



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

November 25, 2025

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

2025-249

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 25th day of November, 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 November 12th, 2025

2025-250

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 12th, 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 reminded the public of the Light Up the Park event happening at Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 26th. Mayor Champagne also noted that there are still tickets available for the Knights of Columbus Silent Auction on Saturday, November 29th at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers provided an update to Council on the Trivia Night event hosted by the East Ferris Public Library. The event was well attended.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Minutes of November 10th, 2025.
- b. Emergency Management Program Committee
None for this session. Next Meeting November 26th, 2025.
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
None for this session.
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
None for this session. Next Meeting December 3rd, 2025.
- e. Committee of Adjustment
None for this session. Next Meeting December 3rd, 2025.
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
None for this session.
- g. Striking Committee
None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
None for this session. Next meeting December 1st, 2025.
- b. OPP Detachment Board
None for this session. Next meeting November 27th, 2025.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
None for this session.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. BL-2025-01: Freight Containers on Residential Lots

Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris concurs with the recommendation in Report No. BL-2025-01;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT That the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to undertake a review and evaluate options for the expanded placement and use of freight containers under Zoning By-Law 2021-60 and prepare a recommendation, including appropriate standards and criteria for their placement and use in zones, beyond Commercial and Industrial;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the By-law Enforcement Officer to bring a report to Council in early 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

None for this session.

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
re: Ontario Consolidation Proposal
- b. FONOM
re: Migration Report
- c. AMO Communications
re: Watchfile of November 13th and 20th, 2025
- d. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
re: Draft 2026 Budget Consultation
- e. Jean-Pierre Arcand - Create to Get Closer Program
re: Mural Program for Municipalities

2025-252

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the "Creating to Bring Us Closer Program" seeks to strengthen children's civic involvement by engaging them in the creation of permanent collective mural artworks that symbolize their commitment to their city and their country;

AND WHEREAS the Program aims to raise public awareness of the vital role played by minority official language communities in the social and cultural development of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the National Director is seeking participation and support from the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS this Program is funded in part by the Government of Canada;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports this Project and directs staff to collaborate with those required to facilitate the artworks in our community.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Northern Ontario Women's Association
re: Upholding Women's Rights, Leadership, and Environmental Health in the Implementation of Bill 5
- g. Municipality of Wawa
re: Rent Protection for Tenants

14. Action Items:

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

2025-253

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of November 25th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2025-254

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated November 25th, 2025 in the amount of \$301,102.50.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law No. 2025-53: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

2025-255

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

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 November 13th, 2025 to November 25th, 2025, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2025-53;

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

2025-256

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:35 p.m. and meet again on December 9th, 2025.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor
Rick Champagne

Clerk
Kim Rose

