



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2024

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Steven Trahan, Councillor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor Lauren Rooyakkers, Deputy Mayor

ABSENT: Rick Champagne, 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

2024-214

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 22nd of October, 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 September 24th, 2024 and Special Meeting of October 16th, 2024

2024-215

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 24th, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting of October 16th, 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. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers shared that Council is wearing purple shirts in support of the Children's Aid Society's Dress Purple Day which is taking place on Friday. The Municipality raised the Every Child Matters flag in September and there was a good turnout for the raising.

Mayor Rochefort shared that it's small business week and the Municipality has been sharing spotlights on a few local businesses.

With regards to small business week, Councillor Kelly encouraged small businesses to utilize Google and that there are library staff who can assist. Councillor Kelly also advised that Enbridge Gas has provided the Municipality with smoke alarms for residents.

Councillor Trahan advised that the Fire and Emergency Services Open House was well attended and more applications were given out than last year.

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Cassellholme

Angie Punnett, Administrator, Dave Smits, Director, Capital Projects and Facilities, and William Brooks, Chief Financial Officer gave a presentation to Council regarding the status of the Cassellholme Redevelopment and the Capital Levy Plan.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session.

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

1. Minutes of September 19th, 2024

2. Recommendation from the Minutes

2024-216

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the Emergency Management Program Committee recommends to Council that authorization be granted to the CAO/Treasurer to apply for the Emergency Preparedness Grant available through Emergency Management Ontario in order for the Municipality to be better prepared in emergency situations;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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 October 16th, 2024

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

1. Minutes of October 15th, 2024

2. Recommendation from Minutes

2024-217

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council that the annual tree-lighting event, "Light Up the Park" take place at Memorial Park on November 21st, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of October 7th, 2024

- 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

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2024-38: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-218

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 amend 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 first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-38;

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. 2024-39: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-219

Moved by Councillor Kelly

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 close and convey a part of the original shoreline road allowance along Lake Nosbonsing, described as Part 1 to 5, PLAN 36R-15286, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-39;

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. 2024-40: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-220

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 close and convey a part of the original shoreline road allowance in front of CON 2 PT LOT 19 RP 36R7230 PART 1 PCL 16971 WF (73 SOUTH SHORE ROAD) AND PLAN M445 LOT 20 PCL 15700 WF (130 PARGETER DRIVE), described as PARTS 1 & 2, PLAN 36R-15294, East Ferris, District of Nipissing, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-40;

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. Ontario Provincial Police

This item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

- b. City of Temiskaming Shores

- c. Town of Bonfield

- d. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

2024-221

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the letter received from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to included nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy, and Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Town of Cobourg

2024-222

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution received from the Town of Cobourg regarding supporting the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality of East Ferris urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and Vic Fedeli, MPP.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- f. Township of Nairn and Hyman

Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers requested this item be brought forward to the next meeting.

- g. AMO

- 1. Re: AMO Communications September 19th & 26th, October 3rd and 10th, 2024

- 2. 2023 Annual Report

- h. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

- i. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

- j. Callander Legion

- k. FONOM

2024-223

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

AND WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

AND WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed Forest Biomass Program should continue post-2027;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

AND WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million Sawmill Chip Program, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

AND WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

AND WHEREAS, the public Forest Access Roads Funding Program, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75

million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

I. Ontario's Big City Mayors

14. Action Items:

a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2024-224

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of October 22nd, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Resolution: 2025 ROMA Conference

2024-225

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference is being held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto January 19th - 21st, 2025;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Mayor Rochefort and Councillors Kelly, Trahan and Champagne are approved to attend the 2025 ROMA Conference.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution: 2025 ROMA Conference Delegation Request

This item will be brought forward to the next meeting.

- d. Resolution: 2025 Good Roads Conference

2024-226

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS the 2025 Good Roads Conference is being held at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto March 30th - April 2nd, 2025;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all members be approved to attend the 2025 Good Roads Conference;

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to register and book accommodations accordingly.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Resolution: Draft Plan of Subdivision Application No. SB-2024-01

2024-227

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the owners (1851477 Ontario Inc.) of the lands described as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Concession 15, Township of East Ferris, District of Nipissing, has applied for approval of a draft plan of subdivision for the purpose of creating 12 new lots;

AND WHEREAS this application is a resubmission of phase 2 a previously approved application under file SB-2018-02, which has lapsed;

AND WHEREAS no additional lots or changes have been made to the proposed development from the approval that was given for file SB-2018-02;

AND WHEREAS the application has regard for the criteria of Section 51(24) of the *Planning Act*;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) and the Provincial Planning Statement (2024);

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS the conditions contained in the letter dated September 12, 2024 from Marcel Degagne and Dan Degagne (1851477 Ontario Inc.) reflect the previously approved municipal conditions of approval for application SB-2018-02 and should be applied to this application;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris approves Application No. SB-2024-01 for a draft plan of subdivision together with the conditions as set out in the previously referenced letter dated September 12, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-228

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS the owners (1851477 Ontario Inc.) of the lands described as Part of Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Concession 15, Township of East Ferris, District of Nipissing, has applied for approval of a draft plan of subdivision for the purpose of creating 12 new lots;

AND WHEREAS this application is a resubmission of phase 2 a previously approved application under file SB-2018-02, which has lapsed;

AND WHEREAS no additional lots or changes have been made to the proposed development from the approval that was given for file SB-2018-02;

AND WHEREAS in their letter dated September 12th, 2024, Tulloch Geomatics, on behalf of 1851477 Ontario Inc. requested Council for the Municipality of East Ferris waive the \$2,000 application fee as it was previously collected for this application;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this request.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2024-229

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the preceding resolution regarding the fee waiver for subdivision application SB-2024-01 be brought forward for reconsideration.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-230

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 October 22nd, 2024 in the amount of \$765,564.49.

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. 2024-41: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2024-231

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

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 September 24th, 2024 to October 22nd, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-41;

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

2024-232

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:27 p.m. and meet again on November 12th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman