and Lake
- i. Town of Amherstburg
- j. Town of Kingsville
- k. Township of Matachewan
- l. AMO Communications
- m. FONOM
- n. FONOM
- o. OGRA
- p. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
- q. 2021 Council Memberships

r. Tamie Salter

s. Phil Koning

Mr. Koning's letter was referred to the Communications Committee.

14. Action Items:

a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

2021-10

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 12th day of January, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Region of Peel

2021-11

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter and resolution from the Region of Peel sent to the Minister of Finance regarding the Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

c. Resolution:

2021-12

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris appoint Councillor Steven Trahan as the Deputy Mayor for the remaining term of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

d. Resolution:

2021-13

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Deputy Mayor Steven Trahan be appointed as a signing officer for the Municipality of East Ferris for banking purposes.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Approval of 2021 Municipal Memberships

2021-14

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the 2021 Membership list as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council held January 12th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2021-15

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 January 12th, 2021 in the amount of \$1,007,741.06.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

17. In Camera

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-04 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Reading

2021-16

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

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 December 8th, 2020 to January 12th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-04;

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

2021-17

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:53 p.m. and meet again on January 26th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins