



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2026

PRESENT: Terry Kelly, Deputy Mayor
Steven Trahan, Councillor
Rick Champagne, Mayor

Lauren Rooyakkers, Councillor
Nick Brazeau, Councillor

STAFF Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer
PRESENT:

Kari Hanselman, Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Champagne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Champagne and Councillor Rooyakkers are attending via Zoom.

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. Consent was not unanimous and Mr. Koning's request to speak was denied.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-155

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 9th day of June, 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 May 26th, 2026

2026-156

Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 26th, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Champagne

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Rooyakkers requested that the Minutes indicate when Council members are attending by Zoom.

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest- Pecuniary Interest Thereof

None for this session.

6. Announcements and Updates from Council Members

Mayor Champagne advised that the June Pike Tournament was this past weekend. The Let's Remember Adam Washer Tournament is taking place June 13th in Mattawa.

Councillor Rooyakkers advised that tomorrow is Karaoke night at the Library. Other events this month include Cook Book Book Club, an Aging at Home session, Father's Day BBQ and a crafting open studio.

7. Delegations to Council:

a. Parker Nelson

Parker Nelson was unable to attend the meeting and present to Council.

b. Shawn Nelson

Shawn Nelson presented his comments relating to the Lavigne Road subdivision to Council.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Minutes of June 2nd, 2026

2. Recommendations from the Minutes

2026-157

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS at the regular meeting of Council held on May 26th, 2026, Council deferred condition 5 (a) of agenda item 8 (d)(4) to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee met on June 2nd, 2026, and discussed the deferred item from the May 26th, 2026, Council meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee does not recommend that Council approve condition 5 (a) of the Planning Advisory Committee's recommendation;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommend the following amended condition 5 (a):

5) That the owner agrees in writing, by way of entering into an agreement, to satisfy all requirements, financial and otherwise of the Municipality of East Ferris concerning provision of road, installation of services, drainage, and any other aspect of the development proposal.

a) The satisfaction of these requirements shall include paving Lavigne Road from the start of the subdivision road to the intersection of Corbeil Road at a cost of 80% to the developer and 20% to the municipality, which is calculated on a pro-rated basis based on the number of houses that existed prior to the developer purchasing lands versus total houses after development. This shall include any base upgrades and engineering work as laid out in the subdivision agreement to satisfy this requirement.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-158

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council that direction be given to the Municipal Engineer to get costings for the complete reconstruction of Meadow Drive and Ridgemount Drive and report back to Council;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

- c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

None for this session.

- d. Planning Advisory Committee (Deferred from May 26th, 2026 Council Meeting)

1. Minutes of May 20th, 2026
2. Link to PAC Meeting Minutes with Attachments
3. Tulloch Presentation
4. Recommendation(s) from Minutes

Councillors Trahan and Rooyakkers abstained from voting on this motion.

2026-160

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS public input was received and considered at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held May 20th, 2026 regarding Files No. SB-2026-01, OPA-2026-03, C-2026-03 - Applicant Tulloch Engineering c/o Steve McArthur on behalf of 1000328150 Ontario Inc. c/o Marcel and Dan Degagne;

AND WHEREAS the owner(s) of the lands described as Part of Lots 13 and 14, Concession 7 & Part of Lots 13 and 14, Concession 8; Township of East Ferris, District of Nipissing in the area that is locally known as Lavigne Road, Corbeil Road and Quae Quae Road, has applied for a draft plan of subdivision, official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment for the purpose of creating a new residential development of 41 lots;

AND WHEREAS the application has regard for the criteria of Section 51(24) of the Planning Act;

AND WHEREAS the application is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement 2024;

AND WHEREAS the application is in conformity with the policies contained within the Official Plan for the Municipality;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and approves the applications, together with those conditions as set out in their resolution No. 2026-13 dated May 20th, 2026, with the exception of condition 5 a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves of the recommendation of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and amend condition 5.a. as follows:

5) That the owner agrees in writing, by way of entering into an agreement, to satisfy all requirements, financial and otherwise of the Municipality of East Ferris concerning provision of road, installation of services, drainage, and any other aspect of the development proposal.

a) The satisfaction of these requirements shall include paving Lavigne Road from the start of the subdivision road to the intersection of Corbeil Road at a cost of 80% to the developer and 20% to the municipality, which is calculated on a pro-rated basis based on the number of houses that existed prior to the developer purchasing lands versus total houses after development. This shall include any base upgrades and engineering work as laid out in the subdivision agreement to satisfy this requirement.

Carried Mayor Champagne

5. Additional Public Comments

1. Shawn Nelson
2. Shawn Simis
3. Phil Koning
4. Phil Koning (New)
5. Tulloch Response

e. Committee of Adjustment

None for this session.

f. Recreation, Parks and Events Committee

1. Verbal Report - Carnival Expenditures Update

Councillor Trahan shared the Carnival expenditures with Council.

g. Striking Committee

None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

a. Library Board

1. Draft Minutes of June 1st, 2026

b. OPP Detachment Board

1. 2026 Annual Report to Council

c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA

1. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

a. Verbal Report - Costs for a Peer Review of the Hydrogeological Study relating to the Lavigne Road Subdivision

Council unanimously agreed to move this item to before agenda item 8.d.

Director of Community Services provided Council with a verbal report on the quote received for a peer review of the hydrogeological study relating to the Lavigne Road subdivision. The scope would be a technical analysis of the data contained in the report.

2026-159

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris direct staff to move forward with a peer review of the hydrogeological study relating to the Lavigne Road subdivision from EnGlobe in the amount of \$4,230.00 + HST.

Results of Recorded Vote as requested by Councillor Rooyakkers:

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

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Mayor Champagne

12. By-laws:

- a. By-law No. 2026-25: 3rd Reading

2026-161
Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
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 third time and passed this 9th day of June, 2026;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. By-law No. 2026-26: 3rd Reading

2026-162
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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 third time and passed this 9th day of June, 2026;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- c. By-law No. 2026-28: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-163
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

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 amend By-law No. 2025-50; a By-law with respect to the establishment and requirement of the payment of fees for

information, services, activities and use of the corporation's property, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-28;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. By-law No. 2026-29: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-164
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

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 authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Trimble Canada Corporation, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-29;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- b. AMO Communications
- c. Municipality of Calvin

2026-165
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Calvin in their request that the Province of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance undertake a review of policies, legislation, and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially-mandated levies and shared municipal service costs;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Rural Affairs, AMO, ROMA, and MPP Vic Fedeli.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. Municipality of Red Lake

2026-166
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipality of Red Lake in their request that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act, not general increases to police budgets;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, ROMA, and Police Governance Ontario.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Township of Armour

2026-167

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Armour in their request that the Government of Ontario and Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the FONOM, NOMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, MP Pauline Rochefort, and the Premier of Ontario.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- f. Township of Baldwin

2026-168

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Township of Baldwin in their request that the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Model and the policing structure for unorganized territories;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, FONOM, and NOMA.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- g. Town of South Bruce
- h. North Bay Regional Health Centre

14. Action Items:

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

2026-169

Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of June 9th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-170

Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the general accounts for the Municipality of East Ferris as indicated in the cheque register(s) dated June 9th, 2026 in the amount of \$361,509.13.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

Councillor Rooyakkers advised that the Nosbonsing Youth Outdoors Club is hosting a Kids, Cops and Canadian Tire Youth Fishing Tournament on July 26th.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law No. 2026-30: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-171

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

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 26th, 2026 to June 9th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-30;

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

2026-172

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:16 p.m. and meet again on July 14th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor
Rick Champagne

Clerk
Kari Hanselman