THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST FERRIS

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2026

PRESENT:	Terry Kelly, Deputy Mayor Steven Trahan, Councillor Rick Champagne, Mayor	Lauren Rooyakkers, Councillor Nick Brazeau, Councillor
STAFF PRESENT:	Jason Trottier, CAO/Treasurer	Kari Hanselman, Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

2026-191
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT the draft agenda presented to Council and dated the 11th day of August, 2026 be adopted as amended by removing Item No. 7.a. Delegation to Council - Denis Degagne.

Carried Mayor Champagne

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

a. Approval of Council Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 14th, 2026

2026-192
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 14th, 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 thanked those who volunteered to paint the armored personnel carrier at the Cenotaph.

Condolences were expressed for the family of Gerald Beaupre.

Councillor Rooyakkers shared a list of events that are taking place at the library. She also shared that Nomination Day for the upcoming election is August 21st.

7. Delegations to Council:

None for this session.

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

1. Minutes of July 22nd, 2026

2. Recommendation from Minutes

2026-193
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS public input was received and considered at the public meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee Meeting held July 22nd, 2026 regarding Files No. OPA-2026-05 and C-2026-04 - Applicant Ashley Meghan Consulting Corp. on behalf of Katherine and William Boyce, Braden Ream and Anna Walker;

WHEREAS the owner(s) of the lands described as CON 1 PT LOT 9 PT LOT 10 RP 36R5286 PARTS 1 & 2 RP 36R5725 PART 1 PCL 15655 WF; TOWNSHIP OF EAST FERRIS, DISTRICT OF NIPISSING, in the area that is locally known as South Shore Road, has applied for an official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment for the purpose of permitting four new lots to be created within 300.0 meters of certain wetlands on Lake Nosbonsing and to rezone the subject lands from Rural (R) to Lakefront Residential (RL) respectively;

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.

Carried Mayor Champagne

e. Committee of Adjustment

1. Minutes of July 22nd, 2026

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. North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

2. Cassellholme

10. Departmental Reports & Resolutions:

None for this session.

11. Notice of Motions

None for this session.

12. By-laws:

a. By-law No. 2026-32: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-194
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 a Collision Analytics and Reporting Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-32;

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. 2026-33: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-195
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 amend By-law No. 2023-55, a By-law to govern the proceedings of Council, Local Boards and Committees of either, the conduct if it's members, the calling of the meetings and to establish rules of order, as amended, to change the deadline for delegation requests, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-33;

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. 2026-34: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-196
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 authorize the execution of a grant agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris and Ontario Trillium Foundation for the design and build of two playgrounds, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-34;

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. 2026-35: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-197
Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
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 amend Zoning By-law No. 2021-60, as amended, relating to Zoning By-law Amendment File No. C-2026-04, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-35;

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

Carried Mayor Champagne

e. By-law No. 2026-36: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-198
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 amend the Official Plan of the Municipality relating to Official Plan Amendment File No. OPA-2026-05, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-36;

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 Emergency Preparedness and Response

b. Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

c. Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

d. Municipality of Wawa

2026-199
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Municipal Finance Officer's Association's letter requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Vic Fedeli and AMO.

Carried Mayor Champagne

e. Town of Bruce Mines

2026-200
Moved by Councillor Trahan
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT Council of the Municipality of East Ferris supports the Town of Bruce Mines in their request that the Province of Ontario establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund, accessible to small and rural municipalities ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial heatlhcare responsibilities and work directly with Northern municipalities to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic and fiscal realities of the North;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, MPP Vic Fedeli, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

Carried Mayor Champagne

f. Town of South-West Oxford

g. Tudor and Cashel Township

h. AMO

i. Kristin Pichoskie (Deferred from July 14th meeting)

1. Re: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month 2026

2026-201
Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

WHEREAS Kristin Pichoskie, the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of her son, Oak Beaudyn Noel has requested the Municipality proclaim October 15th, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and proclaim October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of East Ferris approves of this request.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2. Re: Flag Raising Request

2026-202
Moved by Councillor Rooyakkers
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris adopted Policy No. GOV-FLAG on July 13th, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Part 4, Section 1 prescribes for flag raising requests;

AND WHEREAS Kristin Pichoskie has made a request to fly a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Flag on October 15th, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris, in accordance with the Municipality's Flag Policy, agrees to raise a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Flag for one day on October 15th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

j. Nosbonsing Anglers and Hunters

14. Action Items:

a. Approval of Correspondence and Information Circulated with the Agenda

2026-203
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Councillor Rooyakkers

THAT Council approve the Correspondence and Information as circulated with the agenda of August 11th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

b. Notice of Motion - Mayor Champagne

2026-204
Moved by Deputy Mayor Kelly
Seconded by Councillor Brazeau

THAT Council for the Municipality of East Ferris directs staff to bring forward a recommendation report to Council for implementing automatic peer reviews of certain studies submitted with development applications inclusive of criteria that trigger reviews and any exemptions.

Carried Mayor Champagne

15. Approval of Accounts Payable

2026-205
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 August 11th, 2026 in the amount of $1,312,189.55.

Carried Mayor Champagne

16. Other Business

None for this session.

17. In Camera (if required)

2026-206
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-Camera session at 5:30 p.m., under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 in order to address a matter pertaining to:

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board relating to Castle Arms.

Carried Mayor Champagne

2026-207
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn this In-Camera meeting at 5:44 p.m. and return to our regular session.

Carried Mayor Champagne

18. Confirmatory By-law

a. By-law No. 2026-37: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Reading

2026-208
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 July 14th, 2026 to August 11th, 2026, BE READ a first, second and third time, passed and numbered 2026-37;

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

2026-209
Moved by Councillor Brazeau
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kelly

THAT we do now adjourn at 5:44 p.m. and meet again on September 8th, 2026.

Carried Mayor Champagne

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Mayor

Rick Champagne

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Clerk

Kari Hanselman