



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

September 28, 2021

ABSENT: Pauline Rochefort, Mayor Steven Trahan, Deputy Mayor
 Terry Kelly, Councillor Rick Champagne, Councillor
 Erika Lougheed, Councillor

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2021-266

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 28th day of September, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Accepting the Minutes:

2021-267

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council and the Regular Minutes of the Meeting of Council held September 14th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Rochefort advised that the 2021 Strategic Plan Progress Report has been posted on the Municipal Website.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort and Council congratulated Deputy Mayor Steven Trahan on a great campaign during the Federal Elections.

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
- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of September 15th, 2021 - Next meeting October 20th, 2021
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
- g. Economic Development Committee
- h. Communications Committee
- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee
 - 1. Minutes of September 14th, 2021
- j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of September 13th, 2021
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from meeting

2021-268

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the East Ferris Public Library Board requested confirmation from the Chief Building Official for the Municipality advising that the wheelchair ramp at the library complied with the Ontario Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Building Official advised the ramp was safe but required graspable handrails on both sides to comply with the Building Code;

AND WHEREAS the East Ferris Public Library Board recommended to Council to upgrade the handrails at the library to comply with the Building Code and to ensure the safety of all staff and patrons utilizing the ramp;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVE THAT Council approves of this recommendation and that the East Ferris Public Library be advised accordingly.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

b. Police Services Board

Mayor Rochefort advised that the CSWB Advisory Committee will be having a meeting in October and will be creating a Sub-Committee for the "Let's Remember Adam - BusPatrol (bus cameras)". Councillors Champagne and Kelly will be part of this sub-committee as well as Matt Labonté and Claude Champagne.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. PLAN-2021-16

2021-269

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-16 and that the request made by Mr. Carriere, to purchase a portion of municipal land extending from the end of Bertha Road be approved;

AND FURTHER that this sale proceed in accordance with By-law 2218 and be valued based on an independent appraisal of the land.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2021-41 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-270

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

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 amend By-law No. 1284 as amended, (Guillemette Road) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-41;

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. 2021-42 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-271

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 amend By-law No. 1284 as amended, (Nosbonsing Park Road) BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-42;

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. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. Township of Scugog
- c. AMO Communications
- d. FONOM

Council referred for support.

- e. Letters from Residents regarding AIRBNB

Council referred letters to the Planning Department.

- 1. Debra Grand

2. Rob and Joyce Effinger

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information circulated with agenda

2021-272

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of September 28th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Truth and Reconciliation - Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

2021-273

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday at the federal level;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris recognizes September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by flying the Every Child Matters Flag; by encouraging the municipal Council, staff and citizens to wear an orange shirt; by honouring a moment of silence at 11 am and sharing stories of residential school survivors, their families and communities via the Municipality's public media sites;

AND FURTHER that the Municipality of East Ferris approves the addition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to its list of Statutory Holidays.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. Municipality of Trent Lakes

2021-274

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support resolution No. R2021-593 from the Municipality of Trent Lakes requesting the Provincial government to address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally-binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrists to fund these services.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2021-275

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 September 28th, 2021 in the amount of \$587,775.84.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

Mayor Rochefort requested to go to In-camera session, under Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act to discuss the matter of Cassellholme Redevelopment.

When Council resume to regular open session from the In-Camera meeting a motion was prepared as per Council's in-camera discussions.

2021-276

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:39 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-277

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:38 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2021-278

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is a member of the District of Nipissing Cassellholme and in accordance with Schedule 4 of the Long Term Care Homes Act, 2007 is the holder of a Board of Management Seat for the term of Council 2019 – 2022 with Terry Kelly as the representative to the Board of Management;

AND WHEREAS Al McDonald and Tanya Vrebosch of the City of North Bay and more recently Dean Backer from the Town of Mattawa have resigned from the Board of Management for reason of governance;

AND WHEREAS Terry Kelly has now submitted his resignation from the Board of Management of Cassellholme, Castle Arms and Castle Arms Living Management Assistance Corporation due to concerns with the corporation's governance including the fact that the recent "Open Letter from Cassellholme" was not approved by the Cassellholme Board of Management;

THEREFORE the Council of East Ferris accepts Councillor Kelly's resignation and joins him in expressing disapproval of the "Open Letter from Cassellholme". In particular we reject comments about municipalities dithering and it resulting in the addition of costs and also the statement that "it's not about cost, it's about priorities" when according to East Ferris it is about both. It is unacceptable for Cassellholme to state that it has been working with all nine municipalities when in fact in recent months it opted to levy its partners and issue the "Open Letter." For these reasons and in particular for management behavior that has led to seasoned Councillor Terry Kelly having to step down from the Board of Management, we request an apology;

AND THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris will name a replacement member to sit on Cassellholme Board of Management at a later date;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Long Term Care, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our Member of Provincial Parliament, all our Member Municipalities and the Cassellholme Board of Management.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-43, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-279

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from September 14th, 2021 to September 28th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-43;

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

2021-280

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:43 p.m. and meet again on October 12th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins