



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

September 26, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2023-250

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 26th day of September, 2023 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 12th, 2023 and Special Meeting of September 18th, 2023

2023-251

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 12th, 2023 and the Special Council Meeting of September 18th, 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 stated she enjoyed all the social media posts regarding Rail Safety Week.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. William Love

Bill Love and Bill Ferguson gave a presentation to Council regarding the FireUp503 Project.

2023-252

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris supports in principle the concept of the FireUp503 organization as presented at the Council meeting of September 26, 2023 to restore Ontario Northland Railway steam locomotive No. 503 to operating condition and return it to service creating a working heritage rail attraction. The goal of the project being to provide residents and visitors with an opportunity to experience history through steam powered rail travel that is unique to the region and true to our railway history while contributing to the regions' economic and cultural vitality.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Jessica Dion, Baker Tilly SNT LLP

Jessica Dion from Baker Tilly SNT LLP presented to Council the 2022 Draft Financial Statements.

2023-253

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris' Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2022, be accepted as prepared and presented by Baker Tilly, SNT, LLP, Municipal Auditors.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Councillor Champagne and Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers gave Council an overview of the items discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the day.

- b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session.

- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

- d. Planning Advisory Committee

- 1. Minutes of September 20th, 2023
- 2. Recommendation(s) from the Minutes

2023-254

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held September 20th, 2023 for File No. C-2023-04 (Degagne Carpentry) for lands described as PLAN M498 LOT 7 PCL 14057 W/F on what is locally known as Corbeil Road, Taillefer Road, and Meadow Drive;

AND WHEREAS the land owners applied to amend Comprehensive Zoning By law No. 2021-60 to rezone a parcel of land from the existing Hamlet Residential (RH) zoning to a General Commercial (C1) zone;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020;

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 September 20th, 2023 under Resolution No. 2023-33.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of September 20th, 2023
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.
- g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session.
- h. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board

Deputy Mayor Rooyackers advised that the library offered 92 programs this summer with 678 participants. The Board is currently working on a Strategic Plan.

 - 1. Minutes from September 11th, 2023 and September 15th, 2023
- b. Police Services Board

Mayor Rochefort advised that the digital speed sign data has been shared with the OPP. The OPP will be holding a safety initiative with the local schools in October. Mayor Rochefort reviewed the OPP Quarterly Report with Council.

 - 1. Minutes from September 14th, 2023
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

None for this session.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Presentation

Fire Chief, Steph Amyotte, presented the Community Risk Assessment to Council.

2023-255
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the Community Risk Assessment as prepared and presented by the Fire Chief.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. COMM-2023-04

Director of Community Services, Greg Kirton, presented the report to Council.

2023-256

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. COMM-2023-08 and award the contract for the supply and installation of the new playground at Vrebosch Park to Park N Play Design Company Ltd. In the amount of \$125,000.00 + HST.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-36: 3rd Reading

2023-257

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2023-36 being a By-law to regulate the setting off of fireworks be read a third time and passed this 26th day of September, 2023;

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. 2023-41: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-258

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 authorize the execution of joint use and maintenance agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Conseil Scolaire de District Franco-Nord BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-41;

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. 2023-42: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-259

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 amend By-law No. 2021-60 as amended, (Degagne Carpentry - Corbeil Road, Taillefer Road, Meadow Drive) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-42;

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 Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
- c. David King, Integrity Commissioner
- d. AMO Communications
- e. FONOM
Referred for support.
- f. Town of Grimsby
Referred for support.

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda
2023-260
Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of September 26th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Referred for support from meeting of September 12th, 2023
 - 1. Resolution: Municipality of St. Charles - Municipalities Retaining Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales
2023-261
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of St. Charles' resolution regarding municipalities retaining surplus proceeds from tax sales.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2023-262
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 September 26th, 2023 in the amount of \$580,336.99.

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. 2023-43: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-263

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from September 12th, 2023 to September 26th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-43;

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

2023-264

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:55 p.m. and meet again on October 10th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman