



## THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 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 6:00 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2022-60**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 22nd day of February, 2022 be adopted as prepared.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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

a. Minutes of February 8th, 2022

**2022-61**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 8th, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None for this session

**5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None for this session

During this session of the meeting, Mayor Rochefort explained the definition of Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest as where one stands to gain financially or loose due to direct or indirect association to an agenda item. Mayor Rochefort asked that Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest be added to the agenda with the Declaration of Conflict of Interest.

**6. Chair's Comments:**

Mayor Rochefort extended condolences to Mr. Paul Gervais, Municipal Chief Building Inspector and family for the loss of his daughter.

**7. Delegations to Council:**

None for this session

**8. Committee Reports:**

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Next meeting - March 22, 2022

b. Community Emergency Management Committee

None for this session

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session

d. Planning Advisory Committee

1. Minutes of February 16th, 2022

2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

**2022-62**

**Moved by** Councillor Kelly

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held February 16th, 2022 for File No. C-2021-10 Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Perron Properties Inc. and Daniel and Linda Mercier for the lands described as

CON 3 PT LOT 21 RP NR620 PART 2 PCL 13472 W/F on what is locally known as 1177 Village Road has applied for a zoning by-law amendment;

AND WHEREAS the proposed application seeks to slightly modify the zoning to line up with the proposed land swap that is being requested by applications B-2021-45 & B-2021-46. Currently 1163 Village Road is zoned General Commercial (C1) and 1177 Village Road is zoned Hamlet Residential (RH);

AND WHEREAS the proposed lands being taken from 1163 and merged with 1177 would be changed from C1 to RH and the proposed lands being taken from 1177 and merged with 1163 would be changed from RH to C1;

AND WHEREAS in both cases a special zoning component would be added to the zoning to recognize the existing lot area deficiency of each parcel;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held February 16th, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-08.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

### **2022-63**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS no public input was received at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee meeting held February 16th, 2022 for File No. C-2022-01 Degagné & Lefebvre Building Group on behalf of Steve Brunette for the lands described as CON 12 PT LOT 15 RP36R6456 PART 3 PCL 16299 W/F on what is locally known as Highway 94 has applied for a zoning by-law amendment to rezone the property from Rural (R) to Light Industrial (M1) in order to permit a Light Manufacturing Use;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020;

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held February 16th, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-09.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

e. Committee of Adjustment

1. Minutes of February 16th, 2022

f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

Councillor Champagne advised that residents of the Municipality participated in the ice sculpture competition over the Family Day Weekend. They will be announcing the winners.

g. Economic Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Trahan advised that we will be having a Trade Show this year. The Trade Show will be held on May 28th, 2022.

h. Communications Committee

None for this session

i. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

The construction has started on the new municipal building. Council was advised that within a month, the building will be closed in.

**9. Board Reports:**

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of February 7th, 2022

b. Police Services Board

Next meeting - March 10, 2022

**10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:**

None for this session

**11. Notice of Motions**

a. Notice of Motion prepared by Councillor Champagne

Councillor Champagne brought forward the following Notice of Motion.

Mayor Rochefort read the following statement:

Last fall, it was disappointing to hear from residents of East Ferris that their membership in the Mattawa North Bay First Nations was revoked. I understand

that the recent formation of the North Bay French River Algonquins is a direct result of this retroactive tightening of AOO membership. It is good to see citizens like Richard Champagne stepping up to ensure fairness and inclusion for all East Ferris residents who legitimately claim to be Algonquin.

It is also good to see the newly formed Algonquins of North Bay French River advocating in their land claim that Crown land, such as Mattawa River Provincial Park, be preserved for recreational purposes. I personally feel that this group is quite capable of disseminating their own information, but I assume that they have made a formal request for our assistance in doing so.

Overall, I think the Council is on the right track in prioritizing building relationships with all groups. And while we should not act on behalf of any one group, especially in the context of a land claim and the direct financial benefits associated with it, it is good to strive to open the lines of communication as we strive to be responsive to all citizens. Only by opening the channels of communication can we find a solution to the land claim issues that impact East Ferris. And so, ultimately, as this resolution simply calls for information sharing, and as relationship building involves information sharing, for that reason, I support it with a yes vote and ask that my comments be associated with my vote.

Councillor Champagne requested a recorded vote on this motion No. 2022-64.  
Results of Recorded Vote:

Deputy Mayor Trahan - YEA

Councillor Kelly - YEA

Councillor Lougheed - YEA

Councillor Champagne - YEA

Mayor Rochefort - YEA

Motion Carried

#### **2022-64**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION PREPARED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMPAGNE**

WHEREAS Council received the presentation slide from the North Bay French River Algonquins from their public meeting held in North Bay December 7th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the North Bay French River Algonquins have provided the Municipality with an Area Map Draft Revision #2 and the list of affected Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities wish to keep protected areas as Recreation lands;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the following Municipalities along with the Area Draft Map Revision #2 and the presentation from the North Bay French River Algonquins provided at the Council meeting held December 14th, 2021:

- Township of Bonfield
- Municipality of Callander
- Municipality of Calvin
- Township of Chisholm
- Municipality of Markstay/Warren
- Town of Mattawa
- Township of Nipissing
- City of North Bay
- Township of Papineau-Cameron
- Municipality of Powassan
- Municipality of St-Charles
- Municipality of West Nipissing

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to FONOM, AMO, OGRA, ROMA and Ministry of Indigenous Affairs.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**12. By-laws:**

- a. By-law No. 2022-12 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2022-65**

**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 enter into an Agreement for Fire Protection and Response Services for the Municipality of East Ferris with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Northern

Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-12;

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. 2022-13 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2022-66**

**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 enter into an Agreement to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for the Northern Ontario Resources Development Support Fund, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-13;

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. 2022-14 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2022-67**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**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 close and convey a Part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance in front of Plan M475 Lot 13, Pcl 12830 W/F East Ferris, District of Nipissing, described as part 3, Plan 36R-14661, known locally as vacant land on Hemlock Island, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-14;

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. Township of Chisholm
- b. Township of Clearview  
Referred for Support
- c. Township of Limerick
- d. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
- e. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
- f. AMO Communications
- g. Joanne Boulerice

**2022-68**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS Ms. Joanne Boulerice has made a written request to Council of the Municipality for exemption under Section 4 of the Municipal By-law No. 2015-33, being a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise;

AND WHEREAS this exemption requested would apply to the specific dates from Friday, July 22nd, 2022 to July 24th, 2022 for the purpose of an outdoor wedding;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this exemption for the specific dates required and that Ms. Boulerice be advised accordingly.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- h. Phil Koning  
Referred to Director of Community Services for comments being received regarding the amendment to the Animal Control By-law.

**14. Action Items:**

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

**2022-69**

**Moved by** Councillor Lougheed

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of February 22nd, 2022.



**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

- b. Policy - Assumption of Unmaintained Municipal Roads and Private Lanes

**2022-70**

**Moved by** Councillor Champagne

**Seconded by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris direct staff to draft an *Assumption of Private and Unassumed Roads Policy* and that the said Policy be reviewed by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee prior to Council's consideration.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**15. Approval of Accounts Payable**

**2022-71**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated February 22nd, 2022 in the amount of \$143,666.74.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

**16. Other Business**

- a. Discussion

Referred to the next Council Meeting

**17. In Camera**

None for this session

**18. Confirmatory By-Law**

- a. By-law No. 2022-15 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

**2022-72**

**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 February

8th, 2022 to February 22nd, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time,  
passed and numbered 2022-15;

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**

**2022-73**

**Moved by** Deputy Mayor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:55 p.m. and meet again on March 8th, 2022.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

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Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

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Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins