



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

**March 28, 2023**

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

Rick Champagne, Councillor  
Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor

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

Kari Hanselman, Deputy Clerk

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2023-74**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne  
**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 28th day of March, 2023 be adopted as prepared.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- 3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):**
  - a. Approval of Council Minutes of March 14th, 2023

**2023-75**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan  
**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held March 14th, 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:**

None for this session

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
  - 1. Minutes of meeting March 9th, 2023
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
  - 1. Minutes of March 15th, 2023
- e. Committee of Adjustment
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee
  - 1. Minutes of March 22nd, 2023
- h. Striking Committee

**9. Board Reports:**

- a. Library Board
  - 1. Minutes of March 13th, 2023
  - 2. 2023 Library Board Budget forming part of Library Minutes
- b. Police Services Board
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

- a. Report No. PLAN-2023-03

**2023-76**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. PLAN-2023-03 and approve to allocate 60% (\$45,450.00) of the existing parkland funds towards parkland related items in the 2023-2026 East Ferris Strategic Plan.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Report No. PLAN-2023-04

**2023-77**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**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. PLAN-2023-04 and approve the request to purchase a section of unopened road allowance by Danielle Magnusson in accordance with the policies contained within By-law No. 2218;

AND THAT Council acknowledge that this section of road allowance was deemed surplus on June 22, 2021 by Council Resolution 2021-189.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session

**12. By-laws:**

- a. By-law No. 2023-11 - 3rd Reading

**2023-78**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT By-law No. 2023-11 being a By-law to establish fees and charges for services or use of Municipal Property be read a third time and passed this 28th, day of March, 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. 2023-14 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers advised that Council Remuneration By-law should be considered within the budget deliberations. Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers abstained from voting on By-law No. 2023-14.

**2023-79**

**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 establish the Remuneration for Members of Council, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-14;

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 Environment, Conservation and Parks
- b. Ministry of Francophone Affairs
- c. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Council requested a summary of the proposed amendments to O. Reg 161/17

- d. Municipality of Calvin
- e. Township of Bonfield and Township of Papineau-Cameron
- f. Municipality of North-Perth

Council referred for support

- g. AMO Communications
- h. DNSSAB
- i. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA)
- j. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

**14. Action Items:**

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

**2023-80**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of March 28th, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Referred for Support from last meeting

**2023-81**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding reducing of municipal insurance costs.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- c. 2022 Council Statement of Remuneration

**2023-82**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., c.25, as amended, requires that the Treasurer of a Municipality shall in each year on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Member of Council and Member of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- d. North Bay Parry Sound and District Health Unit

**2023-83**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities;

AND WHEREAS poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income;

AND WHEREAS food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health;

AND WHEREAS adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation;

AND WHEREAS the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food;

AND WHEREAS 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
- urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER MORE that the Municipality of East Ferris provide correspondence of this resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community and Social Service), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

## **15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2023-84**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 28th, 2023 in the amount of \$1,156,135.58.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers made a report to Council regarding École St Thomas D'Aquin. She attended a public consultation with CSCFN on March 23rd, 2023. Mayor Rochefort will draft a letter to the school board and circulate to Council for comments.

**17. In Camera (if required)**

**2023-85**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:29 p.m., under Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2023-86**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:53 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**18. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2023-15 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2023-87**

**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 March 14th, 2023 to March 28th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-15;

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**

**2023-88**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:54 p.m. and meet again on April 11th, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins