

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

July 14, 2026

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

ABSENT: Lauren Rooyakkers, Councillor

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

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**

2026-173

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th day of July, 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 June 9th, 2026

2026-174

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 9th, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- #### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None for this session.

- ## 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 fire rating has been moved up to high. He also thanked the Fire Department, Public Works Department and the linesmen for their work after the storm a few weeks ago.

Mayor Champagne shared a list of summer programs happening at the library.

- ## 7. Delegations to Council:

Pam Nelson requested a five minute delegation to Council regarding peer reviews of planning application studies. Council approved the request.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

1. Minutes of July 9th, 2026
2. Recommendation(s) from the Minutes

2026-175

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS at the June 9th, 2026 Council meeting, Council gave direction to the Municipal Engineer to get costings for the complete reconstruction of Meadow Drive and Ridgemount Drive;

AND WHEREAS at the July 9th, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting the Committee reviewed the costings provided by the Municipal Engineer;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Meadow Drive and Ridgemount Drive be pulverized and re-shaped with new granular material;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-176

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS the Collision Analytics and Reporting System (CARS) Municipal Access Pilot Project provides selected municipalities with enhanced access to statistical motor vehicle collision data;

AND WHEREAS the data is intended to support municipal evidence-based decisions in transportation safety, infrastructure planning, and traffic management;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommends Council enter into a Collision Analytics and Reporting System Agreement with the Ministry of Transportation;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation and that a By-law be brought forward to the next Regular Council Meeting.

Carried Mayor Champagne

b. Emergency Management Program Committee

None for this session.

c. Fire and Emergency Services Committee

1. Minutes of July 7th, 2026
2. Recommendation(s) from the Minutes

2026-177

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS the Fire and Emergency Services Committee recommends to Council that the East Ferris Fire & Emergency Services 2025 Annual Update be accepted for information purposes;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- d. Planning Advisory Committee
None for this session.
- e. Committee of Adjustment
None for this session.
- f. Recreation, Parks and Events Committee
None for this session.
- g. Striking Committee
None for this session.

9. Board Reports:

- a. Library Board
None for this session.
- b. OPP Detachment Board
None for this session.
- c. Cassellholme, DNSSAB, Health Unit and NBMCA
 - 1. Cassellholme
 - 1. Minutes of April 29th, 2026
 - 2. AGM Minutes April 29th, 2026
 - 3. Minutes of May 28th, 2026
 - 2. District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
 - 1. Minutes of May 27th, 2026
 - 3. Health Unit
 - 1. Minutes of April 22nd, 2026

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

- a. Report No. COMM-2026-09: Review of provision 3.2.7 of Zoning By-Law 2021-60 – Maximum permitted floor area for accessory structures to residential uses

2026-178

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

That Council of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the By-law Enforcement Officer contained in Report No. COMM-2026-06 and directs staff to maintain Section 3.2.7 of Zoning By-Law 2021-60 with respect to the maximum permitted size of accessory structures to residential uses on all lots in rural or residential zones.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Report No. FD-2026-01: Station 2 (Astorville) Septic Replacement

2026-179
Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris accepts the recommendation from the Fire Chief and authorize staff to proceed with Option 1 contained in Report No. FD-2026-01 and award the contract for the replacement of the septic system at 1229 Village Road (Astorville – Fire Station 2) to EBL Groundworks in the amount of \$22,300.00 plus HST.

Carried Mayor Champagne

11. Notice of Motions

- a. Mayor Champagne - Re: Automatic Peer Reviews of Certain Studies Submitted with Development Applications

12. By-laws:

None for this session.

13. Correspondence and Information Items:

- a. Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
 - 1. Re: Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Funding
 - 2. Re: NOHFC Supported Projects
- b. City of Mississauga
- c. County of Peterborough

2026-180
Moved by Mayor Champagne
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the County of Peterborough in their request of the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, and FOCA.

Carried

- d. Town of Caledon

2026-181
Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Trahan

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Town of Caledon in their request that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks;

AND THAT the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried Mayor Champagne

- e. Township of Puslinch

2026-182

Moved by Mayor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Province's proposed amendments to the Planning Act under Schedule 7 of Bill 119 permitting the use of Administrative Monetary Penalties for zoning by-law contraventions relating to prohibited land uses;

AND THAT Council recognizes these amendments as providing municipalities, particularly rural municipalities, with a practical, efficient, and cost-effective enforcement tool that will improve compliance outcomes while reducing administrative and legal burdens;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and MPP Vic Fedeli.

Carried

- f. AMO Communications

- g. Canadian National Railway

2026-183

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 21 to 27, 2026;

AND WHEREAS, 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 avoidable serious injuries;

AND WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens;

AND WHEREAS Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris adopt this resolution in support of Operation Lifesaver's ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- h. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
 - 1. Re: MOH Report Highlights June 2026
 - 2. Re: Endorsement of Public Health Sudbury and Districts Advocacy Re: Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care
 - 3. Re: Health Impacts of “Bring-Your-Own” Alcohol at Outdoor Public Events in the Nipissing-Parry Sound Districts

2026-184

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS in March 2026 the Government of Ontario announced that municipalities may permit "Bring-Your-Own" alcoholic beverages at qualifying outdoor public events;

AND WHEREAS Council received correspondence from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit advising of the negative health impacts of "Bring-Your-Own" alcohol at outdoor public events;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that agenda item 13. h. 3 of the July 14th, 2026 Council Agenda be deferred to staff to review and amend the Municipal Alcohol Policy to now allow "Bring-Your-Own" alcohol at outdoor public events.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- i. Kristin Pichoskie
 - 1. Re: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month 2026
 - 2. Re: Flag Raising Request
- j. Pierrette Villeneuve

14. Action Items:

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

2026-185

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of July 14th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

- b. Notice of Motion

2026-186

Moved by Mayor Champagne

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris Procedural By-law No. 2023-55, Article 9 regarding delegations to Council, requires a Request for Delegation Form be received by the Clerk no later than six (6) business days preceding the Council Meeting for which they are requesting a delegation;

AND WHEREAS this requirement does not provide the public with the opportunity to register a delegation to Council on matters that the public are only made aware of when the Council Agenda is posted the Friday preceding the meeting;

AND WHEREAS in the case where there is a Planning Advisory Committee meeting on the Wednesday evening preceding the Council Meeting, and there is a recommendation to Council from that meeting, the deadline for the public to register a delegation will have already passed;

AND WHEREAS it would benefit the public to change this deadline to the Monday preceding the meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to amend the Municipality of East Ferris Procedural By-law No. 2023-55 Article 9 to move the deadline for delegation requests to noon on the Monday before the meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law to amend By-law No. 2023-55 be brought forward to the next Regular Council Meeting for approval.

Carried

- c. Resolution: Noise By-law Exemption Request - Tanya Laplante - 236 Derland Road

2026-187

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS Tanya Laplante 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 Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 11:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. for the purpose of a family reunion to be held at 236 Derland Road;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approve the request received from Tanya Laplante and grant an exemption of Municipal By-law No. 2015-33 for Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 11:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 9th, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-188

Moved by Councillor Brazeau

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 July 14th, 2026 in the amount of \$1,632,526.30.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

- a. Mayor Champagne

Council discussed extending the deadline for residents to ensure their freight containers are in compliance with the Zoning By-law. The deadline was extended to June 30th, 2027.

17. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

18. Confirmatory By-law

- a. By-law No. 2026-31: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-189

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 confirm the proceedings of Council from June 9th, 2026 to July 14th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-31;

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

2026-190

Moved by Councillor Trahan

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:03 p.m. and meet again on August 11th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

Mayor
Rick Champagne

Clerk
Kari Hanselman