



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

January 26, 2021

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

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. Prior to continuing with the Council Meeting; Mayor Rochefort requested a moment of silence for the lost of two past Councillors that served the Municipality of East Ferris, Mr. Dan Corbeil and Mr. Dennis Neethling.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

2021-18

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 26th day of January, 2021 be adopted with the following amendment:

- Removal of agenda item No. 7 (a) Delegations to Council, Ms. Karen Cobb

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Council Minutes of January 12th, 2021

2021-19

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 12th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

CAO advised that the Municipality was organizing a meeting with the Algonquin Land Claims. The meeting will be held by zoom, and livestream on February 4th, 2021 at noon. An email has been sent to all involved requesting to forward their questions to the Municipal Clerk prior to February 1st, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort passed the Chair's comments to Councillor Kelly to say a few words regarding past Councillors Dan Corbeil and Dennis Neethling.

Councillor Kelly advised that it was an honour to serve with both Dan and Dennis. They did good decisions, great volunteer work for the municipality.

Mayor Rochefort made an additional comment advising that in this special year as we learn about our history, it has come to our attention the use of a photo of a carnival float with a banner "Les Esquimaux du Nord" produced in our 2021 Municipal Calendar. The photo was used to showcase times and events in our history as we look to celebrate our 100 years in 2021. In no way did we intend to disrespect the culture of indigenous people and regret any harm this may have caused. Mayor Rochefort thanked Councillor Loughheed who brought this to our attention.

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Karen Cobb

There was no presentation from Ms. Karen Cobb. Karen withdrew her presentation to Council the day of the scheduled Council meeting. The resolution for approval of the agenda was amended to remove the presentation.

b. Sylvie Hotte

Ms. Sylvie Hotte made a presentation to Council regarding Application File No. OPA-2020-01 and File C-2020-03, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. Manager of Planning and Economic Development joined in for this session of the meeting. Mr. Kirton advised Council that Paige Engineering Ltd. does not intend to proceed any further in their request for planning approvals for 382 Macpherson Drive.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
 - 1. Minutes of January 18th, 2021 - Next meeting, February 18th, 2021
- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
 - 1. Emergency Management Committee
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
 - 1. Minutes of January 20th, 2021 - Next meeting, February 17th, 2021
- e. Committee of Adjustment
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

- 1. Recommendations from December 9th, 2020 meeting:

2021-20

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommended to Council that Taylor Milne and Richard Rochefort be accepted as Athletes into the East Ferris Sports Hall of Fame for 2020 and Francine Devost be accepted into the East Ferris Annual Sport Recognition Program for 2020;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Economic Development Committee
 - 1. Minutes of January 20th, 2021 - Next meeting, February 17th, 2021
- h. Communications Committee
 - 1. Minutes of January 19th, 2021
- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee
 - 1. Minutes of January 11th, 2021 - Next meeting, January 27th, 2021
- j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee
 - 1. Report from Committee

2021-21

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS the Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee recommended to Council the following:

- THAT the New Municipal Office & Fire Hall project be placed on hold;
- THAT the Design Team and the General Contractor (with selected suppliers and sub-contractors) be informed and thanked for their excellent work; and
- THAT Council examine how to reorganize the project to fit the target budget;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of January 11th, 2021

b. Police Services Board

Council requested that St.Sgt. McMullen, Sgt. Morgan and Sgt. Camirand be invited to the next Council meeting to do a presentation regarding a brief overview of the municipality from their perspectives.

1. Minutes of January 14th, 2021
2. P.S.B. meeting presentation

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. CLERK-01, Monica Hawkins, Clerk - Councillor Vacancy

2021-22

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris fill the vacant office of Councillor with Option 3 of Report No. CLERK-2021-01 - Appointing the runner-up from the 2018 Municipal Elections.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Report No. PLAN-2021-01- Greg Kirton, Manager of Planning and Economic Development - Nosbonsing Park Road Surplus Lands

2021-23

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-01 and declare the subject lands surplus and that staff proceed to delineate appropriate lot shapes and sizes in accordance with our Official Plan and Zoning By-law policies, engaging the required consultants to do so;

AND FURTHER that staff bring a future report to Council for final review of the planning process and direction on the disposition of the lots.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2021-05, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-24

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor 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 designate a lot on a certain Plan of Subdivision that has been registered for eight (8) years or more as deemed not to be on a Registered Plan of Subdivision - Lot 1 on Plan M268, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-05;

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. General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier -Vaccine Distribution Task Force
- b. Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

- c. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- d. Ontario Executive Council
- e. Township of Chisholm, Municipality of Mattawan
- f. AMO Communications
- g. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- h. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- i. Councillor Lougheed
- j. Debbie McMullen, 977 MacPherson Drive
- k. Ontario Stone and Gravel Association
- l. Diane Boudreau, Treasurer of the East Ferris Santa Fund

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with the agenda
2021-25
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 26th day of January, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2021-26
Moved by Councillor Kelly
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated January 26th, 2021 in the amount of \$178,438.87.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

Councillor Kelly who sits on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) advised that the 2021 FONOM Conference will be held virtually for one day only and the Conference will be free to all municipalities. Councillor Kelly will advise of the scheduled date.

17. In Camera (if required)

Councillor Kelly requested to go to in-camera session to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition of land.

2021-27

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:40 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-28

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:11 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-06 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-29

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

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 January 12th, 2021 to January 26th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-06;

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

2021-30

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:12 p.m. and meet again on February 9th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins