



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

September 27, 2022

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

ABSENT: Erika Loughheed, Councillor

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2022-251

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 27th day of September, 2022 be amended by adding the following:

Under Agenda Item No. 17 - In-Camera Session:-

- Under Section 239(2)(h) - 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 the Algonquin Land Claim as requested by Mayor Rochefort.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of the Minutes

2022-252

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 13th, 2022 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:

September 30th, 2022 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality of East Ferris will be raising the flag on Thursday, September 29th, 2022.

Mayor Rochefort mentioned that the newsletter from the Trout Lake Conservation Authority Association was circulated and it was good reading material.

Last evening there was an information session held at the East Ferris Community Centre in regard to Child Care. Mayor Rochefort advised that at the next Council Meeting there will be a resolution brought forward.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Minutes of September 14th, 2022
2. Recommendation(s) from Public Works Meeting

2022-253

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommended to Council that staff be directed to initiate public consultation with regards to reducing the speed limit on the following roads:

Guillemette Road – from 50 km/h to 40 km/h
Lavigne Road – from 60 km/h to 50 km/h
MacPherson Drive – from 60 km/h to 50 km/h
Nosbonsing Park Road – from 60 km/h to 50 km/h
South Shore Road between Marina Road and the turnout at Lot 9 – from 60 km/h to 50 km/h
Quae Quae Road – from 70 km/h to 60 km/h
Waukegan Road – from 60 km/h to 50 km/h - (option 40 km/h);

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- 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
None for this session
- h. Communications Committee
None for this session
- i. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee
None for this session

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of September 12th, 2022
- b. Police Services Board

1. Minutes of September 8th, 2022

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session

11. Notice of Motions

Notice of Motion prepared by Mayor Rochefort - Expansion of Natural Gas to East Ferris

2022-254

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS, Phases 1 and 2 of the Ontario Natural Gas Expansion Program have allocated over \$360 million to expand access to natural gas for families and businesses in 59 communities across the province;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris was not successful in Phase 1 and 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program and therefore its 2019-2022 Strategic Plan includes ongoing efforts to obtain natural gas;

AND WHEREAS due to overwhelming demand from communities, businesses and municipalities, Ontario's 2022 Provincial Budget committed to moving forward with Phase 3 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program. Ontario will begin consulting this fall on how best to deliver Phase 3 of the program and the Municipality of East Ferris has expressed to the Ministry of Energy interest in being part of the consultation and also applying to Phase 3;

AND WHEREAS with new investments in electric vehicles and clean energy, the thirst for electricity is leading to reports by Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) that the current bulk power transmission system will not be sufficient to safely meet the energy transfer requirements of projected demand growth from 2029 onwards. That is why Ontario is investing in energy innovations, including renewable natural gas, and pilot projects such as dual heating systems combining ground source heat pumps and natural gas. There is also increased focus on energy conservation;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris seeks to engage in a broader review of future energy opportunities in the community;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to engage with Enbridge Inc. in a cost-benefit analysis related to connecting East Ferris to existing natural gas pipelines via the following route options or a combination of:

- Centennial Crescent
- Highway 94

- Derland Road
- Lake Nosbonsing Road

FURTHER THAT the analysis focus on cost per customer, number of customers, displacement of higher carbon fuels, economic growth opportunities, and opportunities to apply natural gas-related innovations to East Ferris;

AND FURTHER THAT a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, and Enbridge Inc. representatives Chris Minor, Ahmed Al-Amry, Liane Seguin, and Kristen Oliver.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2022-45 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-255

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

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 appoint Steph Amyotte as Fire Chief and authorize the signing of an Employment Agreement between the Municipality of East Ferris and Steph Amyotte, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-45;

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. 2022-46 - 1st and 2nd Reading

2022-256

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2022-46 being a By-law to establish the Remuneration for Members of Council be read a first and second time this 27th day of September, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. By-law No. 2022-47 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-257

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

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 original shoreline road allowance in front of PT Hemlock Island Trout Lake Plan M475 BLK A Pcl 12836 W/F, East Ferris; District of Nipissing, described as Part 1, Plan 36R14930, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-47;

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. Township of McGarry
- b. Nosbonsing Curling Club

Council passed a resolution to direct staff to purchase an AED for the Curling Rink.

2022-258

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to purchase an AED to be located in the Curling Club rink at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Les Compagnons des francs loisirs
Referred for support
- d. Ted and Elaine Kennedy
Council referred to staff for report

14. Action Items:

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

2022-259

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of September 27th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution: Refer for Support - FONOM Electoral Districts Redistribution

2022-260

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter from FONOM sent to the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution – Ontario Commission asking that the Commission retain the current ten Electoral Districts as they are today, plus the planned Indigenous Representation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution: Refer for Support - Township of Fauquier-Strickland

2022-261

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter from the Township of Fauquier-Strickland regarding delayed Ontario One Call Locates - Impact on Municipalities and Development.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Resolution

2022-262

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris approves the submission of an application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund for the maximum level of funding available for accessibility improvements to the East Ferris Community Centre for an EarlyON program.

AND THAT the Municipality of East Ferris also directs staff to continue discussions with the DNSSAB regarding the necessary operating and capital funds and lease terms required for the provider, Community Living North Bay to operate an EarlyON Child and Family program at the East Ferris Community Centre.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2022-263

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated September 27th, 2022 in the amount of \$ 207,780.26.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

a. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority

October 14th, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

17. In Camera (if required)

2022-264

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:00 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- (h) 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.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-265

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:33 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

a. By-law No. 2022-48 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-266

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from September 13th, 2022 to September 27th, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-48;

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

2022-267

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:34 p.m. and meet again on October 11th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins