



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

**July 9, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Pauline Rochefort, Mayor  
Terry Kelly, Councillor  
Steven Trahan, Councillor

Rick Champagne, Councillor  
Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor

**STAFF  
PRESENT:** Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer

Kari Hanselman, Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2024-151**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 9th day of July, 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 June 25th, 2024

**2024-152**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 25th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

With regards to the delegation from Bell Canada at the last meeting, Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers expressed concerns that the areas not covered by Bell were not getting the promised bandwidth. CAO Trottier advised the he had met with representatives from Netspectrum today and was told they are planning infrastructure developments in the area.

With regards to the letter of support from Council to the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce application to the Rural Community Immigration Pilot initiative, Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers asked if Council could invite a representative from the Chamber to make a delegation to Council regarding the program. Clerk Hanselman advised that she had invited Donna Backer, President and CEO, to make a delegation should their application be successful.

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof**

None for this session.

**6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members:**

Councillor Champagne advised of the funding announcement last week for the upgrades to the library as well as the active transportation trail. Councillor Champagne thanked all the volunteers for what they do for the community.

**7. Delegations to Council:**

- a. Amy Van Wyngaarden, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation  
Amy Van Wyngaarden, Account Manager from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation gave a delegation to Council regarding property assessment and tax systems.
- b. Lori Betik and Lyne Way-White, Club Action 50+  
Lori Betik and Lyne Way-White from Club Action 50+ gave a delegation to Council regarding upgrading the lift at the East Ferris Community Centre.

**8. Committee Reports:**

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee  
Councillor Champagne advised that Groulx Road construction is underway. The line painting on MacPherson Drive/Centennial Crescent is complete.
- 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  
None for this session.
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee  
Mayor Rochefort gave an update to Council on the Canada Day activities.
- g. Striking Committee

**9. Board Reports:**

- a. Library Board  
None for this session.
- b. OPP Detachment Board  
None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

None for this session.

**11. Notice of Motions**

- a. Councillor Trahan

**12. By-laws:**

None for this session.

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. Treasury Board Secretariat
- c. City of St. Catharines
- d. Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

**2024-153**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to MP Anthony Rota and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- e. AMO
  - 1. AMO Communications
  - 2. Re: 2023 Annual Report
- f. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- g. Dianne and Doug Armatage

**2024-154**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the request from Doug and Dianne Armatage to donate a bench to Macpherson Park and refer to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee for finalization of the model and installation.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- h. Enbridge Gas Inc.
- i. Ombudsman Ontario

**14. Action Items:**

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

**2024-155**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of July 9th, 2024.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2024-156**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated July 9th, 2024 in the amount of \$454,818.84.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

None for this session.

**17. In Camera**

**2024-157**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:41 p.m., under Section 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to the OPP Detachment:

(h) 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.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2024-158**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this in-camera meeting at 6:51 p.m. and return to our regular session.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**18. Confirmatory By-Law**

a. By-law No. 2024-30: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2024-159**

**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 confirm the proceedings of Council from June 25th, 2024 to July 9th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-30;

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**

**2024-160**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:52 p.m. and meet again on August 13th, 2024.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Kari Hanselman