



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

May 25, 2021

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

2021-147

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 25th day of May, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes - May 11th, 2021

2021-148

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held May 11th, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session

6. Chair's Comments:

Mayor Rochefort advised that this week was VON week. Congratulations to Councillor Terry Kelly for his involvement with the VON. FONOM held their Virtual Conference last week. It was a great success.

7. Delegations to Council:

- a. Baker Tilly, SNT, LLP - Municipal Auditors

Dan Longlade and Jessica Dion from Baker Tilly, SNT, LLP, Municipal Auditors presented to Council the 2020 Financial Statements.

2021-149

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris' Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 2020, be accepted as prepared and presented by Baker Tilly, SNT, LLP., Municipal Auditors.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Emma Jones, Karen Jones Consulting Inc.

Emma Jones, from Karen Jones Consulting Inc. made a presentation to Council pertaining to the Virtual Business Summit Event that was held, Wednesday, May 19th, 2021.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

- 1. Minutes of May 17th, 2021

- b. Community Emergency Management Committee

- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

- d. Planning Advisory Committee

- 1. Minutes of Meeting - May 19th, 2021

- e. Committee of Adjustment

- 1. Minutes of Meeting - May 19th, 2021

- f. Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee

- 1. Minutes of Meeting - May 18th, 2021 and Active Transportation Task Force Report

- g. Economic Development Committee

- h. Communications Committee

- 1. Minutes of Meeting - May 17th, 2021

- i. East Ferris Centennial Celebration Committee

- 1. Minutes of May 11th, 2021

- 2. Resolution - Declaring the month of June as ParticipACTION Month

2021-150

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

WHEREAS as Canadians and residents of East Ferris collectively support public health measures to combat the spread of Covid-19, an unintended consequence has been that our physical activity levels have sustained significant declines according to ParticipACTION's 2020 Report Card;

AND WHEREAS ParticipACTION further reveals that this effect has been especially pronounced on children and youth, with less than 1 in 5 children (5-11 year-olds) and youth (12-17) in Canada meeting national

movement behaviour guidelines for physical activity given restricted access to playgrounds, physical school, childcare and play dates;

AND WHEREAS Canadian communities and families can be active role models and provide the kind of encouragement our kids need to reclaim their pre-COVID level of activity;

AND WHEREAS East Ferris has previously demonstrated its ability to be a role model when it finished 3rd in Canada and 2nd in Ontario in the 2019 ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris declares the month of June as ParticipACTION month in East Ferris and it will lead by example from June 1st to June 30th in encouraging Team East Ferris be active and healthy.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

j. Municipal Office Project/Technical Advisory Committee

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Minutes of May 10th, 2021

b. Police Services Board

1. Minutes of May 13th, 2021

2. PSB Chair to give an Update on the Community Safety and Well Being Plan

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Report No. PLAN-2021-10 - Manager of Planning and Economic Development

2021-151

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Manager of Planning and Economic Development contained in Report No. PLAN-2021-10 and does not deem the road allowance surplus and does not close the road allowance or sell the subject lands.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session

12. By-laws:

None for this session

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Referred to Action Items for preparation of resolution regarding delegation

b. Ministry of Transportation

c. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

d. Town of Perth

e. Township of Matachewan

- f. Township of McKellar
Referred for support
- g. AMO Communications
- h. FONOM
- i. North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority
- j. Henri Giroux, President of the North Bay and District Labour Council

2021-152

Moved by Councillor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

WHEREAS the month of June is recognized as Pride Month, in order to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred at the end of June 1969 in New York;

AND WHEREAS during Pride Month, the world's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, Two Spirit communities (LGBTQ2St) and Allies come together to celebrate diversity and protest for the freedom to be themselves: to overcome prejudice, for inclusive policies and laws: and for the right to be accepted for who they are;

AND WHEREAS although many strides have been made forward to educate peoples bias, there is still much work to be done in correcting adversity towards the LGBTQ2St communities;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris does hereby proclaim June 2021 as Pride Month and encourages residents to commit to continuing Awareness, inclusion, and acceptance for all members of our community regardless of gender identity, race, age and beliefs.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- k. North Bay Pride

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information of Agenda

2021-153

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence and information as circulated with the agenda and dated the 25th day of May, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

- b. Resolutions of Support from last Council Meeting

Council withdrew their support of resolution from the Municipality of Calvin as it was noted that 988, 3 Digit Suicide Line has already gone through and been approved by the CRTC.

2021-154

Moved by Councillor Lougheed

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

That Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports resolution No. 2021-194 from the City of North Bay pertaining to the Province of Ontario to address the issue of joint and several liability;

AND BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution and the resolution from the City of North Bay be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Finance, The Attorney General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP for Nipissing, Leader of the Provincial New Democrat Party, the Leader of the Provincial Liberal Party, AMO, FONOM, ROMA and OGRA.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

c. Delegation to AMO

2021-155

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Lougheed

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris authorize staff to request a delegation at the AMO Conference regarding Active Transportation.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2021-156

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated May 25th, 2021 in the amount of \$97,826.34.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

16. Other Business

None for this session

17. In Camera

2021-157

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 8:03 p.m., under Section 239(2) & 239(3.1)(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address matters pertaining to:

- Education and Training;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- 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

2021-158

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:56 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

18. Confirmatory By-Law

- a. By-law No. 2021-25 - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2021-159

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from May 11th, 2021 to May 25th, 2021, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2021-25;

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

2021-160

Moved by Deputy Mayor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:57 and meet again on June 8th, 2021.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

Mayor

Pauline Rochefort

Clerk

Monica L. Hawkins