



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

March 14th, 2017

PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Deputy Mayor Mike Voyer, Councillor
Rick Champagne, Councillor Terry Kelly, Councillor
John B. Fior, CAO Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk

Excused absent: Mayor Bill Vrebosch

THAT the first meeting for the month of March for the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris was held on March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corbeil Park Hall.

2017-56 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT the draft agenda circulated to Council and dated the 14th day of March, 2017 be hereby adopted with the following modifications:

1. Under agenda item #12, Action Items add:
 - i) Resolution: Funding for Senior Games

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-57 Moved by Councillor Champagne Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 14th, 2017 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting February 16th, 2017; be adopted as circulated.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Councillor Rick Champagne declared conflict of interest on agenda item #13.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Rochefort advised that Mayor Vrebosch sends his regrets.

2017-58 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT Fire Chief Loeffen and three (3) members of the East Ferris Volunteer Fire Department be approved to attend the 2017 Northeastern Fire Education Conference to be held at the Deerhurst Resort and Conference Centre in Huntsville from March 31st to April 2nd, 2017.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-59 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT By-law No. 2017-08 being a By-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment be read a first and second time this 14th day of March, 2017.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort



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2017-60 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2017-08 being a By-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment be read a third time and passed this 14th day of March, 2017;

AND THAT said By-Law be signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-61 Moved by Councillor Champagne Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT By-law No. 2017-09 being a By-law to amend By-law No. 1284 to Regulate the Use of Land and the Character, Location and Use of Buildings and Structures in the Municipality of East Ferris be read a first and second time this 14th day of March 2017.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-62 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT By-law No. 2017-09 being a By-law to amend By-law No. 1284 to Regulate the Use of Land and the Character, Location and Use of Buildings and Structures in the Municipality of East Ferris be read a third time and passed this 14th day of March, 2017;

AND THAT said By-Law be signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Seal of the Corporation.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-63 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as circulated with the Agenda and dated the 14th of March, 2017.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-64 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. 20117 of the Town of Atikokan to call upon the Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario to implement a new system of municipal property taxation for railroad right-of-way properties based on utilizing a per ton-mile concept;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, the Minister of Finance of Ontario, Nipissing-Temiskaming MP, Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, AMO and FONOM.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort



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2017-65 Moved by Councillor Champagne Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution of the Municipality of Bluewater to call on the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Housing to halt the download of enforcement responsibility for residential rental maintenance standards proposed in Schedule 5 of Bill 7, in light of the significant fiscal challenge each municipality will face to provide this service to the public in a cost-effective manner;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, the Honourable Chris Ballard, Minister of Housing, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, AMO and FONOM.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-66 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. 310-2016 of the Township of Montague requesting the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Southern Ontario Library Service maintain funding for libraries for internet connectivity;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Southern Ontario Library Service, Premier, Kathleen Wynne, Nipissing-Temiskaming MP, Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, AMO and FONOM.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-67 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports Resolution No. 2017-31 of the County of Prince Edward urging the Minister of Education to rewrite the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline to take into consideration community and economic value considerations of rural communities and provide for a more democratic process;

AND THAT until such time as the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline is rewritten, that the Province place a moratorium on any more rural school closures;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne, the Minister of Education, Mitzi Hunter; Minister of Infrastructure, Bob Chiarelli; Nipissing-Temiskaming MP, Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, AMO and FONOM.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-68 Moved by Councillor Champagne Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Notice of Motion No. MM24.2 of the City of Toronto to write to Gord Johns, Member of Parliament, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transportation, and the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment encouraging the passage and implementation of Bill C-312, the National Cycling Strategy Act.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort



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2017-69 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Champagne

THAT Councillor Kelly be approved to attend a one day session on April 1st, 2017 at the 2017 Northeastern Fire Education Conference to be held at the Deerhurst Resort and Conference Centre in Huntsville, Ontario.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-70 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS a request has been received from Professor Neil Brown, Canadore College, Media, Design and Dramatic Arts to film and document the application for condominium process of File No. SB-2017-01;

AND WHEREAS Professor Brown has requested as well to have the Planning Department of the Municipality participate in this documentary and film;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this request, and that the involvement of the Planning Department Staff be monitored through the Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-71 Moved by Councillor Champagne Seconded by Councillor Voyer

WHEREAS Canada is celebrating its 150th year as a country in 2017;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and the East Ferris Golden Age Club have concluded that it would be a good time to engage in the following:

1. Launch the 1st Annual East Ferris Senior Games 50+. Doing so will enable East Ferris to join a growing movement across Ontario and Canada encouraging seniors to engage in physical and social activities. The Games will include activities on the Municipality's new pickle ball and tennis court; and
2. Celebrate Canada's anniversary with a reception and a remittance of Senior Games Awards in keeping with the Canada 150th ParticipACTION objectives. Awards would be remitted to Game participants and winners by citizens of East Ferris who have contributed to the evolution of sports, recreation and culture in the community. Doing so will nurture and feed East Ferris' excellent culture of volunteerism and community engagement; and
3. Celebrate the official opening of the senior friendly tennis court. Construction of the tennis court was started in the fall of 2016 and will be completed in the spring of 2017. It is funded by the Municipality of East Ferris, the East Ferris Golden Age Club, Hydro One and the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

AND WHEREAS the North Bay and Area Community Foundation has awarded the East Ferris Golden Age Club with a \$2,500 grant; and as the gatekeeper to the Canada Community Foundation 150 Celebration Program, the Foundation requires that the Municipality be the recipient of the matching amount;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris agrees to be the applicant and recipient of the matching \$2,500 grant from the Canada Community Foundation 150 Celebration Program, with funds to be used in keeping with the program and budget as approved by the North Bay and Area Community Foundation, for a total amount of \$5,000 in grant monies.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort



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2017-72 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated March 14th, 2017 in the amount of \$476,627.24.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

Councillor Rick Champagne declared a pecuniary interest with the above motion due to employment and did not participate in the discussion and passing of resolution No. 2017-72.

2017-73 Moved by Councillor Voyer 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 confirm the proceedings of Council from February 14th, 2017 to March 14th, 2017, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2017-10;

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

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

2017-74 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:30 p.m. and meet again on March 28th, 2017.

Carried Deputy Mayor Rochefort

Mayor
Bill Vrebosch

Clerk
Monica L. Hawkins