



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

**June 23, 2020**

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

**ABSENT:**        Mike Voyer, Deputy Mayor

**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. Mayor Rochefort advised the public that staff was experiencing difficulties with the e-Scribe software and that only the agenda cover was posted on the Municipal Website.

**2.     Adoption of Agenda**

**2020-151**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 23rd day of June, 2020 be adapted as circulated.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

a.       Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 9th, 2020

**2020-152**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 9th, 2020 be approved 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:**

**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 meeting - June 17th, 2020
  - 2. Resolution from minutes -File No. B-2020-01, Mike Hurley

**2020-153**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Loughheed

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held June 17th, 2020 and the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the Municipality's Official Plan;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris concurs with Resolution No. 2020-01 passed by the Planning Advisory Committee at their meeting held on June 17th, 2020 and approves Consent Application No. B-2020-01 (Mike Hurley) for the property described as 110 Voyer Road to sever a parcel of land from abutting property 116 Voyer Road for the purpose of a lot addition; together along with those conditions as set out in the Planning Advisory Committee Resolution dated June 17th, 2020.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- e. Committee of Adjustment
  - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 17th, 2020
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
  - 1. Next meeting - June 20th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
- g. Economic Development Committee
  - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 17th, 2020
- 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 Special meeting - June 9th, 2020
  - 2. Minutes of Special meeting - June 16th, 2020
- b. Police Services Board
  - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 11th, 2020

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

- a. Report No. Fire Department 2020-01 (Information Report)

**2020-154**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2019 Fire Department Activity Report for the East Ferris Fire Department as outlined in the Fire Chief's Information Report No. Fire Department-2020-01.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Report No. CEMC-2020-01 (COVID-19)- Information Report

**2020-155**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the Information report from the Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator as outlined in the Fire Chief/CEMC 's Information Report No. CEMC-2020-01.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session

**12. By-laws:**

None for this session

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- b. Municipality of McDougall

Council referred for support

- c. Grey County

Council referred for support

- d. Tribunals Ontario

- e. DNSSAB

- f. DNSSAB

- g. FONOM

- h. AMO Communications

- i. AMO Events

- j. Michael Blair, East Ferris Advocacy Group

Council referred to the Economic Development Committee for review and recommendations.

**14. Action Items:**

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

**2020-156**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 23rd day of June, 2020.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Resolution:

**2020-157**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris support the letter received from the City of Brantford regarding communities owing a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our communities could continue to operate;

AND FURTHER that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris support the following declaration prepared by the City of Brantford as follows:

- THAT March 17 be proclaimed by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris to be Essential Workers Day in the Municipality of East Ferris; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Brantford, our local MP and MPP, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- c. Resolution:

**2020-158**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS section 5.3 of the Council Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 states that there shall only be one meeting of Council held in the month of July and August;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris cancel the regular scheduled meetings of July 28th and August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020;

AND THAT a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, as amended at the call of the Chair if required.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- d. Resolution:

**2020-159**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;

AND WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

AND WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

AND WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces;

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of East Ferris forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

e. Resolution:

**2020-160**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris passed resolution 2020-148 on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 directing staff to engage in discussion with Dégagné Carpentry to examine whether there is an opportunity to partner with Dégagné Carpentry for the development of a medical centre in East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS staff are recommending the creation of a steering committee comprised of a lead consultant to be hired by the CAO, CAO Jason Trottier, Manager of Planning & Economic Development Greg Kirton, Dr. John Séguin, Marcel Dégagné, and two members of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to create an East Ferris Medical Centre Steering Committee;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Councillor Terry Kelly and Councillor Stephen Trahan to the East Ferris Medical Centre Steering Committee.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2020-161**

**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 June 23rd, 2020 in the amount of \$269,191.86.

**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. 2020-22, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2020-162**

**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 confirm the proceedings of Council from June 9th, 2020 to June 23rd, 2020, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-22;

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**

**2020-163**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:23 p.m. and meet again on July 14th, 2020.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins