



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

**October 14, 2025**

PRESENT: Rick Champagne, Mayor Terry Kelly, Councillor  
Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor Nick Brazeau, Councillor

ABSENT: Steven Trahan, Councillor

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

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2025-211**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th day of October, 2025 be adopted as prepared.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 9th, 2025

**2025-212**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 9th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

**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**

Mayor Champagne noted that the East Ferris Fire & Emergency Services held their recruitment event and thanked the Department for their hard work. He also reminded the public that the Annual Christmas Dinner and Auction held by the Knights of Columbus is coming up in November.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers noted that Harvest Dinner hosted by the East Ferris Horticultural Club was a success. Mayor Champagne added that it was well attended and a great event.

**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

Minutes of Emergency Control Group - September 9th, 2025

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

Minutes of September 24th, 2025

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session.

e. Committee of Adjustment

Minutes of September 17th, 2025

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session. Next meeting October 23rd, 2025.

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

**9. Board Reports:**

a. Library Board

Draft Minutes of October 1st, 2025

b. OPP Detachment Board

None for this session.

c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

1. Cassellholme

Minutes of July 17th and August 28th, 2025

2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

Minutes of September 24th, 2025

3. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

Draft Minutes of August 13th, 2025

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

a. CAO-2025-02 Review of Municipal Christmas Party Options

**2025-213**

**Moved by** Councillor Brazeau

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts an amendment to the recommendation of the CAO in Report No.CAO-2025-02;

AND THAT Council approves the Municipal Staff Christmas Party as status quo for 2025, to be revisited at the 2026 budget deliberations.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session.

**12. By-laws:**

None for this session.

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. Office of the Solicitor General  
re: OPP Cost Recovery Model Review
- b. AMO Communications  
re: Watchfile of September 11th, 18th & 25th and October 2nd & 8th
- c. FONOM  
re: Election of New Executive
- d. FONOM  
re: Highway 11/17 Twinning
- e. FONOM  
re: FONOM Encouraged by Movement Toward Bail Reform
- f. Municipality of Bonfield  
re: Invitation to 2025 Remembrance Day Ceremony. Mayor Champagne will be in attendance.
- g. Municipality of Bonfield  
re: Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications
- h. Town of Newmarket  
re: Automated Speed Enforcement
- i. Municipality of West Lincoln  
re: Natural Gas Expansion
- j. Municipality of Bluewater  
re: Closure of Before & After School Programs

**2025-214**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Bluewater urging the Province of Ontario to immediately implement other service delivery models that are being successfully modeled elsewhere in the province to address the Early Childhood Educator shortage.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

- k. Municipality of Brighton  
re: Election Reform
- l. Circular Materials  
re: Common Collection System (CCS) and Next Steps
- m. Phil Koning  
re: Castle Arms
- n. Erin Plourde  
re: Proposed Pocket Park - Astor Street South

**2025-215**

**Moved by** Councillor Brazeau

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to research the cost of clearing and grading the land on Astor Street South for the purpose of a pocket park.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

- o. Lisa Girard  
re: By-law Exemption Request: Regulate Animals
- p. OPP Inspector, William McMullen  
re: Letter of Commendation

**14. Action Items:**

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

**2025-216**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of October 14th, 2025.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2025-217**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated October 14th, 2025 in the amount of \$1,355,278.34.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

**16. Other Business**

Mayor Champagne extended gratitude to the volunteers in the Municipality who received awards at the recent Volunteer Recognition event.

**17. In Camera (if required)**

None for this session.

**18. Confirmatory By-law**

- a. By-law No. 2025-44: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2025-218**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

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 9th, 2025 to October 14th, 2025, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-44;

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

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

**19. Adjournment**

**2025-219**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Brazeau

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:02 p.m. and meet again on October 28th, 2025.

**Carried Mayor Champagne**

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Mayor

Rick Champagne

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Clerk

Kim Rose