



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

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

2023-135

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 23rd day of May, 2023 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting May 9th and Special Council Meetings May 11th and 12th, 2023

2023-136

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting held May 9th and the minutes of the Special Meetings held May 11th and 12th, 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:

Councillor Trahan advised that we had 18 submissions for clean up day. There was 10 prizes awarded and posted on social media. Tradeshow is scheduled for May 27th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Invited Presentation to Council

Elizabeth Hill from Pesce and Associates made a presentation to Council regarding Pay Equity Market Survey Comparators.

b. Resolution from presentation

2023-137

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the municipal comparators for the Pay Equity & Compensation Study as presented by Pesce & Associates.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Minutes of May 11th, 2023

Councillor Champagne reported on the Public Works Meeting

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

1. Minutes of May 5th, 2023

Councillor Trahan reported on the Fire Committee Meeting

2. Resolution re logo and name change

2023-138

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Fire and Emergency Services Committee approved the new logo and name change for the Fire Department at their meeting held May 5th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Committee is recommending to Council to approve the rebranding of “East Ferris Fire Department” to “East Ferris Fire and Emergency Services” and including the new logo;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of the name change and the new logo for the Department.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

d. Planning Advisory Committee

1. Minutes of May 17th, 2023
2. Resolutions from minutes

2023-139

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS public input was received and considered during the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held May 17th, 2023 and the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the public comments received did not raise issues requiring further review;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received by Sylvie Laperriere and John Kennedy to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 130 Pargeter Drive;

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 May 17th, 2023, under Resolution No. 2023-19 and approve the request made by Sylvie Laperriere and John Kennedy to close and purchase the original shoreline road allowance abutting 130 Pargeter Drive and

proceed in accordance with applicable regulations, policies and procedures set out in By-law No. 2015-35.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- 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. 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. Report No. R-2023-06
2023-140
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Engineer contained in Report No. R-2023-06 and approve that Tender EF-2023-04 for granular materials in the amount of \$234,496.36 including H.S.T. be awarded to Evan Hughes Excavating for the 2023 gravel program.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-20 - 3rd Reading

2023-141

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2023-20 being a By-law to provide regulations for maintaining land in a clean and clear condition be read a third time and passed this 23rd day of May, 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. 2023-23 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

Councillor Champagne asked for a recorded vote on motion No. 2023-142. The motion is for By-law No. 2023-23, a By-law to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and the adoption of the 2023 Tax Rates.

2023-142

Moved by Councillor 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 adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and to provide adoption of Tax Rates for 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-23;

AND THAT said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Results of Recorded Vote requested from Councillor Champagne:

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers	Yea
Councillor Kelly	Yea
Councillor Trahan	Yea
Councillor Champagne	Yea
Mayor Rochefort	Yea

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. By-law No. 2023-24 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-143

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 close and convey a part of the original shoreline road allowance adjacent to East Ferris, Con. 15, Pt Broken Lots 11 to 13, Pt Shore Road Allowance RP-36R5953, Parts 7 to 12, 14, 15, Pt Parts 1 to 4, 6, 13 and 18 RP-36R9594 Parts 1, described as Part 5, Plan 36R-9253, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-24;

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. City of Cambridge
Council referred the two resolutions from the City of Cambridge for support
- b. City of Stratford
- c. Municipality of Tweed
- d. Town of Lincoln
- e. Township of Armour
Council referred for support
- f. Township of Tay Valley
- g. Support of Resolutions from Municipalities sent to Premier Ford in support of Stop Arm Cameras
- h. AMO Communications
- i. AMO Conference
- j. ROMA Communications
- k. Club Action 50+ East Ferris

I. Community Drug Strategy North Bay and Area

14. Action Items:

a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with the Agenda

2023-144

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of May 23rd, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Referred for Support:

2023-145

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community's ability to support local Social and Health issues;

AND WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes;

AND WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system, therefore, remain in our communities, often those that do require treatment for their Addiction issue receive none;

AND WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts Federal Bill C75;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris requests the Federal Government make these Legislative changes:

1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender;
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings;
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences; and
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs,

Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution re Seniors Villas

2023-146

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris passed Resolution #2019-194 at their regular meeting of Council on July 9th, 2019 to exempt the Seniors Villa of East Ferris' Phase 1 development (20 units) from 50% of all taxes levied from 2019 till 2029, and to exempt the Seniors Villa of East Ferris' Phase 2 development (8 units) from 100% of all taxes levied from 2017 to 2026 and 50% of all taxes levied from 2027-2036;

AND WHEREAS the Chair of the Seniors Villa of East Ferris Inc. made a delegation to Council at their regular meeting of May 9th, 2023 requesting further financial and/or in-kind assistance from the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council deferred the matter to the 2023 budget deliberations;

AND WHEREAS Council discussed the Seniors Villa of East Ferris' request during budget deliberations at their special meetings on May 11th and 12th, 2023;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris agrees to provide further financial assistance by exempting the Seniors Villa of East Ferris' Phase 1 development from all taxes levied and all curbside garbage and recycling collection fees until 2029 (end of agreement), and by exempting Phase 2 development from all taxes levied and all curbside garbage and recycling collection fees until 2036 (end of agreement).

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2023-147

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 May 23rd, 2023 in the amount of \$147,093.25.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

Council proceeded to In-Camera session under Section 239(2)(d) - Labour relations or employee negotiations to address the settings of CAO's goals and key objectives.

2023-148

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 8:13 p.m., under Section 239(2) 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

2023-149

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:49 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2023-25 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2023-150

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from May 9th, 2023 to May 23rd, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-25;

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

2023-151

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:50 p.m. and meet again on June 13th, 2023.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins