



## Mayor's

# NEWSLETTER

Council is pleased to share that the Municipality's 2026 Budget is in the final stages of approval. We are looking forward to a productive year ahead with several important projects and community events planned.

One of the key initiatives for 2026 is the completion of the ICIP project with the installation of a roof over the Corbeil outdoor rink. This addition will help protect the ice surface from snow and rain, allowing it to last longer throughout the winter season. In the warmer months, the covered space will also provide shade and create a more comfortable area for summer recreation and community use.

An application has been made for funding to develop two pocket parks, one at MacPherson Beach and another on Hillside Drive, with the goal of providing dedicated spaces for children and youth to play. The outcome of this application will determine whether these projects can move forward.

Council has also prioritized improvements to our road infrastructure. Phase 1 of the reconstruction of South Shore Road will begin this year. In addition, we look forward to the completion of the resurfacing of Village Road, which will improve driving conditions and extend the life of the roadway.

Planning will also move forward for the design of our new Fire Hall. Land for this facility was purchased in 2025, and the design phase is the next step toward ensuring that our firefighters have a modern, functional space to support the critical services they provide to our community. This will also serve as a training facility for other volunteer departments in our area.

Council is currently collaborating with the Senior's Villa of East Ferris in support of their quest for funding through the Build Canada Homes grant program for additional units in East Ferris.

The 11th Annual Municipal Trade Show is on May 23rd. This event welcomes more than 1,200 visitors each year and offers a wonderful opportunity for residents to connect with local businesses, organizations, and one another. It is always a fun, family-friendly day and a great showcase of everything our community has to offer.

This Newsletter highlights exciting projects and key initiatives planned for 2026 in East Ferris. This year promises continued progress as we invest in our infrastructure, enhance community spaces, and support sustainable growth. I invite you to read on and learn more about what's ahead for our municipality.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the many volunteers who give their time and energy to support events, programs, boards, and committees across our municipality. As our municipality continues to grow, the dedication and generosity of our volunteers becomes even more important in helping us maintain the vibrant and welcoming place we are proud to call home.

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Mayor