



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

August 8, 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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2023-197

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 8th day of August, 2023 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes of July 11th, 2023

2023-198

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held July 11th, 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

a. Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers - By-Law 2023-33: 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

 The property to be discussed is near her property and may affect property values.

6. Chair's Comments:

None for this session

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Larry J. Barry

Mr. Barry made a presentation to Council regarding the Municipality assuming a portion of their land that extends onto Astorville Road.

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

- 1. Minutes of July 19th, 2023

- 2. Recommendation(s) from minutes

2023-199

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held July 19th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS a request has been made by Todd and Tanya Burlington to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 966 Hemlock Island;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 2015-35 provides policies and procedures for the disposition of Shoreline Road Allowances in the Municipality of East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the request would comply with the policies set out in By law No. 2015-35;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held July 19th, 2023, under Resolution No. 2023-28 and approve the request made by Todd and Tanya Burlington to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 966 Hemlock Island and proceed in accordance with applicable regulations, policies and procedures set out in By-law No. 2015-35.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-200

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held July 19th, 2023 for File No. C-2023-03 (1000328150 Ontario Inc.) for lands described as CON 13 PT LOT 14 RP NR83 PART 1 on what is locally known as Centennial Crescent;

AND WHEREAS the land owners applied to amend Comprehensive Zoning By law No. 2021-60 to rezone a parcel of land from the existing Rural (R) zoning to a General Commercial Special (C1 Sp.) zone and a General Commercial Special Holding zone (C1H Sp.);

AND WHEREAS the application is being made in conjunction with a consent to sever application that would seek to create one new lot from the subject lands;

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 July 19th, 2023 under Resolution No. 2023-29.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes from July 19th, 2023
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
 - 1. Minutes of July 18th, 2023
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from minutes

2023-201

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommends that Council extend the Advertising Program to locations outside of the East Ferris Community Centre, such as municipal parks;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Economic Development Committee
 - 1. Minutes from July 26th, 2023
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from minutes

2023-202

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that the Committee conduct, or direct staff to conduct, an internal audit/inventory of the Business Signage Program;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-203

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee acknowledges that Karen Jones Consulting has, and continues to do a wonderful job on the planning and facilitation of the Annual Tradeshow;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality, as a public entity, is fiscally responsible to the community and should periodically review its contracts for the long-term financial health of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that an RFP process be undertaken for the 2024 Municipal Tradeshow with parameters of the RFP forthcoming;

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
None for this session
- b. Police Services Board
None for this session
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Verbal Report

Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services gave a verbal report to Council regarding the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund.

2023-204
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris at their regular meeting of July 25th, 2023 received correspondence from CMHC regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund;

AND WHEREAS Council directed staff to examine the feasibility of submitting an application for funding;

AND WHEREAS the primary objectives of the program are to create more supply of housing at an accelerated pace and enhance certainty in the approvals and building process;

AND WHEREAS staff have reviewed the funding guide, participated in a webinar hosted by CMHC, and determined that there is an opportunity to obtain funding to assist in the development and expansion of affordable housing and differing types of housing in the community;

AND WHEREAS one of the action items in Council’s 2022-2026 Strategic Plan is to advocate for increased seniors housing;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to submit a funding application to CMHC’s Housing Accelerator Fund;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Action Plan and the Plan’s initiatives as presented by staff.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-32: 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

2023-205

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 amend By-law No. 2021-60 as amended, (1000328150 Ontario Inc. - Centennial Crescent) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-32;

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 2023-33: 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers declared a conflict on this item. (The property to be discussed is near her property and may affect property values.)

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers vacated Council Chambers for the passing of this by-law and did not participate in the vote.

2023-206

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 close and convey a vacant parcel of land, described as CON 3 PT LOT 9 RP 36R6186 PARTS 1 & 2 PCL 15895 WF, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, located on Kyle Road, to the abutting lands described as CON 3 PT LOT 9 RP NR128 PART 1 PCL 7822 W/F, East Ferris, District of Nipissing (62 Kyle Road), BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-33;

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. 2023-34: 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

2023-207

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 close and convey a part of the road allowance referred to as Ridge Road, connecting between Nosbonsing Park Road to adjacent property owners. Part 1 Plan 36R14920, to the abutting lands described as Plan 36M505 PT BLK D, East Ferris, District of Nipissing and Part 2 Plan 36R14920, to the abutting lands described as Plan M505 PT BLK C PT BLK 3 RP 36R11442 Part 1, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-34;

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. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
- b. Ministry of the Solicitor General
- c. Ontario Land Tribunal
- d. Province of Ontario
- e. City of Woodstock
Council referred Homelessness Crisis and Opioid Crisis for support
- f. City of Ottawa
- g. City of Toronto
- h. Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Council referred for support
- i. Municipality of Huron Shores
- j. Municipality of North Perth
- k. Municipality of Wawa
Council referred for support
- l. Northumberland County
- m. Town of Amherstburg
- n. Town of Fort Erie
- o. Town of Halton Hills
Council referred for support
- p. Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
Council referred for support
- q. Township of Puslinch
- r. Township of Sioux Narrows-Nester Falls
- s. AMO Communications
- t. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- u. Algonquins of Ontario
- v. CN
Council referred for support
- w. Near North Crime Stoppers
- x. North Bay Pride - Invitation to Attend North Bay Pride March
Mayor Rochefort advised she will be attending
- y. The Voyageur 200 - Gravel Bike Race

2023-208

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris contributes up to \$500.00 to The Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race either in-kind or cash.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

14. Action Items:

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

2023-209

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of August 8th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution: Noise By-law Exemption

2023-210

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Joanne Rodgers has made a request to the Municipality for an exemption under Section 4 of Municipal By-law 2015-33; a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise;

AND WHEREAS with Joanne Rodger’s request, the exemption would only apply from Friday, September 8th, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. to Sunday, September 10th, at 2:00 a.m. for the purpose of a backyard family reunion to be held at 747 Derland Road;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approve the request received from Joanne Rodgers and grant an exemption of Municipal By-law No. 2015-33 for Friday, September 8th, 2023 at 11:00 p.m. through Sunday, September 10th, at 2:00 a.m..

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution: Amending RBC Banking Signing Authorities

2023-211

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the following be approved as financial signing authorities for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris effective August 8th, 2023 as follows:

One of	Mayor - Pauline Rochefort
	Deputy Mayor - Lauren Rooyakkers
And One of	CAO/Treasurer - Jason Trottier
	Clerk - Kari Hanselman

d. Resolution: Intimate Partner Violence

Council referred the resolution for future discussion

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris has been briefed by the Nipissing Region Violence Against Women Coordinating Committee on the issue of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) for the purpose of keeping abreast of issues relating to the safety and well-being of the community;

AND WHEREAS Council understands that East Ferris is not immune to IPV, and that community calls to the Ontario Provincial Police related to domestic disputes, which increased from 14 in 2016 to 26 in 2020 and then to 43 during the pandemic, are a corroborating indicator. Although these calls decreased to 21 in 2022, there was a slight increase in community calls related to sexual interference and sexual assault;

AND WHEREAS at the regional level in 2022 Nipissing District Victim Services received 475 calls for service for IPV and assisted 400 female victims of IPV as well as 39 children, who were harmed or witnessed IPV;

AND WHEREAS the Children's Aid Society opened 146 investigations into a child's exposure to domestic violence, representing 13.1% of the total call volume for the year;

AND WHEREAS 400 victims of IPV sought support from the Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS 201 people, or 31% of admissions to North Bay Jail, were the subject of a domestic violence alert and 7.8% of a sexual offence charge;

AND WHEREAS East Ferris Council recognizes that IPV is a serious problem affecting the health and well-being of girls, women and families and contributing to an unsafe community with additional strains on the health and social services system;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris asks the East Ferris Community Safety and Well-Being Committee to incorporate the issue of IPV / domestic violence into its plan. It encourages the committee to explore ways to engage with community partners to educate and support our residents and thereby strengthen prevention efforts;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Charmaine A. Williams, Minister Responsible for Women's Social and Economic Affairs, to the Hon. Parm Gill, Minister of Red Tape Reduction, and to Vic Fedeli, MPP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be distributed to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, the North Bay Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

e. Referred for support from meeting of July 11th, 2023

2023-212

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Town of Petrolia's resolution regarding the Child Care Shortage.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2023-213

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated August 8th, 2023 in the amount of \$1,394,584.31.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

2023-214

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera Session at 8:25 p.m., under Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address matters pertaining to:

- a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-215

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:37 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2023-35: 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading

2023-216

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 July 11th, 2023 to August 8th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-35;

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

2023-217

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:38 p.m. and meet again on September 12th, 2023

Mayor
Pauline Rochefort

Clerk
Kari Hanselman