



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

May 26, 2026

PRESENT:	Terry Kelly, Deputy Mayor	Lauren Rooyakkers, Councillor
	Steven Trahan, Councillor	Nick Brazeau, Councillor
	Rick Champagne, Mayor	

STAFF	Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer	Kari Hanselman, Clerk
PRESENT:		

1. Call to Order

Mayor Champagne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-139

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 26th day of May, 2026 be adopted as prepared.

Carried Mayor Champagne

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

- a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 28th, 2026 and Special Meeting of May 14th, 2026

2026-140

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 28th, 2026 and Special Meeting of May 14th, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

a. Mayor Champagne - Committee of Adjustment

Mayor Champagne declared a conflict on agenda item 8.e. as he had severance applications heard at the Committee of Adjustment meeting. Mayor Champagne vacated his seat for the duration of the discussions on this matter and did not participate in any vote.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Mayor Champagne advised that the East Ferris Tradeshow was this past weekend. It was well attended. He thanked staff and Bay Events for all their hard work. He also shared that June 13th is the Let's Remember Adam Campaign taking place at the arena in Mattawa.

Mayor Champagne addressed the time constraints for registering delegations to Council relating to recommendations from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting. As per the Procedural By-law, and with unanimous consent of Council, five minute delegations were open to the public. Mr. Phil Koning advised of his intent to address Council.

7. Delegations to Council:

Mr. Koning presented his comments pertaining to the Lavigne Road subdivision to Council. Director of Community Services, Greg Kirton, addressed Mr. Koning's questions, where possible.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

None for this session.

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

d. Planning Advisory Committee

2026-141

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT agenda item 8.d. of the Council agenda of May 26th, 2026 be deferred to the June 9th, 2026 Council meeting;

AND THAT agenda item 8.d.4. (specifically condition 5.a) be referred to the Public Works Committee meeting of June 2nd, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-142

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to report back to Council on the cost of a peer review for the Hydro Geological study pertaining to Files SB-2026-01, OPA-2026-03 and C-2026-03.

Results of Recorded Vote as requested by Councillor Rooyakkers:

Councillor Rooyakkers	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Kelly		Nay
Councillor Trahan	Yea	
Councillor Brazeau	Yea	
Mayor Champagne		Nay

Carried Mayor Champagne

1. Minutes of May 20th, 2026
2. Link to PAC Meeting Minutes with Attachments
3. Tulloch Presentation
4. Recommendation(s) from Minutes
5. Additional Public Comments
 1. Shawn Nelson
 2. Shawn Simis
 3. Phil Koning
- e. Committee of Adjustment

Mayor Champagne declared a conflict on this item. (Mayor Champagne declared a conflict on agenda item 8.e. as he had severance applications heard at the

Committee of Adjustment meeting. Mayor Champagne vacated his seat for the duration of the discussions on this matter and did not participate in any vote.)

- 1. Minutes of May 20th, 2026
- f. Recreation, Parks and Events Committee
 - 1. Minutes of May 19th, 2026
- g. Striking Committee
 - None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
 - 1. Minutes of May 4th, 2026
- b. OPP Detachment Board
 - 1. Minutes of May 5th, 2026
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
 - 1. Cassellholme:
 - 1. Minutes of March 26th, 2026
 - 2. Capital Levy
 - 2. Health Unit
 - 1. Minutes of February 25th, 2026
 - 2. 2025 Financial Statements
 - 3. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. COMM-2026-08: Request for Tender - Elevator Replacement (East Ferris Community Centre and Arena)

2026-143

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris award the Tender for the Elevator Replacement at the East Ferris Community Centre and Arena to Venasse Building Group Inc. in the amount of \$375,000.00 + HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2026-25: 1st and 2nd Reading

2026-144

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT By-law No. 2026-25 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2021-60, as amended, relating to Zoning By-law Amendment File No. C-2026-03 be read a first and second time this 26th day of May, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. By-law No. 2026-26: 1st and 2nd Reading

2026-145

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT By-law No. 2026-26 being a By-law to amend the Official Plan of the Municipality relating to Official Plan Amendment File No. OPA-2026-03 be read a first and second time this 26th day of May, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- b. Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- c. Ministry of Transportation
- d. Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

2026-146

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry in their opposition to the consolidation of Conservation Authorities in Ontario and calls upon the Province of Ontario to immediately halt the proposed consolidation process and recommit to strengthening the existing watershed-based Conservation Authority system, including through the provision of appropriate provincial funding, enhanced municipal collaboration and support,

and improved communication and coordination among Conservation Authorities to advance more efficient permitting and greater standardization of systems and processes;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, and MP Pauline Rochefort.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Municipality of Wawa

2026-147

Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Wawa's request of the Government of Ontario to extend the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Town of Bruce Mines

2026-148

Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Town of Bruce Mines in their concerns with the passage of Bill 97 and find that it constitutes a regression from established principles of transparent government and urge the Government of Ontario to repeal this provision of the legislation;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, FONOM, and the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- g. Township of South Algonquin

- h. Township of Stone Mills
- i. United Counties of Stormont, Dunas and Glengarry
- j. DNSSAB
- k. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
- l. AMO
- m. Canada Heritage
- n. North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation
- o. The Voyageur 200

2026-149

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS the Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race is returning to the Municipality of East Ferris Saturday, August 14-16, 2026, as a charity cycling event in support of the North Bay Regional Health Centre Foundation and Discovery Routes;

AND WHEREAS since 2023 the event has raised \$17,000;

AND WHEREAS the race is organized by local volunteers in partnership with Discovery Routes and offers a unique cycling experience through East Ferris and surrounding areas, promoting health, tourism, and community spirit;

AND WHEREAS the organizers have requested financial support by way of the following in-kind contributions:

- Use of Corbeil Park Hall and parking lot on Friday, August 14 (evening) and Saturday, August 15 (all day) for the start/finish line festival
- Authorization for a liquor licence for the facility (bartending services will be provided by Voyageur 200 organizers)
- Use of the Corbeil Park Hall field for tent camping from August 14–16
- Use of the Parking area On Corbeil Road adjacent to the Memorial Park from August 15th.
- Additional waste management/garbage support for campers

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris hereby supports the Voyageur 200 Gravel Bike Race and approves the requested in-kind contributions for the 2026 event;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the organizers of the Voyageur 200.

Carried Mayor Champagne

14. Action Items:

- a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2026-150

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of May 26th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Resolution: Noise By-law Exemption Request - Jennifer Elliott - B2 Perron Island (Lake Nosbonsing)

2026-151

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS Jennifer Elliott has made a request to the Municipality for an exemption under Section 4 of Municipal By-law 2015-33; a By-law to Prohibit Excessive Noise;

AND WHEREAS the requested exemption would apply from Saturday, August 8th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2026 at 12:00 a.m. for the purpose of a private wedding to be held on B2 Perron Island on Lake Nosbonsing;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approve the request received from Jennifer Elliott and grant an exemption of Municipal By-law No. 2015-33 for Saturday, August 8th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2026 at 12:00 a.m.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-152

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated May 26th, 2026 in the amount of \$985,250.41.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

Mayor Champagne advised he will be bringing a Notice of Motion forward at the next meeting regarding the deadline for registering a delegation with the Clerk. Deputy Mayor Kelly advised there have been some upgrades at the Fitness Centre.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law No. 2026-27: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-153

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

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 April 28th, 2026 to May 26th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-27;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

19. Adjournment

2026-154

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:46 p.m. and meet again on June 9th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor

Rick Champagne

Clerk

Kari Hanselman