



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 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

2022-103

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 26th day of April, 2022 be adopted with the following changes:

- By moving agenda item No. 17 - In-Camera session after agenda item No. 6 - Chairs Comments;

AND by adding to the In-Camera Session of the agenda the following:

- Under Section 239(2)(h) - 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 regarding the Algonquin Land Claim as requested by Mayor Rochefort.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

- a. Minutes of March 22nd, 2022

2022-104

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Loughheed

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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 mentioned of the passing of a well-known resident of East Ferris. Mr. Gerald Brochu. Gerald was a member of the Recreation Committee since 2006. The Municipality expressed their appreciation to the Brochu Family for all the years of service Gerald gave to the Municipality. Councillor Champagne also sat on the Recreation Committee with Gerald.

Mayor Rochefort also mentioned about the passing of Jack Lyons. She advised that it was important to talk about Jack. The Lyons Family are residents of East Ferris. Jack who had Autism worked with his family to "Light It Up Blue" - Fundraiser for unique playground equipment. Jack made a difference - he became the face of Autism Awareness.

Mayor Rochefort brought to the attention of Council and our viewers that Karen and Ruth Haines, residents of East Ferris have welcomed to their home a family from Ukraine.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Deputy Mayor Trahan and Councillor Kelly reported on the minutes.

1. Minutes of April 20th, 2022

- b. Community Emergency Management Committee
None for this session
- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee
Fire Chief and Councillor Lougheed reported on the minutes.
 - 1. Minutes of April 6th, 2022
- d. Planning Advisory Committee
None for this session
- e. Committee of Adjustment
 - 1. Minutes of April 20th, 2022
- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee
Councillor Champagne reported on the minutes.
 - 1. Minutes of March 31st, 2022
 - 2. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

2022-108

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee recommended to Council to increase parking signage at the South Shore Boat Launch in order to alleviate parking congestions;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- g. Economic Development Committee
Deputy Mayor Trahan reported on the minutes.
 - 1. Minutes of April 20th, 2022
 - 1. Recommendation(s) from minutes

2022-109

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee is generally in favour of the Draft Short Term Rental By-law and recognizes the need to regulate Short Term Rental in East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the Economic Development Committee recommended to Council that the By-law go forward generally as written, with the exception of considering the fee structure;

AND WHEREAS the Committee feels that higher fees may be warranted and recommended to Council to consider the fee structure prior to passing the by-law;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council take the recommendations from the Economic Development Committee in consideration prior to the 3rd Reading of the By-law.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2. Mayor Rochefort

Mayor Rochefort gave an update on the internet. Presentation attached to the agenda.

h. Communications Committee

None for this session

i. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

None for this session

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

Councillor Loughheed reported on the minutes.

1. Minutes - April 4th, 2022 and Amended Minutes March 7th, 2022

b. Police Services Board

1. Minutes of CSWB Committee - April 14th, 2022

Mayor Rochefort reported on the minutes of the CSWB.

2. Road Safety Week and PSB May Campaign signs

The PSB is in the process of looking at lawn signs and have them available for Road Safety week May campaign.

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. PLAN-2022-05

2022-110

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Director of Community Services contained in Report No. PLAN-2022-05 and approve the proposed land swap by Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. on behalf of Anthony Rota and direct staff to work with Mr. Miller and Mr. Rota to facilitate the closure and transfer of the municipal road allowance in exchange for the lands shown on Appendix A to the Report.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2022-22 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-111

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 authorize the delegation of authority to the CAO/Treasurer for certain acts during a "Lame Duck" period BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-22;

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. 2022-23 - 1st and 2nd Reading

Director of Community Services reviewed with Council the comments received from the public consultation regarding the discussion of the Short Term Rental By-law. The Director of Community Services will be reviewing changes/comments and will bring back to Council prior to passing of 3rd Reading.

2022-112

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT By-law No. 2022-23 being a By-law to license and regulate the use of Short Term Rentals in the Municipality of East Ferris be read a first and second time this 26th day of April, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-113

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Section 6.3 of the Municipality of East Ferris Procedural By-Law No. 2020-17 states that: "Council shall adjourn its meeting at the hour of 9:00 p.m., if in session at that hour, save and except with the unanimous consent of members present";

AND WHEREAS Council at this time wish to continue the business of the agenda of April 26th, 2022;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council agree to continue this Council meeting pass the hour of 9:00 p.m.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

1. Report No. Plan 2022-04

c. By-law No. 2022-24 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-114

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 appoint a Compliance Audit Committee under the *Municipal Elections Act* for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-24;

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. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- c. Ministry of the Solicitor General
- d. Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- e. City of Cambridge
- f. City of Waterloo
- g. Municipality of Clarington
- h. Municipality of Grey Highlands
- i. Town of Fort Erie
- j. Township of Lake of Bays
Councillor Champagne referred for support.
- k. Township of Mulmur
- l. AMO Communications
- m. ROMA Communications
- n. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
- o. NECO
- p. CN
- q. Phil Koning

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information

2022-115

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of April 26th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. May 10th, 2022 Council Meeting

2022-116

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS Council Members will be attending the 2022 FONOM Conference being held from May 9th to May 11th, 2022;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for May 10th, 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

- c. Referred for Support

2022-117

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the Municipality of South Huron regarding the Firefighter Certification.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-118

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Municipality of East Ferris supports the resolution from the Town of Mono regarding on calling the federal government to provide greater support to Ukraine in their fight against the invasion of their sovereign territory by Russia.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- d. Resolution

2022-119

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS hard-working Ontarians are facing a housing crisis and for many years, the province has not built enough housing to meet the needs of our growing population; while the affordability crisis began in our major cities, it has now spread to small towns and rural communities, such as East Ferris;

AND WHEREAS the long-term trend is clear: house prices are rising much faster than the incomes of Ontarians, including East Ferris residents;

AND WHEREAS, the time has come to act, in accordance with the report mandated by the province and entitled “Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force” and released in February, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the report concludes that:

- The balance has been tipped too far in favour of lengthy consultations, bureaucratic red tape and costly appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT);
- Lengthy and costly OLT hearings are a barrier to the development of affordable housing;
- The Tribunal currently faces a backlog of over 1,000 cases;

AND WHEREAS municipalities across the province such as Municipality of East Ferris collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS cities across the province are constantly forced to spend millions of dollars defending official plans that have already been approved by the province in costly, time-consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris request that the Government of Ontario correct the OLT in accordance with the informed recommendations of the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force;

AND THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal Party and the Green Party and all Members of Parliament in the Province of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2022-120

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 April 26th, 2022 in the amount of \$651,840.68.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera (if required)

Council approval the draft agenda as amended by moving the in-camera session to be dealt with prior to item No. 7 - Delegations to Council on the agenda. The following matters were discussed:

- Municipal Solicitor, David Germain, under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act under (f) - Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose regarding the matter of OLT-Jeff Staples;
- Councillor Rick Champagne requested for an in-camera session under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, under item (b) - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees regarding the matter of Algonquin Land Claims;
- Mayor Rochefort requested for in-camera session under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, under item (h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, province or territory or a crown agency of any of them.

2022-105

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 6:11 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;
- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- 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

2022-106

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 7:44 p.m. p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

2022-107

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 authorize the execution of the Minutes of Settlement between the Municipality of East Ferris and Jeff Staples, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-26;

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

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2022-25 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2022-121

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 March 22nd, 2022 to April 26th, 2022, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2022-25;

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

2022-122

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT we do now adjourn at 9:23 p.m. and meet again on May 24th, 2022.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins