



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

March 12, 2024

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

2024-44

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 12th day of March, 2024 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 27th, 2024

2024-45

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 27th, 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:

None for this session.

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Chris Morawski - 789 and 799 Highway 94

Chris Morawski made a presentation to Council requesting Council remove the restrictive covenant registered on title for 789 Highway 94.

Council agreed they would like to review the Director of Community Services report on the matter at this time. Mr. Kirton reviewed the Information Report with Council.

2024-46

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris will approve the removal of the restrictive covenant registered on title for 789 Highway 94, Corbeil, ON if the property owner makes an application to the Committee of Adjustment for a Minor Variance to recognize existing deficiencies AND THAT application is approved.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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
None for this session.
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
None for this session.
- e. Committee of Adjustment
Next meeting March 20th, 2024
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
None for this session.
- g. Economic Development Committee
Next meeting March 21st, 2024
- h. Striking Committee
 - 1. Minutes of February 27th, 2024
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2024-47

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Striking Committee recommends to Council that Stephanie Holmes' application to sit on the Planning Advisory Committee and Committee of Adjustment for the remaining 2022-2026 term of Council be approved;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of March 4th, 2024
- b. Police Services Board
 - None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Information Report - Valin Partners request to remove restrictive covenant (789 and 799 Highway 94)
 - Item discussed under 7. Delegations to Council

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

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

2024-48

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT By-law No. 2023-55 being a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Local Boards and Committees of either, the conduct of its members, the calling of meetings, and to establish rules of order, BE READ a third time and passed this 12th day of March, 2024;

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. 2024-11: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-49

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 repeal By-law No. 2021-61 BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-11;

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 the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - 1. Re: Comprehensive environmental assessment projects regulation and related actions
 - 2. Re: Provincial Day of Action on Litter
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Municipality of Brighton
- d. Municipality of St. Charles

2024-50
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. 2024-043 received from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding calling on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Town of Lincoln

2024-51
Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. RC-2024-23 received from the Town of Lincoln regarding urging the Provincial Government to support increased funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- f. Township of Perry
- g. AMO Communications
- h. Children's Aid Society
- i. Treasury Board Secretariat Emergency Management Ontario

14. Action Items:

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

2024-52
Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of March 12th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. 2023 Council Statement of Remuneration

2024-53
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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 31st 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 2023 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Member of Council and Member of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-54

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 12th, 2024 in the amount of \$700,560.99.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-Law

a. By-law No. 2024-12 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-55

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 February 27th, 2024 to March 12th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-12;

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

2024-56

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:18 p.m. and meet again on March 26th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman