



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 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	Kim Rose

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2024-261

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 10th day of December, 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 November 26th, 2024

2024-262

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 26th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality of Callander will bring forward the resolution to request that the MTO reclassify HWY 94 from a secondary cycling route to a primary route.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

- a. Councillor Champagne - Minutes of November 27th, 2024
Severance item E1: Land severance for 1852 Corbeil Road.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Mayor Rochefort noted that Council made a donation to the East Ferris Santa Fund in the amount of \$1000 on behalf of the citizens of East Ferris. Mayor Rochefort also advised that the East Ferris Volunteer Firefighter's Association made a \$500 donation. The Mayor urged residents to donate, if able. Councillor Champagne advised that there are a variety of locations available to pick up Santa Fund Applications, including the Municipal Office.

Mayor Rochefort advised that the final meeting of Council for 2024 will occur as a Special Meeting on December 17th. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Strategic Plan and Strategic Plan Progress Report as well as review the performance of Council and the CAO.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Erin Plourde, Micah Plourde and Ursula Tkacz
Erin Plourde and Ursula Tkacz gave a delegation to Council regarding a proposal for a family playground on Municipal property (Astor Street South).

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 - 1. None for this session.
- b. Emergency Management Program Committee
 - 1. Minutes of November 28th, 2024
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
 - 1. Minutes of November 26th, 2024
 - 2. Minutes of December 4th, 2024
- d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session.

e. Committee of Adjustment

1. Minutes of November 27th, 2024

Councillor Champagne declared a conflict on this item. (Severance item E1: Land severance for 1852 Corbeil Road.)

Councillor Champagne vacated the Council Chambers for this discussion.

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session.

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of December 2nd, 2024

b. OPP Detachment Board

1. None for this session. Next meeting January 29th, 2025.

c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. CAO-2024-01: Review of Municipal Travel Expense Policy

2024-263

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the CAO contained in Report No. CAO-2024-01 and approves the amended Municipal Travel Expense Policy attached as Appendix "A" to Report No. CAO-2024-01.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2024-45: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Reading(s)

2024-264

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 authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services., BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-45;

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 Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. City of Guelph
- c. Municipality of Leamington
- d. Township of Nairn and Hyman and Township of Baldwin

2024-265

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris received a resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin who formally oppose the transportation and deposition of naturally occurring radioactive materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands, and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's resolution in that they should have been consulted on this matter prior to the movement of materials;

AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to the

Township of Nairn and Hyman, and the Township of Baldwin's questions and that those municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mniidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Anthony Rota; MPP Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities, all Ontario municipalities, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for their consultation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. AMO Communications
- f. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
- g. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
 - 1. Re: Board of Health Minutes October 16th, 2024
 - 2. Re: Personnel Policy, Labour/Employment Relations Committee of the Board of Health Minutes April 24th, 2024
- h. FONOM

2024-266

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the 2025 FONOM Conference is taking place in North Bay May 5th - 7th, 2025;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that all members of Council be approved to attend the 2025 FONOM Conference;

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to register members accordingly.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

14. Action Items:

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

2024-267

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of December 10th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution: Street Signs on Highway 94 for Oakridge Drive

2024-268

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS on December 14th, 2021 Council for the Municipality of East Ferris passed By-law No. 2021-58 which established Promenade Oakridge Drive as a public highway;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation requires a formal request from the Municipality of East Ferris in order to install streets signs on Highway 94;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris requests the Ministry of Transportation install street signs displaying the road name Promenade Oakridge Drive on Highway 94.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2024-269

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated December 10th, 2024 in the amount of \$519,067.16.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

Councillor Kelly advised that Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation-Ignace has been selected for the nuclear waste repository.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2024-46: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading(s)

2024-270

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 November 26th, 2024 to December 10th, 2024, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2024-46;

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

2024-271

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:06 p.m. and meet again on December 17th, 2024.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Kari Hanselman