



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

**November 14, 2023**

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

STAFF              Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer                      Kari Hanselman, Clerk  
PRESENT:

**1.      Call to Order**

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2.      Adoption of Agenda**

**2023-296**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th day of November, 2023 be amended by adding Algonquin Land Claim under Other Business.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

a.      Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 24th, 2023

**2023-297**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 24th, 2023 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.      Chair's Comments:**

Mayor Rochefort advised that herself and the CAO attended a session on the 2024 Ontario Budget. Mayor Rochefort thanked staff for their work on the Remembrance Day Ceremony. The Horticultural Club hosted a spaghetti dinner over the weekend which was well attended.

**7.      Delegations to Council:**

None for this session

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee  
None for this session
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee  
None for this session
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee  
None for this session
- d. Planning Advisory Committee  
None for this session
- e. Committee of Adjustment  
None for this session
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee  
None for this session
- g. Economic Development Committee
  - 1. Minutes of October 25th, 2023
  - 2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

**2023-298**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that an internship application be made to FEDNOR to aid in the implementation of the Municipality's economic development goals associated with the Economic Development Strategic Priorities;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- h. Striking Committee  
None for this session

**9. Board Reports:**

- a. Library Board
  - 1. Minutes of October 20th, 2023
  - 2. Minutes of November 6th, 2023
- b. Police Services Board  
None for this session
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

- a. Report No. R-2023-11

**2023-299**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT RFQ EF 2023-10 for the snow plowing of the Municipal Office/OPP parking lot and East Ferris Medical Centre parking lot (Municipal Yards) for the 2023/2024 winter season be awarded to Dégagné Aggregates for the lump sum price of \$17,526.30 inclusive of HST.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Report No. PLAN-2023-07 - Update

Council advised staff is ok to proceed with the survey work.

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session

**12. By-laws:**

- a. By-law No. 2023-48: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

First and second readings only.

**2023-300**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2023-48 being a By-law to authorize the execution of a condominium agreement for 1278 Village Road between Jeffrey James Staples and 845826 Ontario Inc. and the Municipality of East Ferris, BE READ a first and second time this 14th day of November, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. Ministry of Finance
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Town of Aurora
- d. Town of Rainy River
- e. AMO Communications
- f. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
  - 1. Re: October 25th, 2023 DNSSAB Board Meeting Agenda
  - 2. Re: October 25th, 2023 NDHC Board Meeting Agenda
- g. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
  - 1. Re: Minutes of September 13th, 2023
  - 2. Re: Final 2024 Budget - Notice of Meeting
- h. Discovery Routes
- i. Enbridge Gas
- j. FONOM

**2023-301**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves of Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers attending the Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development Course and Indigenous Community Awareness Training.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- k. Guy Bourgouin, MPP Mushkegowuk-James Bay  
Referred for support

- l. Senior's Villa East Ferris

**14. Action Items:**

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

**2023-302**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of November 14th, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Referred for support from meeting of October 24th, 2023

- 1. Resolution: Catherine Fife MPP Waterloo - Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act

**2023-303**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from Waterloo MPP, Catherine Fife regarding Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do us Part).

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- 2. Resolution: Municipality of Bluewater - Childcare Availability in Ontario

**2023-304**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Bluewater's letter regarding the critical issue of childcare availability in Ontario.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2023-305**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**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 14th, 2023 in the amount of \$420,924.27.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

Councillor Champagne requested the Algonquin Land Claim be added to the agenda under Other Business. Council requested the CAO set up a meeting.

**17. In Camera**

Council proceeded to In-Camera Session under Section 239(2)(b) and (h) of the Municipal Act in order to address matters pertaining to the old school in Astorville and new North Bay OPP Detachment.

**2023-306**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera Session at 7:41 p.m., under Section 239(2) (b) and (h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address matters pertaining to:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual , including municipal or local board employees regarding the old school in Astorville.
- information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them regarding a new North Bay OPP Detachment.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2023-307**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:28 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**18. Documents for In-Camera Session**

**19. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2023-49: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2023-308**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 October 24th, 2023 to November 14th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-49;

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

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**20. Adjournment**

**2023-309**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:28 p.m. and meet again on November 28th, 2023.

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Mayor  
Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk  
Kari Hanselman