



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

August 11, 2020

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2020-196

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 11th day of August, 2020 be adapted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approving the following minutes:

2020-197

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held July 14th, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held July 16th, July 22nd, July 30th and July 31st, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the Council meeting was being livestreamed. Mayor Rochefort stated that the 2020 Operating Budget was approved. Congratulated Staff and Council on a good budget and informed that the Municipal tax bills have been mailed out.

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 - July 15th, 2020
 - 2. Resolution from minutes - File No. B-2020-02, James and Janet Splint

2020-198

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held July 15th, 2020 and the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan of the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris concurs with Resolution No. 2020-11 passed by the Planning Advisory Committee at their meeting held on July 15th, 2020 and approves Consent Application No. B-2020-02 (James and Janet Splint) for the property described as 79 Hillcrest Road to sever a parcel of land for the creation of one new lot for residential purposes, together with

those conditions as set out in the Planning Advisory Committee Resolution dated July 15th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

3. Resolution from minutes - File No. B-2020-03 and B-2020-04, Heather Leckie

2020-199

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee held July 15th, 2020 and the Planning Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020 and the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan of the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris concurs with Resolution No. 2020-12 passed by the Planning Advisory Committee at their meeting held on July 15th, 2020 and approves Consent Application No. B-2020-03 and B-2020-04 (Heather Leckie) for the property described as 228 Maple Lane to sever a parcel of land for the creation of two new lots for residential purposes, along with an established right of way, together with those conditions as set out in the Planning Advisory Committee Resolution dated July 15th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Committee of Adjustment
 1. Minutes of meeting - July 15th, 2020
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee
 1. Minutes of meeting - July 15th, 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 meeting - July 28th, 2020

b. Police Services Board

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. 2020-02

2020-201

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Fire Chief contained in Report No. FIRE-2020-02 and approve the purchase of a set of Battery Powered Extrication Tools from Code4 Fire & Rescue Inc. in the amount of \$39,985.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Report No. PLAN-2020-05

2020-202

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2020-05 and direct staff to actively market and promote the sale of vacant parcels of municipally owned property, previously declared surplus, in accordance with the attached surplus land listing.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2020-25, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-203

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

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 constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-25;

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. 2020-26, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-204

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

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 provide for the Committee of Adjustment and Consent Authority to delegate the Consent Authority under Section 53 of the *Planning Act 1990*, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-26;

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. Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Letter of support-Recommendation
- b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Council discussed the Bill 197. Resolution passed under Action Items of the agenda regarding electronic meetings. Clerk to prepare report to Council regarding Proxy Voting for Municipal Council Members.
- c. Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
- d. City of North Bay
Referred for support
- e. Municipality of Chatham-Kent and City of Owen Sound
- f. North Bay and District Labour Council
Referred for support
- g. AMO Communications
- h. AMO President

- i. Susan Church, Executive Director, Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation
Resolution in Action Items
- j. East Ferris Advocacy Group
- k. Brian and Peni Paxton
Referred to Public Works for report on all of Municipal owned, unmaintained roads.

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

2020-205

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 11th, day of August, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolution

Resolution for this item was not passed. Resolution will be presented at the Council Meeting of September 8th, 2020

- c. Municipality of Grey Highlands

2020-206

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands and urge the Ontario Provincial Government and the Federal Government to work together to investigate the feasibility of implementing a universal basic income program.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Renfrew County

2020-207

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution from Renfrew County and call upon the Governments of Ontario and Canada to fast

track the review of current and previous Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation

2020-208

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Voyer

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 the Provincial ICON program 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

- f. Support for Xplornet Communications Inc.'s Application to the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) Program

2020-209

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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;

AND WHEREAS Xplornet Communications Inc. is proposing a substantial broadband infrastructure project for central and northern Ontario, including the Municipality of East Ferris, for submission to the Province's ICON program and requested a letter of support from the Municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports Xplornet Communications Inc.'s application to the Provincial ICON program and authorizes staff to provide a letter of support.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Bill 197, Electronic meetings

2020-210

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris approves an amendment to its Procedural By-law No. 2020-17 to allow for electronic meetings for Council, Boards and Committee meetings;

AND THAT members joining electronically will count towards quorum in open and closed meetings and may vote electronically and have their votes counted;

AND FURTHERMORE this amendment will come to an end on December 31st, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2020-211

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated August 11th, 2020 in the amount of \$690,502.27.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

17. In Camera (if required)

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2020-29 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2020-213

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

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 July 14th, 2020 to August 11th, 2020, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2020-29;

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

2020-213

Moved by Deputy Mayor Voyer

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:40 p.m. and meet again on September 8th, 2020.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins