



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

March 8, 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

2022-78

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 8th day of March, 2022 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Minutes of February 22nd, 2022

2022-79

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held February 22nd, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort commented on the fire at the Municipal Garage. There is no further details on the fire, it's being investigated and damage is being assessed.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Deputy Mayor Trahan thanked local municipalities for offering extended services due to the Municipal Garage fire. He also thanked the East Ferris Volunteer Fire Department for a job well done.

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

Mayor Rochefort advised that a presentation would be forthcoming regarding the status of the internet.

h. Communications Committee

None for this session

- i. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

Mayor Rochefort advised that there will be an update on the new Municipal Building and the Medical Centre at the next meeting.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of February 17th, 2022
- b. Police Services Board

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2022-10 - 1st and 2nd Reading done February 8th, 2022

Council reviewed feedback from residents received regarding the amendment to the Animal Control By-law. Council referred the comments back to the Economic Development Committee for review and recommendations for 3rd reading of By-law.
- b. By-law No. 2022-16 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-80

Moved by Councillor Champagne

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 authorize the Execution of Agreement between Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation and the Corporation of the City of North Bay, the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris, the Corporation of the Township of South Algonquin, the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield, the Corporation of the Township of Papineau-Cameron, the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, the Corporation of the Township of Calvin, the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa, the Corporation of the Township of Mattawan (Collectively the "Guarantors" and each, a "Guarantor") relating to Guarantee and Postponement of Claims, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-16;

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 Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
 - 1. ROMA Follow-up Letter to Municipality
 - 2. Outbreak of LDD moth (previously referred to as gypsy moth)
- b. Support of Municipalities Received for Dissolution of Ontario Land Tribunal
Referred for support
- c. AMO Communications
- d. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
- e. FONOM
Referred to Public Works

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda
2022-81
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of March 8th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Support of Resolution
2022-82
Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris support resolution from the Township of Clearview regarding funding support for Infrastructure Projects - Bridge/Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- c. 2021 Council Statement of Remuneration

2022-83

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., c.25, as amended, requires that the Treasurer of a Municipality shall in each year on or before March 31st provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the 2021 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Member of Council and Member of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Resolution - Cancelling Regular Council Meeting April 12, 2022

2022-84

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Council Members will be attending the 2022 OGRA Conference being held in Toronto from April 10th to April 13th, 2022;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for April 12th, 2022 be canceled in its entirety and that a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled in accordance with Section 240 of the Municipal Act, as amended at the call of the Chair if required.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- e. OGRA

- f. Active Transportation

Referred to Council Meeting of March 22nd, 2022.

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2022-85

Moved by Councillor Loughheed

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 8th, 2022 in the amount of \$296,184.71.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

- a. Referred from last Council Meeting

Council advised that Council Virtual meetings will remain at this time. In-person Council meeting will resume April 26th, 2022.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2022-17 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-86

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from February 22nd, 2022 to March 8th, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-17;

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

2022-87

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 7:12 p.m. and meet again on March 22nd, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins