



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

June 27, 2023

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor
Terry Kelly, Councillor
Steven Trahan, Councillor

Rick Champagne, Councillor
Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor

STAFF Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk
PRESENT: Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer

Kari Hanselman, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2023-162

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 27th day of June, 2023 be amended by adding under Agenda Item No. 16 - Other Business, the following:

- Request for exemption under Section 4.1 of By-law No. 2015-33 Being a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise. A request has been received from Captain Pierce from 22 Wing, North Bay for an exemption of By-law No. 2015-33 for the purpose of a Firing Party at an Interment Military Service at the cemetery in Astorville on July 5th, 2023 between the hour of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 13th, 2023

2023-163

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held June 13th, 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:

None for this session

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Mr. Wayne Boutilier

Mr. Wayne Boutilier made a presentation to Council in regards to the private dock at Big Moose Boat Launch. Report from Staff to be brought forward to Council for the meeting of July 11th, 2023.

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 June 21st, 2023

2. Recommendation(s) from minutes

2023-164

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held June 21st, 2023;

AND WHEREAS a request has been made by Norman and Cathy Guppy to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 73 South Shore Road;

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 of the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held June 21st, 2023, under Resolution No. 2023-23 and approve the request made by Norman and Cathy Guppy to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 73 South Shore Road and proceed in accordance with applicable regulations, policies and procedures set out in By-law No. 2015-35.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-165

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held June 21st, 2023 for file No. C-2023-02 Claude and Nicky Levasseur for lands described as CON 4 PT BROKEN LOT 7 PT LOT 8 CON 5 PT BROKEN LOTS 7 AND 8 PT RD ALLOW AND RP NR438 PART 6 RP NR143 PART 8 RP NR1716 PART 1 PCL 9949 9998 on what is locally known as Big Moose Road have applied to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 2021-60 to rezone approximately 15 acres of the property from Resort Commercial (C3) to the Lakefront Residential Special (RL) zone in order to permit the development of a single detached dwelling on the lot with a reduced frontage of 50m, representing the existing lot frontage along Lake Nosbonsing on the southerly portion of the property;

AND WHEREAS the rezoning is being applied for concurrently with a consent to sever application where the approximate 15 acres of land will be severed 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 June 21st, 2023, Resolution No. 2023-24.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of Meeting June 21st, 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
 - None for this session
- b. Police Services Board
 - 1. Minutes of Meeting June 14th, 2023
 - Mayor Rochefort reported on the PSB meeting
 - 2. OPP Quarterly Report
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. R-2023-07

2023-166

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Engineer contained in Report No. R-2023-07 and approve that Tender EF-2023-06 for granular materials in the amount of \$99,101.00 including H.S.T. be awarded to RGT Clouthier Construction for the Astorville Subdivision.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. 2023-08

2023-167

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Engineer contained in Report No. R-2023-08 and approve that Tender EF-2023-07 for asphalt paving in the amount of \$358,492.50 including H.S.T. be awarded to Miller Paving - North Bay for the Astorville Subdivision.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-05 - 3rd Reading

2023-168

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT By-law No. 2023-05 being a By-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Enbridge Gas Inc. be read a third time and passed this 27th, day of June, 2023;

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. AMO Communications
- b. FONOM
- c. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- d. North Bay Regional Health Centre

14. Action Items:

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

2023-169

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of June 27th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Referred for support from meeting of June 13th, 2023

2023-170

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution No. 23-245 from the City of Quinte West regarding Renovictions.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-171

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter sent to the Honourable David Lametti, PC, MP, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada from Lanark County regarding Paramedics Safety.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-172

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter sent to the Ontario Minister of Health from the Municipality of Huron Shores regarding Health Care Crisis.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2023-173

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution re FONOM - Housing

2023-174

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris understands that the Federal **National Housing Strategy** allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in **Community Housing Network** as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national **Community Housing Network** relative to every other province and territories;

AND WHEREAS receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

WHEREAS the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock.

WHEREAS a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through **Reaching Home**, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of **Community Housing Network** nationally;

AND WHEREAS there is an inequitable distribution of **Reaching Home** funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris understand the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long-term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;

AND WHEREAS taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national **Canadian Housing Network**

amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal **National Housing Strategy**;

WHEREAS the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the **Social Housing Agreement** for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

WHEREAS without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wish this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home Funding to all Service Managers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that FONOM also supports the provincial position in relation to provinces and territories **Repair Fund** under the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund**;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED FONOM supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal **Housing Accelerator Fund**. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris wish to request that **Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation** consider actions

taken by municipalities under the province's **Housing Supply Action Plans** into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris believe the federal government should heed the precedent of the **Social Housing Agreement** and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the **Rapid Housing Initiative's** 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for **National Housing Strategy** initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister Ahmed Hussen, Premier Doug Ford, Minister Steve Clark, MP Antony Rota and MPP Vic Fedeli; Leaders of the Federal and Provincial Opposition Parties, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

d. Resolution -

2023-175

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS section 5.3 of the Council Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 states that there shall only be one meeting of Council held in the month of July and August;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris cancel the regular scheduled meetings of July 25th and August 22nd, 2023;

AND THAT a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, as amended at the call of the Chair if required.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2023-176

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated June 27th, 2023 in the amount of \$672,104.29.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

This item was added at the start of the meeting under approval of the agenda as circulated. The agenda was amended to add the following:

Request for exemption under Section 4.1 of By-law No. 2015-33 being a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise. A request has been received from Captain Pierce from 22 Wing, North Bay for an exemption of By-law No. 2015-33 for the purpose of a Firing Party at an Interment Military Service at the Cemetery in Astorville on July 5th, 2023 between the hour of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2023-177

WHEREAS Captain Pierce from the 22 Wing, North Bay has made a request to the Municipality for the exemption under Section 4 of Municipal By-law 2015-33; a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise;

AND WHEREAS with Captain Pierce's request, the exemption would only apply for July 5th, 2023 between the hour of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Firing Party at a Military Interment Service to be held at the cemetery in Astorville;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approve the request received from Captain Pierce, 22 Wing North Bay and grant an exemption of Municipal By-law No. 2015-33 for July 5th, 2023 between the hour of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session

18. Confirmatory By-Law

a. By-Law No. 2023-27 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-178

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 June 13th, 2023 to June 27th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-27;

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

2023-179

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:37 p.m. and meet again on July 11th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins