



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

**October 10, 2023**

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

ABSENT:         Steven Trahan, Councillor

STAFF             Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer                                Kari Hanselman, Clerk  
PRESENT:

**1.      Call to Order**

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

**2.      Adoption of Agenda**

**2023-265**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 10th day of October, 2023 be adopted as amended by adding under Item 17. In-Camera: Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act matters pertaining to the Corbeil Park Hall kitchen renovations.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

a.      Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 26th, 2023

**2023-266**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 26th, 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 September 26th, 2023

Council discussed options for Free Dump Day. The day will remain a one day event in 2024 with extended hours.

2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

**2023-267**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee reviewed the Final Road Needs Study Report at their September 26th, 2023 Committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Committee recommends to Council that the Final Road Needs Study Report be accepted;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2023-268**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee reviewed the results of the speed reduction survey for Derland Road and Eglington Road North at their September 26th, 2023 Committee meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Committee recommends to Council that the speed limit on Derland Road be reduced to 50 km/h from 60 km/h and Eglington Road North be reduced to 40 km/h from 50 km/h;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation;

AND FURTHER THAT a respective speed limit By-law be adopted.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2023-269**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee discussed introducing Goods Exchange Day at their Committee meeting on September 26th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Goods Exchange Day would take place on the first Saturday of May each year, commencing May 4th, 2024;

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. 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:**

None for this session

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session

**12. By-laws:**

None for this session

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. Ontario Provincial Police
- b. Township of Bonfield
- c. Town of Aurora  
Referred for support
- d. Town of Midland  
Referred for support
- e. Town of Wasaga Beach
- f. AMO
  - 1. AMO Communications September 29th and October 5th, 2023
  - 2. AMO Annual Report on the Canada Community-Building Fund
- g. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
  - 1. Board Meeting Agenda Package for September 27th, 2023
  - 2. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting Agenda Package for September 27th, 2023

- h. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
  - 1. Re: Board of Health Minutes of August 16th, 2023
  - 2. Re: Finance and Property Committee of the Board of Health Minutes of June 28th, 2023
- i. FONOM
- j. Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendations

**14. Action Items:**

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

**2023-270**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of October 10th, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Referred for support from meeting of September 26th, 2023

- 1. Resolution: Town of Grimsby - Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Council deferred voting on this resolution to a future meeting. Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers will provide further information.

- 2. Resolution: FONOM - Support for Northern Ontario School of Medicine

**2023-271**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

AND WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

AND WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

AND WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- c. Resolution: Memorandum of Understanding (Prescribed Snowmobile Trail Land Use Permission)

**2023-272**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs between the Municipality of East Ferris and the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club for the prescribed snowmobile trail land use permission.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2023-273**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**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 October 10th, 2023 in the amount of \$975,561.58.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

Councillor Kelly shared updates with Council regarding the Seniors Villas and electronic voting for the next election.

**17. In Camera**

**2023-274**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera Session at 7:04 p.m., under Section 239(2) (k) and (h) 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 applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board relating to the Lavigne Road Quarry and Corbeil Park Hall kitchen renovations
- 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 relating to Cassellholme.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2023-275**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:52 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**18. Documents for In-Camera Session under Section 239(2)(k) and 239(2)(h)**

**19. Confirmatory By-Law**

a. By-law No. 2023-44: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2023-276**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**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 confirm the proceedings of Council from September 26th, 2023 to October 10th, 2023, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2023-44;

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

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**20. Adjournment**

**2023-277**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:53 p.m. and meet again on October 24th, 2023.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Kari Hanselman