



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

March 26, 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 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2024-59

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 26th 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 March 12th, 2024

2024-60

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 12th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

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

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

1. Minutes of March 20th, 2024

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

g. Economic Development Committee

1. Minutes of March 21st, 2024

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-2024-01: Blue Box Transition Updates

2024-61

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the information contained in Report No. R-2024-01 as prepared by the Municipal Engineer.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. R-2024-02: Blue Box Transition - Opting Out of Providing Services

2024-62

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris authorize staff to advise Circular Materials (CM) that the Municipality of East Ferris **will not** enter into an agreement to provide blue box services during the four (4) months transition period from September 1st, 2025, to December 31st, 2025;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to begin the process of transitioning our blue box program to CM and ensure they have the information needed to take over full operational and financial responsibility for the blue box program by September 1st, 2025.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Report No. R-2024-03: Trout Lake - Active Transportation

2024-63

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Municipal Engineer contained in Report No. R-2024-03 and award the tender for the Trout Lake - Active Transportation Project to Pioneer Construction in the amount of \$1,497,136.83 including HST.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Councillor Kelly

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2024-13: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-64

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyackers

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 authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and North Bay Regional Health Centre for the provision of communication (call taking and alerting) services to East Ferris Fire and Emergency Services by the North Bay Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-13;

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 Natural Resources and Forestry
- b. City of Quinte West
- c. Town of Amaranth
- d. Town of Amaranth
- e. Town of Aurora

2024-65

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris' experience working with local school boards, Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nord and the Near North District School Board, has been very positive;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris wishes other communities to foster the same positive relationship with their local school boards;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. 8.2.7 from the Town of Aurora regarding requesting the Province and the Minister of Education to assist in making school board facilities available to local municipalities on a priority, at a cost recovery rate.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- f. AMO Communications
- g. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
- h. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- i. Children's Aid Society
- j. FONOM
- k. North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation

14. Action Items:

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

2024-66

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of March 26th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Flag Raising Request

A Motion for Reconsideration on this item was requested by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers. The request was seconded by Mayor Rochefort.

2024-67

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS a Flag Raising Request Form was submitted by Lauren Rooyakkers and received by the Clerk on March 19th, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the request is for the Municipality to raise the Pride Flag for the month of June, 2024;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approve this request.

Defeated

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-68

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 26th, 2024 in the amount of \$231,300.79.

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. 2024-14: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-69

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 March 12th, 2024 to March 26th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-14;

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

2024-70

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:39 p.m. and meet again on April 9th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman