



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

September 8, 2020

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Erika Lougheed, Councillor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor

ABSENT: Mike Voyer, Deputy Mayor 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. and welcomed everyone in attendance, as well as the public watching the meeting from livestream. Deputy Mayor Voyer and Councillor Steven Trahan were absent for this Council meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-219

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 8th day of September, 2020 be adapted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Adoption of the minutes as follows:

2020-220

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 11th, 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 she attended the AMO Virtual Conference with Councillor Lougheed in August. It was a good Conference. Mayor Rochefort did a brief report of the conference.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 - 1. Minutes of August 19th, 2020
 - 2. Resolution from Minutes: File No. C-2020-01, Applicant: 1851477 Ontario Inc.

2020-221

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS no public input was received during the public meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. C-2020-01 (1851477 Ontario Inc.) at the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held August 19th, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement 2014 and is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the lands described as Con. 4, Pt Lot 15, 36R6314 Parts 1 and 2, Rem Pcl 14743 WFPCL 16011 WF 36R7781 Parts 1 and 2, Pcl 17425 WF on what is locally known as 645 Astorville Road be approved for Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the expansion of the permitted commercial uses on the property including a medical office, pharmacy, fitness centre, daycare and accessory commercial uses.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of Committee of Adjustment - August 19th, 2020
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee
 - 1. Minutes of August 12th, 2020
 - 2. Phil Koning
- 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 meeting - August 20th, 2020
- b. Police Services Board

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Motion prepared by Mayor Rochefort

NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY MAYOR ROCHEFORT

2020-222

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris enacted Bylaw #1486 to ensure the upkeep of property within the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the lack of upkeep of a property can lead to the degradation of a neighbourhood and of a community;

AND WHEREAS citizens of Astorville are complaining and upset about the upkeep of the former school property on Village Road;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. Staff urgently enforce the Municipality's Property Standards By-law related to the former school property on Village Road in Astorville and impose the necessary fines.
- 2. If the Municipality's Property Standards By-law is deemed to be deficient in order to rectify the situation, staff prepare a revised By-law.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Motion prepared by Mayor Rochefort

NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY MAYOR ROCHEFORT.

Notice of Motion was moved and seconded in order to start the debate on the motion. After debate, the Notice of Motion presented by Mayor Rochefort was deferred to a future Council Meeting. Council is requesting legal opinion prior to proceeding with this motion.

2020-223

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

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.

12. **By-laws:**

- a. By-Law No. 2020-27; 1st and 2nd Reading

2020-224
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT By-law No. 2020-27 being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2020-17 a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Local Boards and Committees of either, the conduct of its members, the calling of the meetings and to establish rules of order be read a first and second time this 8th day of September, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. By-law No. 2020-27 - 3rd Reading (If 1st and 2nd Reading approved with no changes)

2020-225
Moved by Councillor Lougheed
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2020-27 being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2020-17 a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Local Boards and Committees of either, the conduct of its members, the calling of the meetings and to establish rules of order be read a third time and passed this 8th, day of September, 2020;

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. 2020-31 - 1st and 2nd Reading

2020-226

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT By-law No. 2020-31 being a By-law to adopt a Municipal Law Enforcement Policy be read a first and second time this 8th day of September, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. By-law No. 2020-31 - 3rd Reading (If 1st and 2nd Reading approved with no changes)

2020-227

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT By-law No. 2020-31 being a By-law to adopt a Municipal Law Enforcement Policy be read a third time and passed this 8th, day of September, 2020;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. By-law No. 2020-32 - 1st and 2nd Reading

2020-228

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2020-32 being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer as authorized under the Provisions of the Police Services Act be read a first and second time this 8th day of September, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- f. By-law No. 2020-32 - 3rd Reading (If 1st and 2nd Reading approved with no changes)

2020-229

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2020-32 being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer as authorized under the Provisions of the Police Services Act be read a third time and passed this 8th, day of September, 2020;

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 Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- c. Ministry of Transportation, Safety Program Development Branch
- d. Municipality of Calvin

Council referred for support at the next meeting

- e. Municipality of East Ferris Remembrance Day Ceremony
Remembrance Day was discussed and due to COVID-19 Regulations and the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19, the Municipality will not have a public Remembrance Day Ceremony this November.
- f. Township of Huron-Kinloss
- g. AMO Communications

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with the agenda

2020-230

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 8th day of September, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Long Term Care

2020-231

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris recognizes that the pandemic has exposed weaknesses in the system that employs over 100,000 people across Ontario that oversees caring for a medically complex population of approximately 78,000 residents in Long Term Care homes;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is home to privately owned Nipissing Manor Nursing Care Centre, is a member municipality of Cassellholme Home for the Aged and is home to many senior residents who are concerned about their future wellbeing as they consider residency in LTC facilities;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government launched an independent commission into COVID-19 and long-term care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris write to Commissioners Associate Chief Justice Frank N. Marrocco (Chair), Angela Coke and Dr. Jack Kitts with copy to Premier Ford, Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care and MPP Vic Fedeli to encourage the following action:

- A review of the Direct Funding Agreement that governs the funding of LTC homes;
- Implementation of policies that ensure that LTC homes are a healthy place to live and work, and
- Implementation of staffing approaches that reflect and respond to the complexity of the sector and diverse resident needs.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. City of North Bay

2020-232

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris received a resolution from the Corporation of the City of North Bay supporting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) request asking the Federal Government to support communities with a minimum of \$10 billion funding for emergency operational support;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the City of North Bay's resolution;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MP Anthony Rota, and MPP Vic Fedeli.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. North Bay and District Labour Council

2020-233

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines

of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipal workers are going flat out to deliver the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring;

AND WHEREAS without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely upon;

AND WHEREAS public transportation makes our communities more livable and fights climate change;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris calls for the provincial and federal governments to provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2020-234

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 September 8th, 2020 in the amount of \$599,467.57.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

None for this session

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2020-28, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-235

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 August 11th, 2020 to September 8th, 2020, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-28;

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

2020-236

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:03 p.m. and meet again on September 22nd, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins