



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

February 19, 2020

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Erika Lougheed, Councillor
Terry Kelly, Councillor

ABSENT: Mike Voyer, Deputy Mayor Steven Trahan, Councillor

STAFF Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer
PRESENT:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2020-53

Moved by Councillor Terry Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council for the Special Meeting and dated the 19th of February, 2020 be hereby adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None for this session

3. Correspondence and Information:

a. Resolution of Support

2020-54

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Terry Kelly

WHEREAS reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet and e-connectivity is imperative for the Municipality of East Ferris' residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors;

AND WHEREAS internet and e-connectivity are changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy;

AND WHEREAS internet and e-connectivity create opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, agriculture, government; education, social and health development;

AND WHEREAS municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advanced internet infrastructure such as fibre, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris must plan and prioritize for the deployment and adoption of this infrastructure including but not limited to pursuing collaborations and partnerships in the efforts to effectively achieve greater access to affordable high-speed internet throughout the region;

AND WHEREAS much of the Municipality of East Ferris does not have access to greater than 5Mbps internet service, which is well below the CRTC standard of 50/10 Mbps;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of East Ferris acknowledges that access to the internet and e-connectivity is a crucial part of our community mission to promote public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris supports Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation's application to all government Broadband Funding Programs that will seek to provide funding to Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd to build a fibre and wireless access project in parts of the City of North Bay and South/East Region in the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. In-Camera Session

Antoine Boucher, Municipal Engineer and Steve Aiken, Consultant, Knight Piésold joined in the meeting for the In-Camera Session.

2020-55

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Terry Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 9:03 a.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2020-56

Moved by Councillor Terry Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council adjourn this In-Camera session at 9:36 a.m. and return the Special Meeting of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

5. Resolution as a result of In-Camera Session (if any)

6. Adjournment

2020-57

Moved by Councillor Terry Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn this meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins

