



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

PRESENT: Bill Vrebosch, Mayor  
Mike Voyer, Councillor  
John B. Fior, CAO

Pauline Rochefort, Deputy Mayor  
Terry Kelly, Councillor  
Monica L. Hawkins, Clerk

Excused absent: Councillor Rick Champagne

THAT the second meeting for the month of March for the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris was held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Corbeil Park Hall.

2017-75 Moved by Councillor Kelly Seconded by Councillor Rochefort

THAT the draft agenda circulated to Council and dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 be hereby adopted with the following modifications:

1. To be added under agenda item #12, Action Items:

- j) Susan Church, Executive Director, Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation  
Re: Support of resolution for "Connect to Innovate."

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-76 Moved by Councillor Voyer Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017; be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

**CHAIR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Vrebosch attended a post-budget roundtable meeting with Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, Ginette Petitpas Taylor, alongside Anthony Rota, Member of Parliament for Nipissing – Temiskaming at the Discovery North Bay Museum.

2017-77 Moved by Councillor Rochefort Seconded by Councillor Voyer

THAT Council acknowledge the correspondence as circulated with the Agenda and dated the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch



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2017-78            Moved by Councillor Voyer            Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has proposed a change to the Building Code, B-08-09-03, requesting mandatory five year septic tank pump out and records retention by the owner;

AND WHEREAS that same change requires Municipalities to administer and enforce this change;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify and acknowledge the administrative costs that will be added to Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the change document fails to identify any transfer of Provincial funding to offset these downloaded costs;

AND WHEREAS many Municipalities already have By-laws to regulate septic systems especially near waterways;

AND WHEREAS the majority of homeowners pump out their septic tanks on a regular basis whether regulated to or not;

AND WHEREAS the Province and Municipalities can better ensure that septic systems are maintained through a low cost educational program;

AND WHEREAS there are many more important issues on which to spend taxpayer's money than "enhancing" maintenance on existing functioning system;

AND WHEREAS Premier Wynne stated on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the ROMA Conference that the Province recognizes that "one size fits all" solutions do not always work in rural Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris does hereby request that the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs not move forward with proposed Building Code Change B-08-09-03;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Ms. Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, AMO, ROMA and FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch



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2017-79            Moved by Councillor Rochefort            Seconded by Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS the distance between Lake Nipissing and Lake Nosbonsing is approximately 6 kms; and for this reason anglers are making their way to Lake Nosbonsing due to the state fishery on Lake Nipissing since the Ontario Fishing Regulations pertaining to Lake Nosbonsing aren't as strict and provide for more liberal limits and reasonable slot sizes than those for Lake Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris and the Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters have observed an increase in recreational ice fishing as well as an increase in commercial ice fishing establishments on Lake Nosbonsing in the past few years;

AND WHEREAS Lake Nosbonsing's slot size protects spawning; unlike Lake Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS the Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters have put substantial efforts into conservation work on Lake Nosbonsing, including Spawning Bed Rehabilitation and have participated in spawning surveys on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris requests that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry review and revise the Ontario Fishing Regulations in order to protect the smaller lakes surrounding Lake Nipissing from being over fished;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; Nipissing Temiskaming MP, Anthony Rota; MPP, Vic Fedeli; FONOM, AMO, surrounding area municipalities; the Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters; and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-80            Moved by Councillor Kelly            Seconded by Councillor Voyer

WHEREAS Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, requires that the Treasurer of a Municipality shall in each year on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2016 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses itemized for each Member of Council and Member of Local Boards and Committees, as submitted.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch



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2017-81          Moved by Councillor Voyer          Seconded by Councillor Rochefort

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation of the Manager of Recreation and Facilities contained in Report PR2017-01 and approves the request of the Golden Age Club for a reduction in the hourly rate paid for use of the East Ferris Community Centre arena floor to \$10 plus HST per hour versus the \$20.60 plus HST per hour fee in the Fees and Charges By-law No. 2016-27, Schedule A;

AND THAT the proposed revised rate is applied to the six hours per week currently booked for the 2017 season;

AND THAT any additional hours booked over and above the six hours per week be charged at the \$20.60 plus HST per hour as per the Fees and Charges By-law No. 2016-27, Schedule A;

AND FURTHER THAT beginning in 2018 the group pays the hourly rate as identified in the Fees and Charges By-law No. 2016-27, Schedule A, which is \$21.22 plus HST per hour.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-82          Moved by Councillor Voyer          Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation of the Manager of Recreation and Facilities contained in Report No. PR 2017-02 and approve the Knights of Columbus' request to be granted free use of the Corbeil Park Hall for their annual steak dinner and auction on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-83          Moved by Councillor Rochefort          Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation of the CAO contained in Report CAO-2017-02 and directs staff to develop a Community Improvement Plan in support of:

- a. The extension of natural gas services to East Ferris;
- b. The development of a business park in East Ferris; and
- c. New business development and expansions to existing businesses in East Ferris.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch



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2017-84          Moved by Councillor Kelly          Seconded by Councillor Voyer

WHEREAS access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life;

AND WHEREAS communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as remote location and challenging terrain;

AND WHEREAS access to Broadband is key to economic, education, social and health development;

AND WHEREAS much of the Municipality of East Ferris currently has little or less than 5mbps broadband coverage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of East Ferris supports Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.'s application for funding under the (Innovation, Science and Economic Development) program, Connect to Innovate.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-85          Moved by Councillor Rochefort          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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the amount of \$420,128.47.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-86          Moved by Councillor Voyer          Seconded by Councillor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera at 8:20 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:

1. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-87          Moved by Councillor Kelly          Seconded by Councillor Rochefort

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 8:40 p.m. and return to our regular session of Council.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

2017-88          Moved by Councillor Kelly          Seconded by Councillor Voyer

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2017-11;

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

Carried Mayor Vrebosch



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2017-89      Moved by Councillor Voyer      Seconded by Councillor Rochefort

THAT we do now adjourn at 8:42 p.m. and meet again on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Carried Mayor Vrebosch

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Mayor  
Bill Vrebosch

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Clerk  
Monica L. Hawkins