



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

April 22, 2025

PRESENT:	Pauline Rochefort, Mayor	Rick Champagne, Councillor
	Terry Kelly, Councillor	Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor
	Steven Trahan, Councillor	

STAFF	Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer	Kim Rose, Clerk
PRESENT:		

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2025-103

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 22nd day of April, 2025 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 25th, 2025

2025-104

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 25th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers noted that a Youth Tradeshow would be running parallel to the East Ferris Tradeshow on May 24th. Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers advised that registration forms are available at the East Ferris Public Library. Mayor Rochefort added that registrations and sponsorship opportunities for the Tradeshow are also open.

Councillor Champagne urged all residents to vote in the upcoming Federal election.

Councillor Trahan thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done on the grader.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session.

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

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1. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2025-105

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held April 16th, 2025 for file No. C-2025-01 (Municipality of East Ferris) for the lands described as EAST FERRIS CON 10 PT LOT 15 PCL 1447 on what is locally known as 31 Champagne Road;

AND WHEREAS The Municipality has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment to rezone the property from Rural (R) to Institutional (I) Special Zoning in order to permit the construction of a new Municipal Fire Hall;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held April 16th, 2025 by Resolution No. 2025-03.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Committee of Adjustment

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f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers provided an update to Council regarding the Minutes of April 1st, 2025.

b. OPP Detachment Board

None for this session.

c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

1. Cassellholme: Minutes of February 20th, 2025
2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board: Minutes of February 26th, 2025
3. North-Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority: Minutes of March 10th, 2025

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. FIRE-2025-02: Fire Truck Purchase

2025-106

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation of the Fire Chief in Report No.FIRE-2025-02 and authorizes staff to to negotiate a purchase agreement with Battleshield Industries Limited for the design and purchase of a new pumper truck;

AND THAT Council requests that staff return to Council for approval of the agreement and purchase price.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

a. By-Law No. 2025-26: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-107

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

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 the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris, Nosbonsing Curling Club Inc., and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for renovations to the curling rink, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-26;

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. 2025-27: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-108

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 the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and his Majesty the King in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Veterans Affairs for restoration of the Cenotaph, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-27;

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. 2025-28: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-109

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

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 the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and his Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General for the 2024/2025 Fire Protection Grant , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-28;

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 Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Re: Agricultural System Implementation
- b. Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
Re: New Minister, George Pirie
- c. AMO Communications
Re: Communications of March 20th and 27th, and April 3rd and 10th, 2025

2025-110

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Mayor Rochefort

That Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers be approved to attend the Rural Healthy Democracy Forum hosted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on June 11th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. City of North Bay
Re: 2025 FONOM Executive Award Nomination - Vic Fedeli
- e. City of Peterborough
Re: Use of X Social Media Platform
- f. Municipality of Callander

Re: Invitation to Blue-Green Algae Information Session

g. Township of Howick

Re: Installation of New Utility Poles through Accelerated High Speed Internet Project

h. Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services

Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

2025-111

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution passed by the Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services urging action from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

AND THAT the Provincial Government be requested to:

1. Increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been made and be indexed to inflation;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

i. Various Municipalities

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

1. Town of Tillsonburg
2. City of Kingston
3. Town of Amherstburg
4. Town of Saugeen Shores
5. Township of Rideau Lakes

j. Resolutions of Support

Re: Standing for Canada

k. East Nipissing-North Parry Sound Veterinary Services Committee

Re: Annual Contract Fees for Large Animal Veterinary Services

l. Jack Doherty

Re: Flag Raising Request

2025-112

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris adopted Policy No. GOV-FLAG on July 13th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Part 4, Section 1 prescribes for flag raising requests;

AND WHEREAS a request was made to fly the Pride Flag from resident Jack Doherty for a one month period;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris, in accordance with the Municipality's Flag Policy, agrees to raise the Pride Flag for 1 day on the first business day of June: Monday, June 2nd, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2025-113

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of April 22nd, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2025-114

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated April 22nd, 2025 in the amount of \$617,466.64.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In-Camera Session (if required)

2025-115

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:04 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter before the Human Rights Tribunal:

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2025-116

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn this in-camera meeting at 6:21 p.m. and return to our regular session.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law No. 2025-29: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2025-117
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Champagne

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 March 25th, 2025 to April 22nd, 2025, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-29;

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

2025-118
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:22 p.m. and meet again on May 13th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor
Pauline Rochefort

Clerk
Kim Rose