



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

June 23, 2020

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

ABSENT: Mike Voyer, Deputy Mayor

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Rochefort advised the public that staff was experiencing difficulties with the e-Scribe software and that only the agenda cover was posted on the Municipal Website.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-151

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 23rd day of June, 2020 be adapted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held June 9th, 2020

2020-152

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held June 9th, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 17th, 2020
 - 2. Resolution from minutes -File No. B-2020-01, Mike Hurley

2020-153

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Loughheed

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held June 17th, 2020 and the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the proposal is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the Municipality's Official Plan;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris concurs with Resolution No. 2020-01 passed by the Planning Advisory Committee at their meeting held on June 17th, 2020 and approves Consent Application No. B-2020-01 (Mike Hurley) for the property described as 110 Voyer Road to sever a parcel of land from abutting property 116 Voyer Road for the purpose of a lot addition; together along with those conditions as set out in the Planning Advisory Committee Resolution dated June 17th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 17th, 2020
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
 - 1. Next meeting - June 20th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
- g. Economic Development Committee
 - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 17th, 2020
- h. Communications Committee
- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee
- j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of Special meeting - June 9th, 2020
 - 2. Minutes of Special meeting - June 16th, 2020
- b. Police Services Board
 - 1. Minutes of meeting - June 11th, 2020

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. Fire Department 2020-01 (Information Report)

2020-154

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2019 Fire Department Activity Report for the East Ferris Fire Department as outlined in the Fire Chief's Information Report No. Fire Department-2020-01.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. CEMC-2020-01 (COVID-19)- Information Report

2020-155

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the Information report from the Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator as outlined in the Fire Chief/CEMC 's Information Report No. CEMC-2020-01.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

None for this session

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- b. Municipality of McDougall

Council referred for support

- c. Grey County

Council referred for support

- d. Tribunals Ontario

- e. DNSSAB

- f. DNSSAB

- g. FONOM

- h. AMO Communications

- i. AMO Events

- j. Michael Blair, East Ferris Advocacy Group

Council referred to the Economic Development Committee for review and recommendations.

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

2020-156

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 23rd day of June, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution:

2020-157

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris support the letter received from the City of Brantford regarding communities owing a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our communities could continue to operate;

AND FURTHER that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris support the following declaration prepared by the City of Brantford as follows:

- THAT March 17 be proclaimed by the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris to be Essential Workers Day in the Municipality of East Ferris; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Brantford, our local MP and MPP, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Resolution:

2020-158

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS section 5.3 of the Council Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 states that there shall only be one meeting of Council held in the month of July and August;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris cancel the regular scheduled meetings of July 28th and August 25th, 2020;

AND THAT a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, as amended at the call of the Chair if required.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Resolution:

2020-159

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;

AND WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

AND WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

AND WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of East Ferris strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces;

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of East Ferris forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Resolution:

2020-160

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris passed resolution 2020-148 on June 9th, 2020 directing staff to engage in discussion with Dégagné Carpentry to examine whether there is an opportunity to partner with Dégagné Carpentry for the development of a medical centre in East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS staff are recommending the creation of a steering committee comprised of a lead consultant to be hired by the CAO, CAO Jason Trottier, Manager of Planning & Economic Development Greg Kirton, Dr. John Séguin, Marcel Dégagné, and two members of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of East Ferris deems it expedient to create an East Ferris Medical Centre Steering Committee;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris appoints Councillor Terry Kelly and Councillor Stephen Trahan to the East Ferris Medical Centre Steering Committee.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2020-161

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated June 23rd, 2020 in the amount of \$269,191.86.

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. 2020-22, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-162

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from June 9th, 2020 to June 23rd, 2020, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-22;

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

2020-163

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:23 p.m. and meet again on July 14th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins