



Welcome to East Ferris!

2020-2021 WELCOME GUIDE

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Message from the Mayor



East Ferris is a vibrant and healthy rural community we call “our home / *notre chez-nous*.” It is a community where residents and the municipality work together. The Municipality of East Ferris includes the communities of Corbeil and Astorville. East Ferris is located next to the City of North Bay and has a population of over 4,800 residents.

As East Ferris approaches the 5,000 resident milestone and its centennial anniversary, it is timely to acknowledge our achievements as well as set new goals and deliverables. East Ferris prides itself on being a progressive municipality committed to building a promising future upon the strong foundation of its past. That is why this past year we saw the unveiling of a Wall of Recognition at the East Ferris Community Centre as well as the installation of new welcome and directional signage. In preparation for the next leg of the journey some roads and culverts were redone including resurfacing 5.4 kilometres of MacPherson Drive. Our fleet of emergency vehicles was modernized and the municipality launched into social media. These are but a few of the actions taken aimed at offering a high quality of living – whether you’re just starting out in life, raising a family, expanding a business or ready to retire. ~Mayor Pauline Rochefort

Introduction

Consisting of two small villages including Corbeil and Astorville, and one small hamlet - Derland, East Ferris is an ideal community to live in. It is situated close to two prestigious bodies of water, Lake Nosbonsing and Trout Lake, and has three well-kept provincial highways, 11, 17 and 94, making it both easily accessible and bursting with beautiful scenery.

There are many services offered within the Municipality of East Ferris including: fuel, convenience stores, groceries and restaurants, making it comparable to larger centres. Additionally, there are many walking trails and beachfronts on Trout Lake and Lake Nosbonsing for residents and visitors to enjoy. These perks, coupled with the lush natural areas provide for a quality of life that is virtually unmatched.

The purpose of the Welcome Guide is to provide you with quick and relevant information as a new resident to the area. It will highlight your rights and responsibilities, municipal services, health services and other aspects essential to your fresh start in the community. If you have any further questions or concerns, please call our office (705-752-2740) or visit our website (eastferris.ca) and we would be delighted to help you in any way possible.

Highlights of East Ferris

Tax Rate: The 2020 Residential Tax Rate is 0.01032765.

Population: The population of East Ferris is nearing 5000. According to the Statistics Canada Population reports, this number continues to increase.

Transportation: Highways 11, 17 and 94 all pass through East Ferris. Additionally, the area offers access to the Canadian National Railway and the Ottawa Valley Railway.

Water/Sewer: All properties in the Municipality operate on private water services; there are no additional utility charges.

Banking: ATMs are located at Lucky 13 and the MacEwen Gas Station. There are also many other financial institutions located nearby in Callander and North Bay.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

General Government: In East Ferris, the Municipal Council and Staff are more than happy to help with anything from funding, determining policy and regulations to networking and everything in between.

Roads: The Municipality offers an excellent road maintenance program as well as a solid plan for capital projects. The highways are also kept in good repair with maintenance contracted through the Ministry of Transportation.

Public Safety: The Municipality features all 911 services including OPP policing services, Ambulance Services and a Volunteer Fire Department. There is a family doctor in the community functioning under a Family Health Team. The closest hospital is the North Bay Regional Health Centre.

Land Use Planning and Development/Building: The Land Use Planning and Development/ Building departments regulate building and land projects as well as facilitate growth in the community. Permits are required from the Building Department for projects over 107 square feet and the Planning Department may require a planning application for the development. To ensure that there are no delays in your project, please have these applications in as early as possible.

Recreation and Culture: There are many excellent recreational outlets within the Municipality including: the East Ferris Community Centre (arena, hall and curling club), Corbeil Park Hall, a government dock, many beaches and playgrounds, sports fields, tennis courts and many hiking trails. There are outdoor ice surfaces in the winter. A number of non-profit organizations have also made their home in the area. Please see page 9 for more information.

Waste Management: Not only does the Municipality offer a landfill site, there are also many other waste management programs available. There is a bi-weekly recycling collection program, an Electronic Waste Program, the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program and weekly garbage collection.

Finance, Budgeting and Tax Collection: You will receive your Municipal tax bill in March and July every year in the mail. The March bill represents an interim bill and is based on half of the previous year's final billing. For each billing cycle, there are two installments: one due at the end of the first month and the second at the end of the second month.

Fire Department: East Ferris' Volunteer Fire Department offers stations in both Astorville and Corbeil allowing responses to be fulfilled within 13kms from the emergency. These stations also take care of inspections, fire permits and the Smoke Alarm Program.

Economic Development: If you are considering starting or expanding a business in East Ferris please contact the Municipal Council and Staff for any help that you need with permits and funding. You can also refer to the comprehensive local business directory, Community Profile, Strategic Plan and Funding Guide located on our website.

Should you want to discuss any function please call the Municipal Office where you will be directed to the appropriate staff member.

Municipal Office contact information:

390 Highway 94

Corbeil Ontario P0H 1K0

P: (705) 752-2740

F: (705) 752-2452

E: municipality@eastferris.ca

W: www.eastferris.ca

SM: www.facebook.com/municipality.eastferris.3



THE MUNICIPAL STAFF DIRECTORY



Municipality of East Ferris	(705) 752-2470
CAO/ Treasurer:	Jason Trottier extension 226
Clerk:	Monica Hawkins extension 227
Deputy Clerk:	Kari Hanselman extension 235
Deputy Treasurer:	Lia Farelli extension 228
Executive Assistant:	Kim Rose extension 221
CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer:	Paul Gervais extension 222
Manager of Planning/Ec. Dev:	Greg Kirton extension 223
Fire Chief:	Frank Loeffen extension 224
Public Works Director and Engineer:	Antoine Boucher extension 229

(Please note all staff listed has email starting with their first name, then a dot, then their last name and @eastferris.ca. i.e. jason.trottierr@eastferris.ca)

Parks and Recreation: East Ferris Community Centre
Tom Slack, Manager of Facilities & Recreation
1267 Village Road
(705) 752-3566

Public Works: Public Works Garage
Marius Robidas, Foreman
391 Hwy 94
(705) 752-1870

Fire Services

Fire Permits are required between **April 1st and October 31st**
Burning times, including incinerators, are **between 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.**
The Ministry of Natural Resources has the authority to cancel all burning permits at any time.

All permits become **void** in the case of a **Fire Ban**.

Permits are available at the following locations during regular business hours:

East Ferris Municipal Office	(705) 752-2740 390 Hwy 94, Corbeil
East Ferris Public Library	(705) 752-2042 1257 Village Road, Astorville
Lucky 13	(705) 752-2855 368 Hwy 94, Corbeil

Open Air burning between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. is **permitted only** with express **permission** from the **Fire Chief**.

FIRE TIPS FOR OPEN AIR BURNING

Please refer to the following fire sizes to determine the equipment and man power required.

Small Fire: A pail of water or a garden hose, shovel or rake and **one** person in attendance.

Medium Fire: (approx. 20ft. x 20ft.): a water source, water hose, rake, shovel, pails, water backpack and a minimum of **two** people in attendance for the duration of the fire.

Large Fire: (Fields, land clearing, old buildings, etc.): a water source, portable pump, pails, shovels, rakes, water backpack, and a sufficient amount of people in attendance until the fire is out.

Incinerator: A container as indicated in schedule "B" By-Law No. 1832 including a person in attendance until the fire is out.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR FARMS AND RURAL PROPERTIES

- Refer to the Municipality or the MNR to ensure you are familiar with the policies before commencing any open burning.
- Install and maintain lightning rods and grounds cables on barns and silos to ensure the safety of livestock and your property.
- Post property numbers in a visible area for Emergency Responders to easily locate your property.
- Store hazardous products such as herbicides and fertilizers in dry, well-ventilated areas and away from open flame.
- Refuel machinery and equipment outdoors away from potential ignition sources.
- Enforce a 'No Smoking' policy in and around all farm buildings and post 'No Smoking' signs in prominent locations.
- Ensure that licensed electricians are contracted to do electrical installations and repairs.
- Install and maintain working smoke alarms on every story and outside all sleeping areas of your home.
- Develop a fire escape plans and practice it with all members of the household.

Please note: the burning of garbage and other domestic waste, plastic, oil products and construction waste is strictly prohibited.

The Volunteer Fire Department consists of community members who dedicate their time and energy to keep the Municipality safe. Please show them respect by keeping these guidelines in mind.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In the case of an emergency, do not hesitate to contact 911. The emergency services in East Ferris include the Fire Department, Ambulance and policing provided by the OPP.

For non-emergent healthcare services, please feel free to access the North Bay Regional Health Centre and Emergency Room at 50 College Drive in North Bay, by telephone at (705) 476-8600 or on their website: www.nbrhc.on.ca.

The Required Emergency Analysis has been conducted and determined the following to be risks in the area: power outages (summer and winter) and severe weather (rainfall, wind and storms). Please review the Government of Canada's Power Outages booklet included in this guide.

As residents you can do your part by ensuring you and your family are adequately prepared for an emergency by referencing the information provided on the Municipal or the Emergency Management Ontario website (www.emergencymanagementontario.ca). Here you can find directions on preparing a 72 hour emergency kit, or the protocol involved in the case on a power outage.

Contact the Fire Chief, Frank Loeffen at the Municipal Office for further information.

Building Permits

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A building or structure 107 ft² or more
- A fence
- Home additions
- Fireplaces or wood stoves
- The installation of a pool (both in ground and above)
- Most alterations including plumbing

A plan of survey (site plan) is required for building permits. The sketch must include the location of all structures and buildings on the property with dimensions and setbacks to property lines.

A BUILDING PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:

- Landscaping, sidewalks, driveways
- Painting and decorating
- New flooring (tile, carpet)
- Installation of kitchen cabinets (not including plumbing fixtures)
- Replacing doors (in existing openings)
- Installation of new windows (in existing openings)
- Re-pointing brick veneer or chimney brick
- Replacing deteriorated wood for verandah floors or steps
- Installation of air conditioners or heat pumps
- Garden or tool sheds under 106 ft²

*may be subject to zoning requirements

If you require a building permit please contact the Chief Building Official, Paul Gervais, at the Municipal Office for further information.

Planning Applications

To ensure that all development in East Ferris meets the health, fire, structure and general safety requirements, planning by-laws, policies and codes are in effect.

Property development could be subject to planning processes. Please contact the Planning Department early to ensure that there are no delays with any building projects you may be considering.

Planning Applications may include:

- Site Plan Control
- Minor Variance
- Zoning Amendment
- Plans of Subdivision
- Official Plan Amendment
- Consent to Sever

Please contact the Manager of Planning, Greg Kirton at the Municipal Office with any questions.

Waste Management

LANDFILL SITE

The East Ferris Landfill site is located at the end of Bertha Road.

Please refer to the website under Public Works for more information.

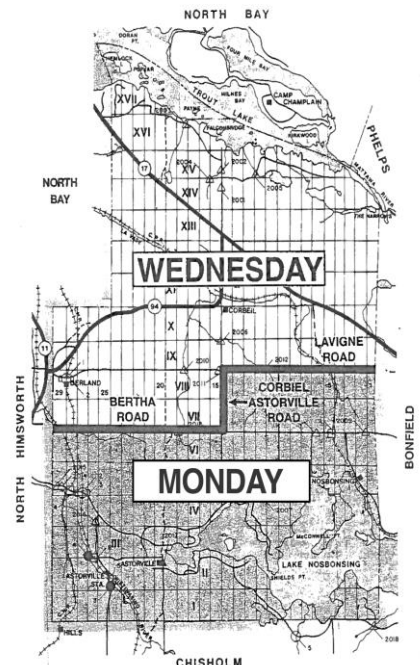
Hours of Operation

November 1st – March 30th: Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

April 1st - October 31st: Tuesday - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

- Garbage is collected weekly by R&D Recycling.
- A maximum of three bags per household is permitted.
- Solid waste may be placed outside for collection no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection day.
- All waste products must be placed in a container that meets Municipal Standards.
- No raw garbage bag is to be placed at the end of the driveway.
- Collection starts at 7:00 a.m.



- Curbside collection does not include Hazardous Waste, yard or construction waste, large appliances, or E-waste.

RECYCLING

There are no limits on recycling collection amounts. Collection is bi-weekly; dates can be found on the accompanying Municipal Calendar.

The routes are as follows:

Route #1 – Wednesday – Center

Corbeil Road, East Area, Quae-Quae Road, Guillemette Road, Big Moose Road and Bertha Road.

Route #2 – Friday – South

Astorville Area, Southshore Road and Lake Nosbonsing Road

Route #3 – Wednesday – North

Hwy 17 & Trout Lake, Centennial Crescent, MacPherson Drive, Johnson Road and Dube Road.

Route #4 – Thursday – Centre

Corbeil Village, Hwy 94, Derland Road, Scottsfield Road and Mountain Road.

Blue boxes can be purchased for \$10.00 each and are available at the Municipal Office on weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- Glass (not light bulbs, mirrors or ceramics)
- Cans (please rinse them out)
- Plastics (all plastics #1-#7, # of plastic can be found on bottom of container)
- Clear Plastic
- Juice boxes
- Milk cartons
- Paper/newspaper (bundled with a string)
- Cardboard/boxboard.
- Shrink Wrap
- Styrofoam (clean)

Collection begins at 7:30 a.m. the morning of your designated pick up day. Recycling may be placed outside for collection no earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the day before collection day.

Recycling will not be collected unless it is sorted. If you have any questions, please contact R & D Recycling at (705) 472-1768.

E-WASTE

E-waste is collected at the landfill site free of charge. You make bring any electronic waste to the site during the landfill's hours of operation.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT

The nearest Household Hazardous Waste Depot is located at 112 Patton Street in North Bay, just off of the Seymour Street bypass. Please bring your waste to this address free of charge between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Wednesday to Saturday.

More information on Waste Management can be found in the accompanying Municipal Calendar.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are mailed out twice a year: the interim tax in March and the final tax bill in July, after the Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets are adopted. These billings allow for two payments: on the last weekday of March and April for the first installment and on the last weekday day of July and August.

The basis of the assessment of your property is determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). The Municipality uses this assessment to determine the value of all properties as well as the tax levy in order to meet the Operating and Capital Budgets to resolve the rate. The rate is then multiplied by the assessment of each property to determine your tax bill amount.

For more information, please refer to the MPAC website at www.mpac.ca.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Municipality offers a number of options for payment if you do not already pay through your mortgage company.

A. PRE-AUTHORIZED TAX PAYMENT PLAN*

The Municipality of East Ferris offers convenient pre-authorized payment plan options:

1. Monthly on the 1st or 15th of each month: annual taxes are withdrawn over 12 months, from January to December.
2. Bi-Weekly on the 1st and 15th of each month: annual taxes are withdrawn twice per month over 12 months, from January to December.

*These plan options are available only to those tax payers with no outstanding tax arrears.

B. BY MAIL: The Municipality accepts both cheques and money orders with this payment method.

C. AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE: The Municipality accepts cash, interact and payment by cheques in the office. We do not accept credit cards.

D. ONLINE/ TELEPHONE BANKING: Payments can be made using online and telephone banking. You will require the following highlighted **SIX** of your **NINETEEN** digit roll number (i.e. 4834-0000-0**1-23456**-000) in order to process this payment. Service charges may apply.



Cultural and Recreational Services

The Municipality of East Ferris is proud to offer cultural and recreational services that rival those of a large city. Some of these are highlighted below. Please refer to the municipal website for a more comprehensive list.

1. [EAST FERRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

1257 Village Road, Astorville
 (Located above the Fitness Centre)
 (705) 752-2042
www.efpl.ca

The East Ferris Public Library offers an extraordinary amount of services in addition to the borrowing of hard copy books. Here you can access eBooks and audio books, computers and high speed and wireless internet (for a small fee) and the use of websites like ancestry.ca and the Gale Virtual Reference Library. The Library is always up to date with the newest book releases and offers a weekly story time where everyone is welcome. You can also access films and games for free, as well as the Leap Frog Tag Reading Program. There is a one stop print shop inside the library as well, with prices described on the website. Finally, the Library provides meeting space for non-profit organizations. All of these services combined make for an excellent gathering place for the community as a whole.

When you receive your free East Ferris Public Library Card, you can take advantage of these additional benefits:

- Over 17,000 books and 750 DVD titles with new titles arriving daily
- Province wide inter-library loan system
- Nine computer terminals with high-speed internet access
- Wireless internet access for a small fee



2. [EAST FERRIS FITNESS CENTRE](#)

1257 Village Road, Astorville
 (Located under the Library)
 (705) 752-5501

The East Ferris Fitness Centre welcomes all residents of East Ferris, Callander, Chisholm, Powassan and any other outlying areas. With fees being a fraction of the price of other fitness centres and offering personalized fitness programs for no additional fees, it's clear as to why it is a staple in the community. The facility consists of 2,000 square feet of air conditioned work out areas that feature a full range of professional equipment. Inside the change rooms, there are showers and lockers and the facility is accessible through an auto entry system, allowing 24/7 access.



3. [EAST FERRIS COMMUNITY CENTRE](#)

1267 Village Road
Astorville ON P0H 1B0
(705) 752-3566

The East Ferris Community Centre offers a variety of recreation opportunities. Here you can play hockey, ice skate, play broomball and curl on its expansive ice surface. The facility also has a hall that can host up to 340 people for weddings, receptions and other gatherings. During the off season, the ice surface is used for programming and other events.

The property also plays host to a tennis and pickleball court.

4. [EAST FERRIS MEMORIAL PARK](#)

Corner of Corbeil Road and Highway 94
(705) 752-2740

Erected and dedicated at a Remembrance Day Ceremony in 2012, the Cenotaph monument stands in this park to commemorate the people who dedicated their lives to their country. It features three different exhibits: air, land and sea and is an impressive addition to the community. It was made possible by fundraising through the selling of engraved stones to create the pathway. The Committee is currently working on their *Beautify the Park* campaign.



5. [BILL VREBOSCH CHILDREN'S PARK](#)

390 Highway 94
(705) 752-3566

This outdoor gathering place is a perfect destination to bring the kids or just to enjoy the scenery. With a modern playground, tennis courts, a soccer field, basketball courts, a beach volleyball court and a ball hockey rink that doubles as an outdoor rink during the winter, this park is the perfect place to spend your days. The Corbeil Walking Trail is also accessible through the park.



6. [CORBEIL PARK HALL](#)

392 Highway 94 – Located behind the Fire Hall
(705) 752-3566

Corbeil Park Hall is another establishment meant for hosting small gatherings. It has a capacity of 125 people and is commonly used as the main centre of the Golden Age Club, Busy Bees and the Knights of Columbus. Other events such as weddings, card games, craft shows and fundraisers occur here. It is also the used by Council for meetings.

7. [MUNICIPAL BOAT LAUNCHES](#)

There are many boat launches in the area on both lakes. Please feel free to take advantage of these to spend the day enjoying the lush landscape from the water.

Trout Lake: There is a beach and a boat launch located at **1026 MacPherson Drive.**

Lake Nosbonsing: There is a beach and a boat launch located at **60 Big Moose Road.** An additional boat launch can be found at **517 South Shore Road,**

8. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Volunteering is an essential part of the community and our volunteers are some of the finest. There are a number of non-profit groups that function in the Municipality. Please feel free to contact them if you are interested in joining, or if you'd like more information about what they do.

Name	Contact Name	Contact Information
Callander and Area Food Bank		(705) 752-0777
Catholic Women's League	Joyce Lafontaine	(705) 752-4485
Corbeil Busy Bees	Gisele Vrebosch	(705) 494-0515
Corbeil Four Seasons Club	Alana Thorn	(705) 752-1186
East Ferris Broomball	Melanie Champagne	(705) 495-9459
East Ferris Volunteer Firefighters	Chief Frank Loeffen	(705) 752-2740
East Ferris Memorial Park	Nancy Vandenakker	(705) 752-5523
East Ferris Santa Fund	Paul Gauthier	(705) 498-7423
East Ferris Soccer	East Ferris Community Centre	(705) 752-3566
East Ferris Winter Carnival	Jennifer Laporte	(705) 752-2042
Club Action 50+	Lyne Way-White	(705) 477-5344
Knights of Columbus	Guy Fournier	(705) 476-8159
Nipissing Manor Auxiliary	Cassandra Pugh	(705) 752-1100
Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters	Paul Emile Perron	(705) 752-1171
Nosbonsing Curling Club	Paul Marier	(705) 499-2611
Seniors Villa	Michel Champagne	(705) 752-4658
Wasi Ski Club	Kerri Sommerville	(705) 752-4215
LEAD	Colleen Lacourse	(705) 492-8861
Hockey Groups		
Women's Hockey League	Cheryl Noel	(705) 472-4265
Men's Hockey's	Andrew Alkins	(705) 752-498-0983
Old Timers Hockey	Stewart Nobel	(705) 776-1178
East Ferris Minor Hockey	George Suszter	president@govipersgo.com

Communications

INTERNET PROVIDERS

The following providers can be found in the North Bay area:



Bell (DSL)	(866) 310-2355	www.bell.ca
Bell Mobility (Stick)	(800) 667-0123	www.bell.ca/mobiltiy
Net Spectrum	(800) 461-6379	www.netspectrum.ca
Ontera	(800) 566-8372	www.ontera.ca
Rogers (Stick)	(866) 210-4059	www.rogers.com
Telus (Stick)	(866) 558-2273	www.telusmobility.com
Vianet	(705) 223-9996	www.vianet.ca
Xplornet (Satellite)	(866) 841-6001	www.xplornet.com

Jeff Buell at Blue Sky Net also offers a free service to residents to help determine which providers are available at your address, and which provider best suits your needs as a client. He can be reached at (705) 476-0874 ext. 205.

CELL PHONE PROVIDERS

The following cellular providers are located in North Bay and may be able to offer you service in the region. All of them can be found at the Northgate Shopping Centre at 1500 Fisher Street in North Bay:

- Bell
- Telus
- Rogers
- Virgin
- Koodo
- Fido

NEWSPAPER AND PRINT MEDIA

North Bay Nipissing News (online only)

www.northbaynipissing.com

North Bay Nugget

www.nugget.ca

Health Services

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

The Municipality is fortunate enough to have both a family doctor and a dentist in the area. There are also many other health clinics a quick drive away in North Bay. Please take advantage of these services, whether it be within the Municipality or outside of it.

Doc on the Lake Family Practice

Dr. John Seguin

506 Astorville Road

Astorville, ON P0H 1B0

(705) 752-5521

Dr. Seguin is part of the Powassan Family Health Team that provides coverage to the region with boundaries that encompass East Ferris.

Fuzy Dental

Dr. Peter Fuzy

312 Highway 94

Corbeil ON P0H 1K0

(705) 752-4221

www.drфуzy.com

Dr. Fuzy provides dentistry for patients of all ages from pediatric to geriatric.

HEALTH CLINICS

Along with the Emergency Department at the North Bay Regional Health Centre, there are also several walk in clinics that are available to you:

North Bay Regional Health Centre:

50 College Drive; North Bay ON P1B 5A4
www.nbrhc.on.ca
(705) 474-8600

This is the closest emergency room. If your emergency is of a serious nature, do not hesitate to use this facility, or to call 911.

Blue Sky Medical Walk In Clinic

2029 Cassells Street, 2nd Floor, above Shopper's Drugmart
Phone: 705-476-1413

After Hours Clinic:

Monday to Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

www.blueskyfht.com

This clinic is only available to clients of the Blue Sky Family Health Network. You must register 1 hour prior to closing in order to see the doctor. If you require medical attention on a Statutory Holiday, please phone ahead to ensure that the clinic is open.

Head to Toe Clinic

1950 Algonquin Avenue, # 306 – Inside the Guardian Drugs Building

www.walkinclinicnorthbay.com

(705) 495-0300

Open Monday to Friday with varying hours daily.

Everyone welcome is welcome at this clinic; you must call ahead to make an appointment.

Near North Medical Clinic

201-66 Josephine St - Floor above Shopper's Drug Mart.

(705) 495-2685

Open from Monday to Friday from 4:45 p.m. – 8 p.m. and is limited to the first 18-25 patients.

Ferris Medical Clinic

202-1500 Fisher Street - Inside Northgate Shopping Centre

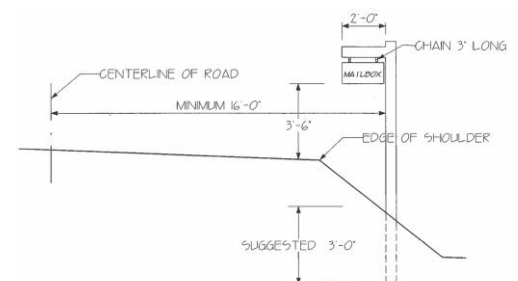
(705) 495-4000

Open from Monday to Thursday: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; you must call ahead to make an appointment. The clinic starts taking bookings at 9 a.m.

Mailbox Standards

The following sketch demonstrates the standards that the Municipality of East Ferris has approved as proper mailbox installation.

The Municipality will only replace or repair any mailbox that has been physically damaged by snow removal equipment up to a maximum fine of \$50.00 and only if the mailbox has been erected to these standards.



CIVIC ADDRESS SIGNS

For emergency purposes, each home has been provided with a Civic Address. This is so that emergency vehicles can easily locate you. Please ensure that your Civic Address is clear and visible at all times. Additionally, property owners are responsible for the maintenance of these address signs. If the first sign becomes damaged, please contact the fire department and they will replace it for a fee. If you have any questions, please contact the Municipal Office.

Septic Systems & Wells

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Generally when living in a rural area, wastewater is dealt with by using a septic tank, or an onsite wastewater system. Septic systems treat sewage onsite and then release the treated water back into the groundwater system; it is essential to keep yours in good repair.

WELLS

As with septic systems, wells are widely relied upon for homeowners in rural areas. There are several different types of wells to consider: dug, bored and drilled. It is important to make sure that your well water is safe to drink and to also take into account water quantity and quality when assessing your well.

This package includes the information from several different organizations in Ontario regarding wells and septic systems:

- The Septic System Owner's Manual
- Your Septic System; CMHC
- Septic Smart
- Common Myths about Drinking Water
- Well Aware, A Guide to Caring for your Well and Protecting your Family's Health
- Conservation Ontario's Private Wells Information Sheets
- Choosing a Water Treatment System

For more information about septic systems or wells contact the Municipality of East Ferris Office at (705) 752-2740 or the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority at (705) 474-5420, by e-mail: nbmca@nbmca.on.ca or on their website: www.nbmca.ca.

WATER TESTING

Take advantage of the free water testing services provided by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, located on Commercial Street in North Bay. Bottles for testing can be obtained at the Municipal Office and returned to the Health Unit to proceed with the testing. If an in-depth test is required or desired, property owners can contact the Health Unit at (705) 474-1400 or refer to the YellowPages to locate local laboratories.



Good Neighbour By-laws

Community is at the centre of the Municipality of East Ferris and being a good neighbor is a large part of being accepted in the community. Over the years the Municipality has passed several By-laws to ensure that our roads and neighborhoods are safe so that we can offer a quality of life that is beyond compare.

1. Speed By-law
2. Waste Management By-law
3. Snow Deposit
4. Noise By-law (2159)
5. Animal Control By-law
6. ATV's on Municipal Roads (2040)
7. Property Standards
8. Fees and Charges By-law
9. Parking
10. Hunting



Below you can find a brief outline of these by-laws and you can also reference them on the Municipal Website. While most infractions can be easily dealt with on a neighbor to neighbor basis, it is understood that occasionally a third party must get involved in order to solve the problem. If you do need assistance in dealing with a problem, do not hesitate to contact our complaint driven department and we will do our best to sort it out.

1. [SPEED BY-LAW](#)

The established By-law for vehicle travel in the community is 50 km/h unless otherwise posted on all municipal roads. Highway 11, 17, and 94 are provincial roads and are posted per the Ministry of Transportation guidelines. Subdivision speeds are 40 km/h as they are densely populated.

2. [WASTE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW](#)

This By-law outlines the regulations for waste collection. It also includes sections on composting and information on the use of the landfill. Here you can find information about the proper size garbage container seeing as placing raw garbage bags out by the road is not permitted. Please refer to this for the pickup schedule and the time at which you can put your container out.

3. [SNOW DEPOSIT/CLEARING](#)

When removing snow from your driveway in the winter months, it is necessary that you refrain from placing it on a neighbouring property, or across the street. Mailbox areas are also expected to remain free and clear of snow for ease of access.

4. [NOISE BY-LAW](#)

This By-law states that there is to be no noise so excessive that it would cause hardship to a neighbour. This can include loud parties and music as well as dogs barking. Please do your part to ensure that you and your neighbours are able to enjoy your own properties.

5. [THE ANIMAL CONTROL BY-LAW](#)

This By-law dictates that all pets, livestock and exotic animals must be licensed yearly. You are limited to the amount of pets in different categories and once you have achieved that number, you may need to get an additional permit, for example, if you own five or more dogs, you are required to have a Kennel License.

6. ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATVs) ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

ATVs are permitted on roadways under the provincial guidelines, however, it is not permitted to have a passenger or a trailer. Please reference the section referring to the Highway Traffic Act Regulation on the Ministry of Transportation's website (www.mto.gov.on.ca) or contact the OPP on Gormanville Road in North Bay for more information.

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS

The purpose of the Property Standards By-law is to ensure the community remains clean, safe and beautiful. It includes information on derelict vehicles, cutting and trimming of the yard, and standards for structures and property.

8. FEES AND CHARGES

The Municipality charges fees for services that benefit the users of the service. This means that certain charges apply if you use a specific service such as facility rentals, permits for development on your property, or the landfill site.

9. PARKING

Overnight parking is not permitted on municipal roads or road allowances from the period of November 1st to March 31st each year. This allows snow removal and road maintenance vehicles to work unencumbered. While parking on the road during the day is permitted, please keep these guidelines in mind.

10. HUNTING

The Municipality does not have a firearm discharge By-law at this time; therefore the provincial rules under the Ministry of Natural Resources are in effect. It is to be noted that hunting on roadways, road allowances (including ditches) and on other municipal land is prohibited. Please contact the office to explore opportunities should there be a municipal property you wish to hunt.

Current Council

Council invites you to review our 2019-2022 Strategic Plan to:

1. Build Our Community
2. Grow Our Local Economy
3. Provide Good Governance
4. Protect Our Environment

Vision

Our home/notre chex-nous: residents and government working together to build a vibrant and healthy rural community.

Mission

We provide high quality public services, through collaboration and partnerships, to promote community health and well-being for all.

Guiding Principles

Transparency - Openness of government decision making and operations.

Sustainability - Good Stewardship of community assets and natural resources.

Responsiveness - Resources and ability to adapt to changing community priorities.

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