



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

October 13, 2020

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Terry Kelly, Councillor
 Mike Voyer, Deputy Mayor Erika Lougheed, Councillor

ABSENT: Steven Trahan, Councillor

STAFF Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer
PRESENT:

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance, as well as the public watching the meeting from livestream.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-244

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 13th day of October, 2020 be adopted as circulated

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Adoption of the minutes as follows:

2020-245

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council dated September 22nd and September 29th, 2020 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held September 22nd, 2020 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 there is filming being done at the Four Season's. Mayor Rochefort commented on the nice work that is being done at Hwy 94 at Callander. It was also mentioned that a photo of the Municipal Engineer, Director of Public Works was published in the "Milestone" Ontario Good Roads magazine.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Deputy Mayor Voyer reviewed the minutes of the Public Works meeting with Council

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session. The Committee has not met, but they are monitoring the Pandemic

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

Mayor Rochefort advised that Fire and Emergency services does not respond to the islands. The Fire Department's By-law is in keeping with the surrounding municipalities. Councillor Kelly congratulated the Fire Department for a job well done pertaining to the call at Nipissing Manor.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

1. Chair of Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee, Councillor Kelly
2. Application(s) received to sit on Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

There were 2 applications received with the interest to sit on the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee. Motion was prepared to fill the vacancy on the Committee with an insert to add the chosen candidate. Council discussed the two names put forward and proceeded to vote. Deputy Mayor Voyer voted Wendy Joyce St. Denis, Councillor Kelly voted Richard Champagne, Councillor Lougheed voted Wendy Joyce St. Denis and Mayor Rochefort voted Richard Champagne. The outcome of the vote was a tie vote; therefore, the motion was defeated.

2020-246

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council appoint _____ to fill the vacancy on the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee up to the end of the term of Council.

Defeated

- g. Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee is preparing for the 9 business spotlights. There will be one done on a Monday and 2 everyday for the week

- h. Communications Committee

None for this session

- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

Meeting scheduled for November 3rd, 2020

- j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting scheduled for October 19th, 2020

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board

1. Application(s) received to sit on Library Board

2020-247

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council appoint Donna St. Martin to fill the vacancy on the Library Board up to the end of the term of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- 2. Minutes of Special meeting, October 5th, 2020
- b. Police Services Board
 - 1. Minutes of September 17th, 2020
 - 2. OPP Quarterly Report
 - 3. Yvette Makitalo, Municipal Appointee to the PSB

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Resolution No. 2020-223 of meeting of September 8th, 2020, deferred to a later date

2020-248

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

MOTION NO. 2020-223, NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY MAYOR ROCHEFORT AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020, DEFERRED TO A LATER DATE

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris' Official Plan states that unless it is clearly in the public interest for the Municipality, it is not intended that existing private roads will be assumed by the Municipality and no responsibility for access, snow removal, maintenance or use by school buses is acknowledged. Where, however, the Municipality chooses to assume a private road, the road must first be improved to the standards for Municipal roads. Roads on lands under plan of subdivision may be assumed by the Municipality provided the standards for road construction have been satisfactorily met;

AND WHEREAS the standards for new road construction include a minimum of 20 metres (66 feet) right-of-way, engineered design and layout, appropriate drainage and construction;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality's Official Plan states that no construction, alteration or maintenance of the Municipal roadway shall be permitted without the expressed permission of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris has three roads (Birch Hill, Gauthier and Ashwood) that form part of its Municipal Road Inventory that are not up to municipal standards, are being maintained by residents, and for which no expressed permissions of use have been authorized;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris owns a parcel of land that was transferred to the Municipality in 2015 which was and continues to be used as a road (One Mile Road) and maintained by residents, and for which no expressed permissions of use have been authorized;

NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to examine the options to move forward and suggest a plan of action with proposed timelines. Note in passing this Motion, Council understands the financial implications and therefore directs staff to identify only immediate priorities. A longer term horizon as well as a staged approach is encouraged where future action is deemed appropriate and necessary.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2020-35 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-249

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 amend By-law No. 1284 as Amended (Renée Brouillette and André Bourgeois) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-35;

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. 2020-36 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-250

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

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 enter into an agreement with Electronic Products

Recycling Association (EPRA) for Electronic Waste Collection and Recycling BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-36;

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. 2020-37 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-251

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

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 enter into an agreement between the Municipality of East Ferris and R & D Recycling - Jean Luc Labonté for the provision of Recycling Collection Services BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-37;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. By-law No. 2020-38 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-252

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 enter into an agreement between the Municipality of East Ferris and R & D Recycling - Jean Luc Labonté for the provision of Garbage Collection Services BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-38;

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 Indigenous Affairs

- b. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Office of the Solicitor General
- d. Reply letter from MPP Vic Fedeli and Resolution of support received from Nipissing Communities to secure funding for internet
- e. Town of Amherstburg
- f. Township of North Glengarry
- g. Township of Wollaston
- h. AMO Communications
- i. AMO
- j. FONOM
- k. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- l. Ontario Provincial Police
- m. Michael Blair, East Ferris Internet Advocacy Group

A formal reply letter will be brought to the next Regular Meeting of Council

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with agenda

2020-253

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 13th day of October, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. FONOM

2020-254

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, by SpaceX;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris agrees that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should consider licensing Canadian and International Satellite Companies to fill that need and to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2020-255

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated October 13th, 2020 in the amount of \$958,129.91.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

Councillor Kelly recommended that it would be best that the Municipality does not host the Christmas Social this year with COVID-19 present. The purpose of the Christmas Social is to invite all of the Committee Members and Volunteer Fire Fighters to a dinner in order to thank them for their hard work throughout the year. Council agreed and advised staff to look into getting certificates for Committee Members and Volunteer Fire Fighters.

17. In Camera

None for this session

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2020-39 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-256

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 September 22nd, 2020 to October 13th, 2020, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-39;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

19. Adjournment

2020-257

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:45 p.m. and meet again on October 27th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins