



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

January 11, 2022

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochefort called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2022-04

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 11th day of January, 2022 be adopted as amended by adding the following item under Action Items of the agenda:

- North Bay/French River Algonquins - Presentation (December 14th, 2021 Council Regular Meeting)

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Minutes

2022-05

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 14th, 2021 and the Special Meeting held December 20th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Mayor Rochefort advised that our new By-law Enforcement Officer Mr. Brad Stewart is now providing services to the Municipality of East Ferris.

January is Crime Stoppers Month. Advertisement has been posted on our Social Media.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort advised that the Public Works Department worked continuously through the hours of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Public Works Department did a good job with our roads and making them safe for the residents. It was also mentioned that the 2022 Municipal Calendar was mailed to the residents of the Municipality.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Next meeting January 20th, 2022

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

Information Report under item 10 of the agenda

d. Planning Advisory Committee

None for this session

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

1. Application for Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee

2022-06

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council appoint Kate Ricci to fill the Municipal vacancy on the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee up to the end of the term of Council November 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Economic Development Committee

None for this session

- h. Communications Committee

None for this session

- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

Referred to next meeting to Action Items to have removed from the agenda template

- 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

None for this session

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. FD-2022-01

2022-07

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the Information Report No. FD-2022-01 submitted by Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief/CEMC regarding service provision and training of the East Ferris Fire Department during the provincial restrictions and return to Stage 2 of Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen due to COVID-19 and Omicron infection rates rising in the province of Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2021-60 - 3rd Reading

Manager of Planning and Economic Development, Greg Kirton reviewed the changes requested from the Regular Meeting of December 14th, 2021 with Council regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Council was satisfied with all the changes and approved the 3rd Reading of the By-law. Council congratulated Mr. Kirton and his Planning Committee on the preparation of the Zoning By-law.

2022-08

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT By-law No. 2021-60 Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of East Ferris be read a third time and passed this 11th, day of January, 2022;

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. 2022-01 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-09

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2022 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-01;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. By-law No. 2022-02 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-10

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

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 provide for Interim Tax Rates for the Year 2022 , BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-02;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. By-law No. 2022-03 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-11

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

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 enter into an agreement with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario for paved walkway and cycle lane along Lake Nosbonsing Road BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-03;

AND THAT said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. By-law No. 2022-04 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-12

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

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 amend By-law No. 2019-22 under schedule "C" Public Works with respect to the establishment and requirement of the payment of fees for information, services, activities and use of the Corporation's property BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-04;

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. City of Sarnia
- c. Township of Mulmur
- d. Support received from East Ferris Resolution - Stop-Arm Bus Cameras
- e. AMO Communications
- f. ROMA Communications
- g. Cassellholme
- h. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2022-13

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of January 11th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Municipal Resolution

2022-14

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the province of Ontario has one of the best, albeit expensive, child care system in the country to include its full-day kindergarten program for four and five-year olds;

AND WHEREAS the province of Ontario is in the process of negotiating an agreement with the federal government that will ensure the protection of our unique, sophisticated and mature child care system;

AND WHEREAS Municipality of East Ferris families who are preparing to emerge from the fourth wave of the pandemic view child care as a financial hardship and a barrier for women's full economic participation;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris Community Safety and Well Being Plan identifies a need for more childcare spaces in Astorville and in Corbeil with parents seeking the freedom to choose from an expanded regulated daycare system with for-profit, not-for-profit, and independent providers where early childhood educators are supported with adequate wages and working conditions;

AND WHEREAS provincial governments in BC, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory, PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec have already reached agreements with the federal government;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Municipality of East Ferris encourages the province of Ontario to pursue its negotiations with the federal government to ensure daycare fees are lowered to an average of \$10 per day, per child;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to take the necessary steps in its dealings with the provincial government and the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) to ensure that East Ferris child-care providers have access to sufficient child-care spaces and programs to support our local families;

AND that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Merrilee Fullerton, MP Nipissing Timiskaming Anthony Rota, MPP Nipissing Vic Fedeli, Director of Education Near North District School Board Craig Myles, Directeur de l'éducation Conseil scolaire catholique Franco-Nord Serge Levac and DNSSAB CAO Catherine Matheson.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

c. FONOM Support of Resolution

2022-15

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor, and this represents the failure of health care in Northern Ontario;

AND these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario;

AND finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities is contributing to the crisis for citizens in the North;

AND although highly successful at providing doctors for northern Ontario the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) has fewer health care professionals' spots than the rest of Ontario medical schools and it would take at minimum, five NOSM graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year to address the current shortage;

THEREFORE, with the announcement of NOSM becoming a free-standing University, the Municipality of East Ferris wishes to strongly request that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association immediately expand NOSM's capacity to meet the needs of Northern Ontario, with added MD positions, Residency positions (PGY 1, 3 and 4) and clinical teaching funding to the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association;

AND FURTHER THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, their Deputy Ministers, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, OMA, NOSM, FONOM, NOAMA and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

d. Municipal Resolution

2022-16

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris submit an application to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry under the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund for Road Improvement.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

e. Municipal Resolution

2022-17

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve a request for delegation at the OGRA 2022 Conference for the following:

- Minister Mulroney regarding Transportation

- Minister of Indigenous Affairs regarding the Land Claims in East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

f. Municipal 2022 Membership List

2022-18

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the 2022 Membership list as presented at the Regular Meeting of Council held January 11th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2022-19

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 11th, 2022 in the amount of \$1,498,420.31.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera (if required)

Council proceeded to In-Camera Session under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to the New Municipal Building under:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

2022-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 7:07 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-21

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:29 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2022-05 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

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 December 14th, 2021 to January 11th, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-05;

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

2022-23

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:31 p.m. and meet again on January 25th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins