

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 12th, 2023 and the Special Meeting of January 16th, 2024 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:

- a. Presentation to Mr. Andrew Howe for "Fire Services Long Service Medal - 25 Years"

Mayor Rochefort and Fire Chief Amyotte presented Mr. Howe with a Fire Service Long Service Medal for 25 years with the East Ferris Fire and Emergency Services.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Liza Vandermeer, Trout Lake Conservation Association

Liza Vandermeer made a presentation to Council regarding the Trout Lake Conservation Association's concerns with the Trout Lake Water Quality Study.

- b. Sylvie Laperriere - 130 Pargeter Drive

John Kennedy made a presentation to Council regarding the shoreline road allowance survey results for his property at 130 Pargeter Drive and the neighbouring property at 73 South Shore Road.

- c. Cathy Guppy - Shoreline Road Allowance Survey Results

Council approved Cathy Guppy's request to make a five minute delegation to Council regarding the shoreline road allowance survey results in front of her property at 73 South Shore Road and the neighbouring property at 130 Pargeter Drive.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session

- b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session

- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

1. Minutes from December 13th, 2023
2. Minutes from February 6th, 2024
 1. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2024-09

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Fire and Emergency Services Committee recommends Council enter into an Automatic Aid Agreement with the Municipality of Callander to provide and/or receive fire protection services for the Nipissing Manor facility:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 1. Tara Michauville
- e. Committee of Adjustment
 1. Minutes from January 17th, 2024
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
 1. Minutes from January 16th, 2024
 2. Recommendation(s) from the Minutes

2024-10

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the municipality examine the opportunity of providing a connecting walkway between One Mile Road and Centennial Crescent across the municipally owned parkland in conjunction with the broader active transportation plan along Centennial Crescent and MacPherson Drive;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session

h. Striking Committee

None for this session

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes from January 8th, 2024

2. Minutes from February 5th, 2024

b. Police Services Board

1. Minutes from January 4th, 2024

2. Recommendation(s) from the Minutes

2024-11

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS at the East Ferris Police Services Board meeting on January 4th, 2024, Lucien Chaput, Principal of École Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin, presented to the Board his concerns regarding the speed of traffic in front of the school;

AND WHEREAS the Board agrees that traffic control measures are required in the area as the road can become congested during community events and for the safety of students who walk to and from school;

AND WHEREAS Staff Sergeant Kraemer was in attendance at the meeting and is in agreeance with the Board;

AND WHEREAS the Polices Services Board recommends Council direct staff to look into traffic control measures, such as a flashing school zone sign, on Village Road in front of St. Thomas D'Aquin and the Community Centre;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. FD-2024-01 - 2023 Annual Fire Department Activity Report

2024-12

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2023 Fire Department Activity Report for East Ferris Fire and Emergency Services as outlined in the Fire Chief's Information Report No. FD-2024-01.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. PLAN-2023-08 - Trout Lake Water Quality Study

2024-13

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accept recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. PLAN-2023-08 and accept the following reports and direct staff to initiate an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment based on their recommendations: "J.L. Richards – Trout Lake Plan Directions Report (June 29, 2022)", "J.L. Richards – Directions Report Addendum (November 2, 2023)" and "Hutchinson Environmental Sciences – Trout Lake Existing Conditions, Issues, Opportunities and Constraints (October 23, 2023)".

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Report No. COMM-2024-01 - Tradeshow RFP

2024-14

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accept recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. COMM-2024-01 and direct staff to enter into a 4-year agreement with Bay Events to provide their services to organize and implement the East Ferris Tradeshow from 2024 to 2027

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2023-55: 3rd Reading

Council deferred third reading of the by-law until the March 12th, 2024 Council meeting

- b. By-law No. 2024-04: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Reading

2024-15

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 set tax ratios for the Municipality of East Ferris for the year 2024 BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-04;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. By-law No. 2024-05: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Reading

2024-16

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 amend By-law No. 2023-11: a by-law with respect to the establishment and requirement of the payment of fees for information, services, activities and use of the Corporation's property BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-05;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. By-law No. 2024-06: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-17

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 deem Lots 17, 28-38, 76-78, 80-96, 140-161 and 210-215 on Registered Plan M181 not to be lots on a registered Plan of Subdivision now in the Municipality of East Ferris in the District of Nipissing. further, this By-law deems those portions of Ashwood Avenue, Beechwood Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, Poplar Road, Balsam Road and all laneways located between lots 17, 28-38, 76-78, 80-96, 140-161 and 210-215, as shown on Plan M181, to not be registered as part of a Plan of Subdivision in the Municipality of East Ferris BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-06;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-18

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Section 6.3 of the Municipality of East Ferris Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 states that: "Council shall adjourn its meeting at the hour of 9:00 p.m., if in session at that hour, save and except with the unanimous consent of members present";

AND WHEREAS Council at this time wish to continue the business of the agenda of February 13th, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council agree to continue this Council meeting past the hour of 9:00 p.m.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
- b. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- c. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- d. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Deferred to the next meeting. Staff will provide Council with a map showing Crown land within East Ferris

- e. City of Mississauga
- f. City of Stratford
Referred for support
- g. Clearview Township
- h. Municipality of Calvin
Referred for support
- i. Municipality of Grey Highlands
- j. Municipality of Tweed
- k. Prince Edward County
Referred for support
- l. Tay Township
- m. Town of Aurora
- n. Town of Mono
- o. Town of Petrolia
Referred for support
- p. Township of Asphodel-Norwood
- q. Township of Conmee
- r. AMO's Social and Economic Prosperity Review Support Resolutions
- s. AMO Communications
- t. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
 - 1. Re: 2024 DNSSAB Levy
 - 2. Re: Reaching Home Funding Allocations
Referred for support
- u. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
 - 1. Re: 2024 NBMCA and NBMSPA Meeting Dates
 - 2. Re: Special Meeting Minutes December 1st, 2023
 - 3. Re: Regular Meeting Minutes December 13th, 2023

- 4. Re: Special Meeting Minutes January 8th, 2024
- 5. Re: North Bay Mattawa Source Protection Committee - Second Notice of Source Protection Plan Revisions
- v. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
 - 1. Re: 2024 Municipal Levy
 - 2. Re: Board of Health Minutes November 22nd and 29th, 2023
 - 3. Re: Intimate partner violence and public health action
- w. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
- x. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
 - 1. Re: Executive Award call for nominations
 - 2. Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"
 Referred for support
- y. East Ferris Santa Fund
- z. Enbridge Gas
 Referred for support
- aa. Good Roads
- ab. Ontario Land Tribunal
- ac. OPP Municipal Policing Bureau
- ad. Shirley and Rick Ferron
 Council wishes to thank the Ferron's for their engagement throughout the process.

14. Action Items:

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

2024-19

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of February 13th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution: Approval of list of Council Memberships for the year 2024

2024-20

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the 2024 Membership list as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council held February 13th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution: 2024 AMO Conference

2024-21

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference is being held in the City of Ottawa at the Shaw Centre and Westin Ottawa August 18th - 21st, 2024;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all members of Council are approved to attend the 2024 AMO Conference.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-22

Moved by Councillor 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 February 13th, 2024 in the amount of \$1,343,923.68.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

- a. Bell Canada

2024-23

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS in July and August 2021, East Ferris and area municipalities were informed that Bell had received Universal Broadband funding that would provide

50/10 Mbps service to some 8,566 premises throughout the Nipissing area, Bell informally shared maps with area municipalities, and East Ferris would see 98% of homes receiving fiber optic service;

AND WHEREAS in April 2022, another announcement was made regarding broadband funding for many of the same areas, again under the Universal Broadband program, but interestingly, this time the areas covered by Bell were reduced to a single project in Nipissing to include the communities of Astorville, East Ferris, Bonfield, Calvin, Kiosk, Mattawa, and Rutherglen;

AND WHEREAS in August 2022, the province announced the details of its Accelerated High-Speed Internet Access Program (AHSIP), and many of the areas that had been announced as going to Bell, but did not appear in the April announcement, were now included in this announcement;

AND WHEREAS after winning a contract from the provincial government in 2022 to provide fiber optic internet to 98% of East Ferris homes, Bell Canada has yet to begin construction of the project in East Ferris which has a completion deadline of 2025;

AND WHEREAS since May 2023, the Municipality of East Ferris has repeatedly invited Bell to appear before Council to discuss the project scope, but Bell has continuously declined our invitations and has privately communicated to the Municipality about its intention to descope the project;

AND WHEREAS as of today, we are unaware of the plans by Bell to build a fiber internet network in East Ferris and we understand this same situation is also occurring in other communities in northern Ontario;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris is asking the provincial and federal governments to terminate the said contract with Bell in favor of smaller, regional internet service providers who are ready to start and have a proven ability to deliver;

AND FURTHER THAT NetSpectrum be awarded the East Ferris component of the contract;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be send to MP, Anthony Rota, MPP, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, and the other area municipalities that were included in the joint project.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Development - Astorville Property

2024-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the former school located at 1392 Village Road in Astorville has been vacant since 2015;

AND WHEREAS the said property was sold by the school board in 2017 and the new owners had plans to develop housing on the site;

AND WHEREAS in 2023 the said property was resold to a new owner who has plans to develop housing on the property;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality deems it a priority that any vacant building in East Ferris be developed;

AND WHEREAS Council in their 2023-2026 Strategic Plan have directed staff to advocate for increased seniors housing;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to use municipal resources to assist the current owner of the said property with the preparation and submission of a funding application to CMHC.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2024-07 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-25

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 December 12th, 2023 to February 13th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-07;

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

2024-26

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn at 9:31 p.m. and meet again on February 27th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman