



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

**June 8, 2021**

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

ABSENT: 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.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2021-171**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 8th day of June, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes

**2021-172**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 25th, 2021 and the minutes of the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget Special Meetings of Council held June 1st, June 3rd and June 4th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality had approved the 2021 Capital and Operating Budget. Tax Rate By-law will be presented at a Special Meeting of Council in the near future or at the next Regular Meeting to be held June 8th, 2021.

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None for this session

**6. Chair's Comments:**

Mayor Rochefort advised that Thursday, June 10th, 2021 is Rotary Club of North Bay Day, which is designated to bring public focus to the Rotary4KIDS Radiothon and on-line auction.

**7. Delegations to Council:**

a. Joyce Effinger

Ms. Joyce Effinger made a presentation to Council pertaining to the Road Allowance on Nosbonsing Park Road.

**8. Committee Reports:**

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

None for this session

g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session

h. Communications Committee

None for this session

i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

1. Minutes of May 25th, 2021

2. Resolution

**2021-173**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee recommended to Council to approve the new design for the Municipal Flag;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

None for this session

**9. Board Reports:**

a. Library Board

None for this session

b. Police Services Board

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

None for this session

**11. Notice of Motions**

None for this session

**12. By-laws:**

None for this session

**13. Correspondence and Information Items:**

a. Minister of Francophone Affairs

b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. City of North Bay

- Council referred for support
- d. Fort Erie  
Council referred for support
- e. Township of Archipelago  
Council referred for support
- f. AMO Communications
- g. Nipissing District Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)
- h. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- i. Ontario Long Term Care - COVID-19

**14. Action Items:**

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with agenda

**2021-174**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 8th day of June 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Support of Resolution: Township of McKellar

**2021-175**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS many individuals that applied for CERB were single women, single parents, and low-income citizens who were without employment;

AND WHEREAS when the CERB allowance was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld similar to EI benefits;

AND WHEREAS the recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on the CERB, which they can ill afford;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution No. 21-195 from the Township of McKellar and urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantage single women, single parents and low-income citizens a tax break for 2020 or applying a tax credit for the year 2021;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, our local Member of Parliament and the Township of McKellar.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2021-176**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated June 8th, 2021 in the amount of \$409,648.56.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

a. Update on Cassellholme

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Municipality had received a 211 page document from Cassellholme on Monday, June 7th, 2021. Council will be bringing forward to a meeting in the near future. Mayor Rochefort also advised that Cassellholme will be meeting on Wednesday, June 9th, 2021.

**17. In Camera**

**2021-177**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:33 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to Hemlock Island under section (c):

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

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**2021-178**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn this in-camera session at 6:43 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**18. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2021-26 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2021-179**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**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 May 25th, 2021 to June 8th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-26;

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**

**2021-180**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:44 p.m. and meet again on June 22nd, 2021.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins