

TOWN OF KEARNEY

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday June 12, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

A Moment of Silence was observed to honour the memory

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Disclosure of Interest

[At this time, Members of Council shall declare pecuniary interest, if any, with items on the agenda.]

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of
The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney ("the Municipality"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its changes in its net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Municipality or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Municipality's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Municipality's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

North Bay, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash (Note 5)	\$ 3,256,902	\$ 3,460,626
Investments (Note 6)	145,523	141,450
Taxes receivable (Note 7)	445,919	330,940
Accounts receivable	278,933	508,570
Inventories held for resale	-	2,257
	4,127,277	4,443,843
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	537,778	917,082
Deferred revenue-general (Note 8)	89,534	324,621
Deferred revenue-obligatory reserve funds (Note 9)	101,648	190,446
Employee benefits payable (Note 10)	37,069	24,348
Long-term debt (Note 11)	62,977	81,368
Asset retirement obligations (Note 13)	433,976	395,023
	1,262,982	1,932,888
NET FINANCIAL ASSETS	2,864,295	2,510,955
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets - net (Note 15)	15,116,772	14,547,742
Inventories of supplies	167,025	147,506
Prepaid expenses	25,527	23,044
	15,309,324	14,718,292
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (Note 16)	\$ 18,173,619	\$ 17,229,247

Contingencies (see Notes 3 and 14)

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:

Mayor

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget 2024 (see Note 18)	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
REVENUE			
Property taxes	\$ 3,979,007	\$ 4,080,317	\$ 3,768,809
User charges	133,447	134,483	135,174
Government transfers	1,731,583	1,684,491	1,824,516
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	(163,680)	(235,481)
Other	763,194	321,037	554,626
TOTAL REVENUE	6,607,231	6,056,648	6,047,644
EXPENSES			
General government	1,069,212	1,000,386	1,047,592
Protection to persons and property	1,040,422	1,057,634	1,155,968
Transportation services	1,709,544	1,570,329	1,374,781
Environmental services	447,135	478,015	353,354
Health services	168,475	170,475	158,493
Social and family services	348,467	348,628	316,707
Recreation and cultural services	491,559	466,873	406,312
Planning and development	91,400	19,936	10,034
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,366,214	5,112,276	4,823,241
ANNUAL SURPLUS (Note 16)	1,241,017	944,372	1,224,403
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	17,229,247	17,229,247	16,004,844
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$ 18,470,264	\$ 18,173,619	\$ 17,229,247

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget 2024 (see Note 18)	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
Annual surplus	\$ 1,241,017	\$ 944,372	\$ 1,224,403
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(2,017,804)	(1,684,318)	(2,892,217)
Contributed tangible capital assets -net	-	252	(201)
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	-	(10,856)	(78,207)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	926,635	926,635	765,879
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	163,680	235,481
Proceeds from disposal of tangible capital assets	-	35,577	100
Change in supplies inventories	-	(19,519)	43,986
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(2,483)	(4,934)
Increase (decrease) in net financial assets	149,848	353,340	(705,710)
Net financial assets, beginning of year	2,510,955	2,510,955	3,216,665
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 2,660,803	\$ 2,864,295	\$ 2,510,955

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 944,372	\$ 1,224,403
Non-cash charges to operations:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	926,635	765,879
Accretion expense on ARO liability	14,870	13,348
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	(10,856)	(78,207)
Change in ARO liability excluding accretion and settlements	24,674	83,590
Contributed tangible capital assets - net	252	(201)
(Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	163,680	235,481
Change in employee benefits payable	12,721	(4,991)
	2,076,348	2,239,302
Changes in non-cash items:		
Taxes receivable	(114,979)	(36,098)
Accounts receivable	229,637	(46,037)
Inventories held for resale	2,257	(2,257)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(379,304)	(46,499)
Deferred revenue-general	(235,087)	87,150
Deferred revenue-obligatory reserve funds	(88,798)	32,348
Settlement of asset retirement obligations	(591)	(11,878)
Inventories of supplies	(19,519)	43,986
Prepaid expenses	(2,483)	(4,934)
	(608,867)	15,781
Cash provided by operating transactions	1,467,481	2,255,083
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,684,318)	(2,892,217)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible capital assets	35,577	100
Cash applied to capital transactions	(1,648,741)	(2,892,117)
Investing transactions		
Change in investments	(4,073)	(6,781)
Cash applied to investing transactions	(4,073)	(6,781)
Financing transactions		
Debt principal repayments	(18,391)	(23,709)
Cash applied to financing transactions	(18,391)	(23,709)
Net change in cash	(203,724)	(667,524)
Cash, beginning of year	3,460,626	4,128,150
Cash, end of year	\$ 3,256,902	\$ 3,460,626
Cash flow supplementary information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,558	\$ 4,442

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney (the "Town") are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of significant accounting policies is provided in Note 1. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Town are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

These consolidated statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and accumulated surplus of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all committees of Council and the boards, joint boards and municipal enterprises for which Council is politically accountable as follows:

(i) Consolidated and proportionally consolidated entities

The following local board is consolidated:

Kearney & Area Public Library

The following local committee is proportionally consolidated:

-Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee

Inter-organizational transactions and balances between these organizations are eliminated.

(ii) Non-consolidated entities

The following joint boards are not consolidated:

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board

Eastholme, District of Parry Sound (East) Home for the Aged

(iii) Accounting for school board transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards are not reflected in these consolidated financial statements.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(b) Basis of Accounting

(i) Accrual basis of accounting

Revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue from transactions with performance obligations is recognized when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied by providing the promised goods or services to the payer. Performance obligations are defined as enforceable promises to provide specific goods or services to a specific payer. Revenue from transactions with no performance obligations is recognized when the Town has the authority to claim or retain the revenue and identifies a past transaction or event that gives rise to an asset. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(ii) Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and balances held at financial institutions.

(iii) Investments

Investments are recorded at cost plus accrued interest.

(iv) Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities but are held for use in the provision of municipal services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

(a) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset, as well as any asset retirement obligations related to the asset. Tangible capital assets received as donations are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt, and that fair value is also recorded as revenue. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements - 20 to 60 years
Buildings - 15 to 95 years
Machinery, equipment and furniture - 10 to 20 years
Computer hardware and software - 2 to 10 years
Vehicles - 10 to 25 years
Roads - 3 to 50 years
Bridges and culverts - 25 to 60 years
Library books - 5 years

One half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Estimated closure and post-closure expenses for active landfill sites as well as the land occupied by the sites are amortized annually on the basis of capacity used during the year as a percentage of the estimated total capacity of the landfill site.

Interest related to the acquisition of capital assets is not capitalized, but is expensed in the year incurred.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- (iv) (b) Inventories of supplies
Inventories held for consumption are recorded at the lower of cost and replacement cost.
- (v) Deferred Revenue
Revenue restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and not available for general municipal purposes is reported as deferred revenue on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The revenue is reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations in the year in which it is used for the specific purpose.
- (vi) Reserves and reserve funds
Certain amounts, as approved by Council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Balances related to these funds are included in the accumulated surplus of the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.
- (vii) Government transfers
Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.
- (viii) Taxation and related revenue
Tax rates are established annually by Council, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services and amounts the Town is required to collect on behalf of the Province of Ontario in respect of education taxes. Property tax billings are prepared by the Town based on assessment rolls, supplementary assessment rolls and other assessment adjustments issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC"). Taxation revenue is initially recorded at the time assessment information is received from MPAC and is subsequently adjusted based on management's best estimate of the amount of tax revenue resulting from assessment adjustments that have not yet been received from MPAC. The Town is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. This revenue is recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.
- (ix) Pensions and employee benefits
The Town accounts for its participation in the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System ("OMERS"), a multi-employer public sector pension fund, as a defined contribution plan. Sick leave benefits are accrued as the employees render the services necessary to earn the benefits.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- (x) Financial instruments
Financial instruments are classified as either fair value, amortized cost or cost.

Financial instruments classified as fair value are initially recognized at cost and subsequently carried at fair value. Financing fees and transaction costs on financial instruments measured at fair value are expensed as incurred. Unrealized gains and losses on financial assets are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. Once realized, remeasurement gains and losses are transferred to the Consolidated Statement of Operations. A Consolidated Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been included as there are no matters to report therein.

Financial instruments classified as amortized cost are initially recognized at cost and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses on financial assets. The effective interest rate method allocates interest income or interest expense over the relevant period, based on the effective interest rate. Transaction costs related to financial instruments in the amortized cost category are added to the carrying value of the instrument.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. Previously recognized impairment losses are reversed to the extent of the improvement, provided the asset is not carried at an amount, at the date of the reversal, greater than the amount that would have been the carrying amount had no impairment loss been recognized previously. The amounts of any write-downs or reversals are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Financial liabilities (or part of a financial liability) are removed from the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, they are discharged, cancelled or expire.

The Town's financial instruments are measured according to the following methods:

<u>Financial instrument</u>	<u>Measurement method</u>
Cash	Amortized cost
Investments	Amortized cost
Accounts receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost
Long-term debt	Amortized cost

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(xi) Asset retirement obligations

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when, at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a capital asset;
- the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is recorded at an amount that is the best estimate of the expenditure required to retire a capital asset at the financial statement date. The liability is subsequently reviewed at each financial reporting date and adjusted for the passage of time and for any revisions to the timing, amount required to settle the obligation or the discount rate. When an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying value of the related capital asset when it is still in productive use. This cost is amortized over the useful life of the capital asset. If the related capital asset is unrecognized or no longer in productive use, the asset retirement costs are expensed.

(xii) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's historical experience, best knowledge of current events and actions that the Town may undertake in the future. Significant accounting estimates include valuation allowances for taxes and accounts receivable, estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets, employee sick leave benefits liability, estimated costs and timing of asset retirement obligations and supplementary taxes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

There is a measurement uncertainty surrounding the estimation of liabilities for asset retirement obligations of \$433,976. These estimates are subject to uncertainty because of several factors including, but not limited to estimated settlement dates, estimated costs and change in the discount rate. These estimates are reviewed annually and, as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the period in which they become known.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES - ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

On January 1, 2024, the Town adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3400 - Revenue. New Section PS 3400 establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. It does not apply to revenues for which specific standards already exist, such as government transfers, tax revenue or restricted revenues. The Section distinguishes between revenue that arises from transactions that include performance obligations (i.e., exchange transactions) and transactions that do not have performance obligations (i.e., non-exchange transactions). The Town has adopted this new standard prospectively. The adoption of this new standard had no impact on the opening balances.

On January 1, 2024, the Town adopted new Public Sector Guideline PSG-8 - Purchased Intangibles. The main features of PSG-8 include a definition of purchased intangibles (which does not include those received through government transfer, contribution or inter-entity transactions), examples of items that are not purchased intangibles, reference to other guidance in the Handbook on intangibles and reference to the asset definition, general recognition criteria and the GAAP hierarchy for accounting for purchased intangibles. The Town has adopted this new guideline prospectively. The adoption of this new guideline had no impact on the Town's consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2024, the Town adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3160 - Public Private Partnerships. New Section PS 3160 establishes standards on how to account for partnerships between public and private sector entities where infrastructure is procured by a public sector entity using a private sector partner that is obligated to design, build, acquire or better infrastructure; finance the infrastructure past the point where the infrastructure is ready for use and operate and/or maintain the infrastructure. Infrastructure typically includes items such as tangible capital assets (i.e., complex network systems), but may also include items that are intangible in nature. The Municipality has adopted this new standard prospectively. The adoption of this new standard had no impact on the Town's consolidated financial statements.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT BOARDS

Further to Note 1(a)(ii), the following contributions were made by the Town to these boards:

		2024	2023
District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	\$	177,021	\$ 169,625
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit		28,376	27,548
Eastholme, District of Parry Sound (East) Home for the Aged		139,276	133,884
	\$	344,673	\$ 331,057

The Town is contingently liable for its share, if any, of the accumulated deficits as at the end of the year for these boards. The Town's share of the accumulated surpluses (or deficits) of these boards has not been determined at this time.

The Town is also contingently liable for its share, if any, of the long-term liabilities issued by other municipalities for these boards. The Town's share of these long-term liabilities has not been determined at this time.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

4. TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF SCHOOL BOARDS

During the year, \$639,633 of taxation was levied on behalf of school boards (2023 - \$632,093).

5. CASH

Cash is comprised of:

	2024	2023
Unrestricted cash	\$ 3,155,254	\$ 3,270,180
Restricted cash	101,648	190,446
	\$ 3,256,902	\$ 3,460,626

Federal and Provincial legislation restricts how restricted cash related to obligatory reserve funds, reported in Note 9, may be used.

6. INVESTMENTS

Investments are comprised of guaranteed and redeemable investment certificates, bearing interest at rates ranging from 2.65% to 3.40% and maturing between August 8, 2025 and October 28, 2025.

7. TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable are comprised of the following:

	2024	2023
Taxes and amounts added for collection purposes-current year	\$ 354,077	\$ 257,583
Penalties and interest-current year	12,106	8,647
Taxes and amounts added for collection purposes-previous year	43,660	30,615
Penalties and interest-previous year	5,227	3,319
Taxes and amounts added for collection purposes-prior years	25,096	27,414
Penalties and interest-prior years	5,753	3,362
	\$ 445,919	\$ 330,940

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

8. DEFERRED REVENUE -GENERAL

Details of the deferred revenue reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year:		
Kearney Dog Sled Races	\$ 8,870	\$ 6,775
Kearney & Area Public Library	-	10,000
Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS)	301,278	199,234
Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund	3,300	7,172
Other Town of Kearney	11,173	14,290
	324,621	237,471
Deferred during the year:		
Kearney Dog Sled Races	1,700	8,870
Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS)	82,005	88,896
Building permits	61,184	-
Other Town of Kearney	7,252	11,173
Interest earned	4,554	13,148
	156,695	122,087
Recognized in revenue during the year	(391,782)	(21,147)
Refunded during the year	-	(13,790)
Balance, end of year	\$ 89,534	\$ 324,621
Kearney Dog Sled Races	\$ 1,700	\$ 8,870
Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS)	16,816	301,278
Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund	2,759	3,300
Building permits	61,184	-
Other Town of Kearney	7,075	11,173
Balance, end of year	\$ 89,534	\$ 324,621

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

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9. DEFERRED REVENUE-OBLIGATORY RESERVE FUNDS

The Town receives payments in lieu of parkland under the Planning Act, federal Community-Building (previously gas tax) funding under an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund funding under an agreement with the Ministry of Infrastructure. Legislation restricts how these funds may be used, and under certain circumstances, how these funds may be refunded.

In the case of payments in lieu of parkland, revenue recognition occurs when the Town has approved eligible expenditures for park and other public recreation purposes. Community-Building and Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund revenue recognition occurs when the Town has approved the expenditures for eligible operating expenditures and capital works.

Details of the deferred revenue-obligatory reserve funds reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year:		
Recreational land (the Planning Act)	\$ 29,285	\$ 14,072
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	99,621	31,523
Community-Building	61,540	112,503
	190,446	158,098
Received during the year:		
Recreational land (the Planning Act)	5,400	14,400
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	202,643	176,211
Community-Building	62,117	58,378
Interest earned	13,150	11,889
	283,310	260,878
Recognized in revenue during the year	(372,108)	(228,530)
Balance, end of year	\$ 101,648	\$ 190,446
Recreational land (the Planning Act)	\$ 36,160	\$ 29,285
Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	36,268	99,621
Community-Building	29,220	61,540
Balance, end of year	\$ 101,648	\$ 190,446

10. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE

Under the sick leave benefits plan, employees covered by the Town's collective agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees are entitled to accumulate unused sick leave to a maximum of 45 days and are entitled to a cash payment of one-half of their accumulated time, to a maximum of 20 days, when they leave the Town's employment. Sick leave benefits for management employees are negotiated on an individual basis. The sick leave benefit liability estimates the use of accumulated sick leave prior to retirement as well as lump-sum payments upon retirement, and assumes that both the appropriate discount rate and future salary and wage levels will increase by 2% per annum. The liability for these accumulated days amounted to \$37,069 (2023 - \$24,348) at the end of the year.

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11. LONG-TERM DEBT

(a) The balance of long-term debt reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is made up of the following:

	2024	2023
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation serial debenture, due June 2030, repayable in semi-annual payments of \$6,597, including interest calculated at 4.88%	\$ 62,977	\$ 72,739
Royal Bank of Canada term loan, fully repaid in the year	-	8,629
	\$ 62,977	\$ 81,368

(b) Future estimated principal and interest payments on long-term debt are as follows:

	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 10,244	\$ 2,950
2026	10,750	2,444
2027	11,281	1,913
2028	11,839	1,356
2029	12,423	770
2030 onwards	6,440	157
	\$ 62,977	\$ 9,590

(c) Total charges for the year for long-term debt which are reported in the financial statements are as follows:

	2024	2023
Principal payments	\$ 18,391	\$ 23,709
Interest	3,558	4,442
	\$ 21,949	\$ 28,151

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks arising from financial instruments and risk management

The Town is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Town if a debtor fails to honour its contractual obligations. The Town is exposed to this risk as a result of its cash, investments and accounts receivable. The carrying amounts of these financial assets on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position represent the maximum credit risk of the Town as at the reporting date.

The Town holds its cash and investments with a federally regulated chartered bank and a provincially regulated credit union who are insured, respectively, by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation ("CDIC") and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario ("FSRA"). The CDIC insurance is up to \$100,000 per deposit account and the FSRA insurance is up to \$250,000 in aggregate.

Accounts receivable are primarily due from other levels of government and municipal ratepayers. Credit risk is mitigated by the financial solvency of the governments, the highly diversified nature of the ratepayer population and the potential for the Town to transfer unpaid ratepayer receivables to taxes receivable. The amounts outstanding at year-end were as follows:

2024				
	Current	Past Due	Indeterminate Due Date	TOTAL
Federal	\$ 72,868	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 80,868
Provincial	103,519	26,718	-	130,237
Other municipalities	1,792	-	-	1,792
Ratepayers - planning-related	-	-	65,537	65,537
Other	499	-	30,150	30,649
Valuation allowance	-	-	(30,150)	(30,150)
Net receivables	\$ 178,678	\$ 34,718	\$ 65,537	\$ 278,933
2023				
	Current	Past Due	Indeterminate Due Date	TOTAL
Federal	\$ 165,682	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 245,682
Provincial	186,310	20,000	-	206,310
Other municipalities	1,000	-	-	1,000
Ratepayers - planning-related	-	-	46,830	46,830
Other	8,748	-	30,150	38,898
Valuation allowance	-	-	(30,150)	(30,150)
Net receivables	\$ 361,740	\$ 100,000	\$ 46,830	\$ 508,570

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in exposure to credit risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

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12. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Town will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The Town is exposed to this risk with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt. The Town maintains sufficient cash balances to meet its obligations, and does not believe it is subject to significant liquidity risk.

The table below sets out the payable dates of the Town's accounts payable and accrued liabilities. This includes planning-related accounts which have an indeterminate payable date as they are settled when the related planning application has been finalized. The long-term debt repayment schedule is disclosed in Note 11.

2024					
	Within 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Indeterminate payable date	TOTAL
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 312,020	\$ 77,380	\$ -	\$ 148,378	\$ 537,778

2023					
	Within 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Indeterminate payable date	TOTAL
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 738,913	\$ 63,339	\$ -	\$ 114,830	\$ 917,082

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in exposure to liquidity risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of market factors. Market factors include three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and equity risk. The Town is not exposed to significant currency or equity risk as it does not transact materially in foreign currency or hold equity financial instruments. It is primarily exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Town is exposed to interest rate risk on its interest-bearing investments and long-term debt. Fixed-rate instruments subject the Municipality to a fair value risk.

There have been no significant changes from the prior year in exposure to market risk or the policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

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13. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The Town has recorded asset retirement obligations with respect to its landfill closure and post-closure care requirements, which have been defined in accordance with industry standards and include final cover and landscaping of the landfill site, management of groundwater and leachates, and ongoing environmental monitoring and site inspection.

When initially recording this obligation, the estimated present value of future cash flows for closure and post-closure costs for active sites are capitalized to the carrying amount of the associated assets, and amortized over the operating life of the site, in proportion to its utilized capacity. Subsequent revisions to the estimated cost are also capitalized and amortized as part of the asset. When a site becomes inactive, the related assets are derecognized. For both active and inactive sites, accretion of the discounted liability due to the passage of time is recorded as an in-year expense.

The Town is currently responsible for two waste disposal sites as follows:

The Town of Kearney landfill site stopped accepting waste in 2001 and is now in the monitoring stage. The liability for this site represents the total discounted future cash flows for post-closure care using an estimated long-term borrowing rate of 3.54% (2023 - 4.14%) and inflation rate of 2.6% (2023 - 2.6%). Post-closure care is estimated to be required until 2027 (2023 - 2026).

The Township of Perry and the Town of Kearney jointly operate a landfill site through the Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee. The liability for this site represents the total discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure care using an estimated long-term borrowing rate of 4.37% (2023 - 4.37%) and inflation rate of 2.6% (2023 - 2.6%). The estimated remaining capacity of the site is approximately 93,200 (2023 - 95,000) cubic metres, estimated to be filled in 52 years (2023 - 53 years). Post-closure care is estimated to be required for a period of 25 years. The Committee has closure reserves of \$293,530 (2023 \$309,382) to fund this liability.

The continuity of the asset retirement obligation for these sites is shown below:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year - as previously reported	\$ 395,023	\$ 109,631
Adjustment due to change in accounting policy	-	200,332
Increase in liability reflecting changes in the estimated cash flows, inflation and discount rate	25,475	82,991
Increase in liability due to accretion (the passage of time)	14,870	13,348
Decrease in liability due to settlement	(591)	(11,878)
Increase (decrease) in liability due to change in the Town's proportionate share	(801)	599
Balance, end of year	\$ 433,976	\$ 395,023

14. CONTINGENCIES

The Town is involved from time to time in litigation, which arises in the normal course of business. With respect to outstanding claims, the Town believes that insurance coverage is adequate and that no material exposure exists on the eventual settlement of such litigation. Therefore, no provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

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15. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

The tangible capital assets of the Town by major asset class are outlined below.

2024							
	Land and Land Improvements	Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Roads, Bridges and Other Structures	Assets Under Construction	TOTAL
COST							
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,831,464	\$ 2,537,543	\$ 1,262,755	\$ 3,021,479	\$ 21,232,951	\$ 237,651	\$ 30,123,843
Additions and betterments	29,045	68,017	388,070	207,187	949,560	42,439	1,684,318
Contributed assets	(541)	(34)	84	-	-	-	(491)
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	10,856	-	-	-	-	-	10,856
Disposals and writedowns	(71,321)	(23,860)	(71,262)	(316,096)	(304,028)	(123,860)	(910,427)
Transfer between classes	-	-	74,855	-	38,936	(113,791)	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	1,799,503	2,581,666	1,654,502	2,912,570	21,917,419	42,439	30,908,099
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION							
Balance, beginning of year	367,743	499,450	578,174	1,109,709	13,021,025	-	15,576,101
Annual amortization	84,447	85,315	94,316	202,790	459,767	-	926,635
Accumulated amortization - contributed assets	(157)	(12)	(70)	-	-	-	(239)
Amortization disposals	(71,321)	(8,790)	(70,596)	(289,675)	(270,788)	-	(711,170)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	380,712	575,963	601,824	1,022,824	13,210,004	-	15,791,327
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS-NET	\$ 1,418,791	\$ 2,005,703	\$ 1,052,678	\$ 1,889,746	\$ 8,707,415	\$ 42,439	\$ 15,116,772
2023							
	Land and Land Improvements	Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	Vehicles	Roads, Bridges and Other Structures	Assets Under Construction	TOTAL
COST							
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,534,328	\$ 1,242,540	\$ 1,037,116	\$ 2,427,040	\$ 21,112,092	\$ 812,356	\$ 28,165,472
Additions and betterments	261,857	1,004,712	324,537	880,561	238,753	181,797	2,892,217
Contributed assets	391	34	86	-	-	-	511
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	78,207	-	-	-	-	-	78,207
Disposals and writedowns	(43,319)	(466,245)	(98,984)	(286,122)	(117,894)	-	(1,012,564)
Transfer between classes	-	756,502	-	-	-	(756,502)	-
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	1,831,464	2,537,543	1,262,755	3,021,479	21,232,951	237,651	30,123,843
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION							
Balance, beginning of year	380,848	734,752	599,440	1,165,497	12,706,358	-	15,586,895
Annual amortization	27,440	52,563	72,017	181,297	432,562	-	765,879
Accumulated amortization - contributed assets	231	11	68	-	-	-	310
Amortization disposals	(40,776)	(287,876)	(93,351)	(237,085)	(117,895)	-	(776,983)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	367,743	499,450	578,174	1,109,709	13,021,025	-	15,576,101
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS-NET	\$ 1,463,721	\$ 2,038,093	\$ 684,581	\$ 1,911,770	\$ 8,211,926	\$ 237,651	\$ 14,547,742

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16. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The 2024 continuity of accumulated surplus reported on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Annual Surplus (Deficit)	Balance End of Year
RESERVES AND RESERVE FUNDS			
Working funds	\$ 308,562	\$ (2,000)	\$ 306,562
Election	4,075	4,075	8,150
Sick leave	31,212	(6,864)	24,348
Municipal capital	445,784	-	445,784
Municipal buildings	84,338	316,274	400,612
Bridges and culverts	922,405	240,000	1,162,405
Roads equipment	298,676	-	298,676
Fire equipment	3,489	-	3,489
CUPE negotiations	9,975	(9,975)	-
UFCW negotiations	5,883	2,500	8,383
Muskoka Algonquin Hospital	108,750	108,750	217,500
Recreation and culture	203,848	6,177	210,025
Boat launch	-	60,344	60,344
Dog sled races	17,721	1,623	19,344
Regatta	19,974	(1,630)	18,344
Kearney Community Centre	14,541	856	15,397
Library Board	10,888	(4,794)	6,094
Joint Waste Management Committee (2024: 44.2%; 2023: 44.3%)	197,914	(5,255)	192,659
Ralph Bice reserve fund	10,528	(462)	10,066
	2,698,563	709,619	3,408,182
OTHER			
Consolidated tangible capital assets	14,547,742	569,030	15,116,772
General operating surplus -			
Town	475,871	(304,973)	170,898
Library Board	7,810	(89)	7,721
Joint Waste Management Committee (2024: 44.2%; 2023: 44.3%)	-	4,068	4,068
Unfunded amounts -			
Long-term debt	(81,368)	18,391	(62,977)
Employee benefits	(24,348)	(12,721)	(37,069)
Asset retirement obligations	(395,023)	(38,953)	(433,976)
	\$ 17,229,247	\$ 944,372	\$ 18,173,619

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17. SEGMENT DISCLOSURES AND EXPENSES BY OBJECT

The Town and its Boards and Committees provide a wide range of services to its citizens. The schedule of segment disclosure provides a breakdown of the annual surplus (deficit) reported on the Consolidated Statement of Operations by major reporting segment. The segments correspond to the major functional categories used in the Town's Financial Information Return, which include the following activities:

General Government

This segment includes Council, Clerk's Department, and Treasury. This area supports the operating departments in implementing priorities of Council and provides strategic leadership on issues relating to governance, strategic planning and service delivery.

Protection to Persons and Property

This segment includes fire, police, building inspection, emergency measures and bylaw enforcement. Police services are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police under contract. The fire department provides vital emergency services to the community including fire prevention, public education and emergency planning.

Transportation Services

Transportation services include work relating to the planning, development and maintenance of roadway systems (including winter control activities) and street lighting.

Environmental Services

This segment includes solid waste collection, disposal and recycling services. The Town contracts its recycling services.

Health Services

This segment includes contracted ambulance services as well as payments to the district health unit.

Social and Family Services

This segment consists primarily of payments made to the district social services administration board and home for the aged for the provision of social services such as childcare, social housing, general assistance and assistance to the elderly.

Recreation and Culture

This segment includes parks, recreation programs and recreation facilities.

Library

This segment includes the consolidated library transactions of the Town and its Library Board.

Planning and Development

This segment includes activities related to planning, zoning and economic development.

Unallocated Amounts

Items are recorded as unallocated amounts when there is no reasonable basis for allocating them to a segment. Major items included in this category are property taxation and related penalty and interest charges and unconditional grants such as the Town's annual Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grant.

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17. SEGMENT DISCLOSURES AND EXPENSES BY OBJECT (Continued)

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	General Government	Protection to Persons and Property	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Health Services	Social and Family Services	Recreation and Cultural Services	Library Services	Planning and Development	Unallocated Amounts	Consolidated
REVENUE											
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,080,317	\$ 4,080,317
User charges	2,729	10,843	14,229	37,112	-	-	59,260	-	10,310	-	134,483
Government transfers -											
Canada	-	-	99,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,000
Ontario	4,038	2,793	644,129	84,092	-	24,165	96,335	4,772	-	720,600	1,580,924
Other municipalities	-	4,567	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,567
Gain (loss) on disposal of capital assets	-	1,066	(120,199)	1,369	-	(15,069)	(30,847)	-	-	-	(163,680)
Other	500	15,466	39,844	19,049	-	271	21,957	6,624	-	217,326	321,037
TOTAL REVENUE	7,267	34,735	677,003	141,622	-	9,367	146,705	11,396	10,310	5,018,243	6,056,648
EXPENSES											
Salaries, wages and benefits	517,076	358,179	477,867	105,819	-	-	115,431	45,733	-	-	1,620,105
Long-term debt charges (interest)	-	3,432	126	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,558
Materials	113,366	188,754	396,624	45,379	-	10,784	116,536	10,184	185	-	881,812
Contracted services	340,039	410,681	29,096	246,596	134,092	2,615	38,851	197	18,621	-	1,220,788
Rents and financial expenses	4,916	5,429	49,726	4,178	-	-	17,392	142	1,130	-	82,913
External transfers	6,915	-	-	-	36,383	316,297	2,000	-	-	-	361,595
Amortization	18,074	91,159	616,890	61,173	-	18,932	106,946	13,461	-	-	926,635
Accretion of ARO liability	-	-	-	14,870	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,870
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,000,386	1,057,634	1,570,329	478,015	170,475	348,628	397,156	69,717	19,936	-	5,112,276
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (993,119)	\$ (1,022,899)	\$ (893,326)	\$ (336,393)	\$ (170,475)	\$ (339,261)	\$ (250,451)	\$ (58,321)	\$ (9,626)	\$ 5,018,243	\$ 944,372

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17. SEGMENT DISCLOSURES AND EXPENSES BY OBJECT (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Government	Protection to Persons and Property	Transportation Services	Environmental Services	Health Services	Social and Family Services	Recreation and Cultural Services	Library Services	Planning and Development	Unallocated Amounts	Consolidated
REVENUE											
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,768,809	\$ 3,768,809
User charges	4,740	27,593	11,542	32,078	-	-	49,477	144	9,600	-	135,174
Government transfers -											
Canada	-	-	117,207	-	-	-	75,094	-	-	-	192,301
Ontario	30,962	6,627	111,323	96,350	-	12,825	627,582	6,018	-	735,400	1,627,087
Other municipalities	-	5,128	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,128
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	(49,730)	-	(2,542)	-	(6,989)	(176,083)	(137)	-	-	(235,481)
Other	125	200,162	4,349	14,604	-	111	16,986	20,295	-	297,994	554,626
TOTAL REVENUE	35,827	189,780	244,421	140,490	-	5,947	593,056	26,320	9,600	4,802,203	6,047,644
EXPENSES											
Salaries, wages and benefits	657,995	536,375	404,022	85,254	-	-	101,397	26,106	-	-	1,811,149
Long-term debt charges (interest)	-	3,892	550	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,442
Materials	137,937	171,613	371,604	28,139	-	28	133,614	6,801	255	-	849,991
Contracted services	231,359	361,473	23,047	216,483	128,342	1,728	40,723	1,522	9,779	-	1,014,456
Rents and financial expenses	5,583	3,542	6,624	-	-	-	11,014	118	-	-	26,881
External transfers	3,435	-	-	-	30,151	303,509	-	-	-	-	337,095
Amortization	11,283	79,073	568,934	10,130	-	11,442	72,736	12,281	-	-	765,879
Accretion of ARO liability	-	-	-	13,348	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,348
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,047,592	1,155,968	1,374,781	353,354	158,493	316,707	359,484	46,828	10,034	-	4,823,241
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (1,011,765)	\$ (966,188)	\$ (1,130,360)	\$ (212,864)	\$ (158,493)	\$ (310,760)	\$ 233,572	\$ (20,508)	\$ (434)	\$ 4,802,203	\$ 1,224,403

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18. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget adopted for the current year was prepared on a modified accrual basis, and has been restated to conform with the accounting and reporting standards applicable to the actual results. For unbudgeted items (amortization of tangible capital assets and asset retirement obligation accretion), the actual amounts for 2024 were used to adjust the reported budget amounts. A reconciliation of the adopted and reported budgets is presented below.

	Budget
ADOPTED BUDGET:	
Decrease in general municipal operating surplus	\$ (475,871)
Decrease in Library Board operating surplus	(7,810)
Increase in consolidated reserves and reserve funds	581,342
ADJUSTMENTS:	
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	2,017,804
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(926,635)
Accretion of asset retirement obligations	(14,870)
Settlement of asset retirement obligations	48,666
Decrease in long-term debt	18,391
ANNUAL SURPLUS	\$ 1,241,017

19. PENSION AGREEMENTS

The Town makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement Fund (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of certain members of its staff. The plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of service and rates of pay. Each year an independent actuary determines the funding status of OMERS Primary Pension Plan (the Plan) by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension benefits that members have earned to date. The most recent actuarial valuation of the Plan was conducted at December 31, 2024. The results of this valuation disclosed total actuarial liabilities of \$142,489 million with respect to benefits accrued for service with actuarial assets at that date of \$139,576 million indicating an actuarial deficit of \$2,913 million. Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any Plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. As a result, the Town does not recognize any share of the Plan surplus or deficit.

The amount contributed to OMERS for 2024 was \$96,828 (2023 - \$80,682) for current and prior-year service and is included as an expense on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the normal course of operations, the Town purchased materials in the amount of \$20,546 (2023 - \$23,175) from a company owned by a Councillor. All related party transactions are recorded at their exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

21. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain prior year figures presented for comparative purposes have been reclassified to conform with the basis of presentation adopted for the current year.

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

For the year ended December 31, 2024

Report to Council
Audit strategy and results

June 12, 2025

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Executive summary

Purpose of report and scope

The purpose of this report is to engage in an open dialogue with you regarding our audit of the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney (the "Municipality") for the year ended December 31, 2024. This communication will assist Council in understanding our overall audit strategy and results of audit procedures and includes comments on misstatements, significant accounting policies, sensitive estimates and other matters.

The information in this document is intended solely for the information and use of Council and management. It is not intended to be distributed or used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We have obtained our engagement letter dated February 21, 2024, which outlines our responsibilities and the responsibilities of management.

We were engaged to provide the following deliverables:

Deliverable	[Timing/Status]
Report on the December 31, 2024 consolidated financial statements	
Communication of audit strategy and results	

Status of our audit

We have substantially completed our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Municipality and the results of that audit are included in this report.

We will finalize our report upon resolution of the following items that were outstanding as at June 12, 2025:

- Receipt of signed management representation letter (a draft has been attached in **Appendix G**)
- Approval of the consolidated financial statements by Council
- Procedures regarding subsequent events

Our responsibility is to form an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are also required to communicate matters that impact our standard auditor's report, including key audit matters or modifications to the reports.

A copy of our draft auditor's opinion is included in **Appendix F**.

Approach

Our audit approach requires that we establish an overall strategy that focuses on risk areas. We identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. The greater the risk of material misstatement associated with an area of the consolidated financial statements, including disclosures, the greater the audit emphasis placed on it in terms of audit verification and analysis. Where the nature of a risk of material misstatement is such that it requires special audit consideration, it is classified as a significant risk.

Our approach is discussed further in **Appendices A and B**.

Audit risks and results

We have executed our audit in accordance with our approach summarized in **Appendices A and B**. We highlight our significant findings in respect of economic factors, significant transactions, risks, accounting practices and other areas of focus.

Significant risks

Area of focus	Why there is a risk	Our response and findings
Fraud risk from revenue recognition	<p>There is a presumed risk of fraud in revenue.</p> <p>The risk primarily relates to revenue recognized under revenue from grants.</p> <p>There is a risk that surplus grant revenue received will not be repaid by recognizing fictitious or ineligible expenditures.</p> <p>There is also a risk that revenue from conditional grants will be recognized prior to stipulations under the grant agreement being met.</p>	<p>Reviewed grant agreements to ensure grant stipulations were being met.</p> <p>Traced a sample of transactions to verify that the grant expenditure was eligible and recognized in the correct period.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>
Fraud risk from management override	<p>This is a presumed fraud risk.</p> <p>The risk primarily relates to the fact that management can use journal entries to override internal controls.</p>	<p>Procedures performed to test journal entries and accounting estimates.</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>
Fraud risk from lack of segregation of duties	<p>A lack of segregation of duties increases the risk of errors and fraud going undetected.</p> <p>The risk primarily relates to unauthorized changes to pay rates by those who have access to the payroll Masterfile.</p>	<p>For employees who have access to the payroll Masterfile, agree their pay rate from the payroll Masterfile to the approved pay rates (per Council Resolution and/or new HR Policies and Procedures Manual appendices).</p> <p>No exceptions noted.</p>

Accounting practices

Area of focus	Matter	Our response and findings
PS 3400 Revenue	<p>Section PS 3400 provides a framework for recognizing revenue by distinguishing between revenue that arises from transactions that include performance obligations from transactions that do not have performance obligations.</p> <p>As per the new Section, revenues, including gains, are defined as increases in economic resources, either by way of increases of assets or decreases of liabilities, resulting from operations, transactions, and events of the accounting period.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Municipality's has recorded revenue of \$63K for building permits out of which \$26K has been deferred for the year end 2024. • On January 1, 2024, the Municipality adopted PS 3400 prospectively. • The Municipality has identified performance obligations associated with building permits, including inspections and approvals. Revenue from building permits is recognized when these performance obligations are satisfied, either at a point in time upon issuing the permit or over time through ongoing inspections and approvals. • At December 31, 2024, the Municipality recorded deferred building permit revenue of \$61,184 of which \$34,419 relates to building fees collected prior to January 1, 2024.
Accounting estimates	<p>Significant accounting estimates include estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets and asset retirement obligations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets are determined by Council from historical information and results and were approved through by-law #C-157-09. Amortization expense in 2024 appears reasonable based on estimated useful lives per by-law # C-157-09. • An asset retirement obligation relating to landfill closure and post-closure care requirements has been identified in accordance with industry standards. Estimated expenditures related to the closure and subsequent maintenance of this site is recognized in the financial statements at the date the legal obligation arose. This estimate includes management's assumptions on inflation rate and discount rate. Based on our audit procedures, we have concluded that management's estimated ARO relating to landfill closure and post-closure care requirement appears reasonable. No ARO has been recorded for asbestos in buildings, however, the amount is not material (and has been reported as an unadjusted misstatement on page 5).

Adjustments and uncorrected misstatements

Adjustments

We have no adjusted misstatements to report.

Uncorrected misstatements

Our audit identified the unadjusted non-trivial misstatements noted below.

Description	Increase (Decrease)		Balance sheet		Income effect
	Assets	Liabilities	Accumulated Surplus	Annual Surplus	
To record asset retirement obligation (for asbestos)	\$2,826	\$20,312	(\$16,907)	(\$579)	
Total uncorrected misstatements	\$2,826	\$20,312	(\$16,907)	(\$579)	

We have discussed the unadjusted misstatement with management and requested that the identified amount be adjusted. The amount has not been adjusted as it is not considered material to the financial statements as a whole.

Summary of disclosure matters

Our audit did not identify any unadjusted non-trivial misstatements of disclosure matters.

Other reportable matters

Internal control

The audit is designed to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting to the extent necessary to plan the audit and to determine the nature, timing and extent of our work. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control.

If we become aware of a deficiency in your internal control over financial reporting, the auditing standards require us to communicate to Council those deficiencies we consider significant. However, a financial statement audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control.

Based on the results of our audit, we did not identify any reportable observations.

Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting computers, data and other electronic systems from malicious attacks. As organizations become increasingly dependent on digital technology, the opportunities for cyber-criminals continue to grow. The explosion of data generated by digital technology, combined with a new degree of connectedness among organizations, means there is ripe opportunity for the technologically savvy and criminally minded to take advantage.

A breach in cybersecurity could create a reputational risk to you, as well as resulting in financial liabilities. As part of our risk assessment and planning procedures, we inquire of management regarding whether any cybersecurity breaches have been detected and, if we become aware of a breach or specific

cybersecurity risk, we consider the impact to the audit; however, a financial statement audit is not designed to provide assurance on cybersecurity and should not be relied upon to identify cybersecurity risks or breaches.

In **Appendix E**, we discuss the general nature of cybersecurity threats and how organizations can go about improving cybersecurity.

Independence

We have a rigorous process where we continually monitor and maintain our independence. The process of maintaining our independence includes, but is not limited to:

- Identification of threats to our independence and putting into place safeguards to mitigate those threats. For example, we evaluate the independence threat of any non-audit services provided to the Municipality
- Confirming the independence of our engagement team members

We have identified no information regarding our independence that in our judgment should be brought to your attention.

Technical updates – highlights

Accounting

Accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board that may affect the Municipality in future years include:

- Section PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation
- Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting in the Public Sector

Further details of the changes to accounting standards, including management's preliminary comments on their applicability to the Municipality, are included in **Appendix D**. If you have any questions about these changes, we invite you to raise them during our next meeting. We will be pleased to address your concerns.

Assurance

Assurance standards issued by the AASB that may change the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the Municipality and our communication with Council include:

- Potential revisions to CAS 500 Audit Evidence
- Potential revisions to CAS 570 Going Concern
- Potential revisions to CAS 240 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements
- Proposed Canadian Standard on Sustainability Assurance (CSSA) 5000, General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements

Further details of the changes to assurance standards, including management's preliminary comments on their applicability to the Municipality, are included in **Appendix C**. If you have any questions about these changes, we invite you to raise them during our next meeting. We will be pleased to address your concerns.

Appendix A – Overview and approach

Our audit is planned with the objective of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, so that we are able to express an opinion on whether the consolidated financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. The following outlines key concepts that are applicable to the audit, including the responsibilities of parties involved, our general audit approach and other considerations.

Role of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help set the tone for the organization by emphasizing honesty, ethical behaviour and fraud prevention• Oversee management, including ensuring that management establishes and maintains internal controls to provide reasonable assurance regarding reliability of financial reporting• Recommend the nomination and compensation of external auditors to the board• Directly oversee the work of the external auditors including reviewing and discussing the audit plan
Role of management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards• Design, implement and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting processes, including controls to prevent and detect fraud• Exercise sound judgment in selecting and applying accounting policies• Prevent, detect and correct errors, including those caused by fraud• Provide representations to external auditors• Assess quantitative and qualitative impact of misstatements discovered during the audit on fair presentation of the financial statements
Role of Doane Grant Thornton LLP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an audit opinion that the financial statements are in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards• Conduct our audit in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)• Maintain independence and objectivity• Be a resource to management and to those charged with governance• Communicate matters of interest to those charged with governance• Establish an effective two-way communication with those charged with governance, to report matters of interest to them and obtain their comments on audit risk matters

Audit approach

Our understanding of the Municipality and its operations drives our audit approach, which is risk based and specifically tailored to The Corporation of the Town of Kearney.

The five key phases of our audit approach



Phase	Our approach
1. Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We obtain our understanding of your operations, internal controls and information systems• We plan the audit timetable together
2. Assessing risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We use our knowledge gained from the planning phase to assess financial reporting risks• We customize our audit approach to focus our efforts on key areas
3. Evaluating internal controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We evaluate the design of controls you have implemented over financial reporting risks• We identify areas where our audit could be more effective or efficient by taking an approach that includes testing the controls• We provide you with information about the areas where you could potentially improve your controls
4. Testing accounts and transactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We perform tests of balances and transactions• We use technology and tools, including data interrogation tools, to perform this process in a way that enhances effectiveness and efficiency
5. Concluding and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We conclude on the sufficiency and appropriateness of our testing• We finalize our report and provide you with our observations and recommendations

Our tailored audit approach results in procedures designed to respond to an identified risk. The greater the risk of material misstatement associated with the account, class of transactions or balance, the greater the audit emphasis placed on it in terms of audit verification and analysis.

Throughout the execution of our audit approach, we maintained our professional skepticism, recognizing the possibility that a material misstatement due to fraud could exist notwithstanding our past experiences with the entity and our beliefs about management's honesty and integrity.

Materiality

The purpose of our audit is to provide an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards as at December 31, 2024. Therefore, materiality is a critical auditing concept and as such we apply it in all stages of our engagement.

The concept of materiality recognizes that an auditor cannot verify every balance, transaction or judgment made in the financial reporting process. During audit planning, we made a preliminary assessment of materiality for the purpose of developing our audit strategy, including the determination of the extent of our audit procedures. During the completion stage, we consider not only the quantitative assessment of materiality, but also qualitative factors, in assessing the impact on the consolidated financial statements, our audit opinion and whether the matters should be brought to your attention.

Our materiality for the current audit was \$180,000.

Fraud risk factor considerations

We are responsible for planning and performing the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement caused by error or by fraud. Our responsibility includes:

- The identification and assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements due to fraud through procedures including discussions amongst the audit team and specific inquiries of management
- Obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence to respond to the fraud risks noted
- Responding appropriately to any fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected and this is particularly true in relation to fraud. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with those charged with governance and management.

We are required to communicate with you on fraud-related matters, including:

- Obtaining an understanding of how you exercise oversight of management's processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud in the entity and the internal control that management has established to mitigate these risks
- Inquiring as to whether you have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud affecting the entity

The following provides a summary of some of the fraud related procedures that are performed during the audit:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements
- Reviewing accounting estimates for biases
- Evaluating the business rationale (or the lack thereof) for significant transactions that are or appear to be outside the normal course of operations

Quality management

We have a robust system of quality management that forms a core part of our client service and is designed to ensure the firm is meeting its quality objectives by designing responses to address identified quality risks. We combine numerous specific responses including the application of our internationally developed audit methodology, advanced audit technology, rigorous review procedures, mandatory professional development requirements, and the use of specialists to consistently deliver high quality audit services to our clients. We also monitor the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of each element of our system of quality management to ensure that we are appropriately addressing the quality risks and to identify deficiencies and required remedial actions in the system of quality management. In addition to our internal processes, we are subject to inspection and oversight by standard setting and regulatory bodies. We are proud of our firm's approach to quality management and would be pleased to discuss any aspect with you at your convenience.

Data analysis software

We apply our audit methodology using advanced software tools. Doane Grant Thornton continues to invest in developing industry-leading advanced audit data analytics tools.

IDEA

IDEA Data Analysis Software is a powerful analysis tool that allows audit teams to read, display, analyze, manipulate, sample and extract data from almost any electronic source. The tool has the advantages of enabling the audit team to perform data analytics on very large data sets in a very short space of time, while providing the checks, balances and audit trail necessary to ensure that the data is not corrupted and that the work can be easily reviewed. SmartAnalyzer, an add-on to IDEA, further improves the efficiency and effectiveness of the audit by providing automated routines for certain common analytical tasks, such as identifying unusual and potentially fraudulent journal entries.

Appendix B – Audit plan and risk assessment

We have executed our audit in accordance with our plan outlined below. We continually reassess the need for changes to our planned audit approach throughout the audit.

Risk assessment

Our risk assessment process identified certain significant risks, which are included under “Audit risks and results” in our report. In addition, we identified certain other areas where we focused our attention as follows:

Risk area	Why it is a risk area	Audit procedures and findings
Tax Revenue	The revenue and receivables from taxes levied may not be valid due to taxpayer collections being misapplied by those recording the receipt.	Test accounts receivable using statistical sampling. Review of tax revenue recorded in relation to 2024 tax by-law. No exceptions noted.
Operating Expenses	There is a risk that payables related to core activities are understated or not recorded in the correct period.	Review supporting documentation and management estimates with respect to the completeness and accuracy of significant year end accruals. Perform subsequent payments testing. No exceptions noted.
Tangible capital assets	There is a risk that capital asset activity is not valid.	Test significant additions for existence and to ensure adherence to procurement policies. Analytical assessment of amortization expense No exceptions noted.

Group audit

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, we planned to perform work on the financial information of the components as follows:

Component [subsidiary or division]		Audit response and engagement team involvement
Kearney & Area Public Library	Grant Thornton LLP	Since the Library is not a significant component in the Town's consolidated financial statements, Doane Grant Thornton performed some analytical procedures on the Library's accounts.
Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee	Grant Thornton LLP	Doane Grant Thornton performed a financial statement audit on the standalone financial statements of the Committee using a lower materiality level. Sufficient audit procedures were performed on the Committee to issue a separate opinion on the component's financial statements.

We coordinated our audit efforts between engagements and discussed relevant audit matters such as materiality, risk assessment, areas of audit focus, timing and required information for our audit of the financial statements.

Appendix C – Auditing developments

Canadian Exposure Drafts issued by the AASB	Effective date	Assessment of applicability
<p>Potential revisions to CAS 500 Audit Evidence</p> <p>The current audit evidence standard was issued many years ago. Since then, developments in technology have affected how entities operate and process information and how audits are performed. In December 2020, the IAASB initiated a project to revise the current standard to respond to changes in the business environment. The Exposure Draft proposes several key changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To respond to changes in the information auditors use, including the nature and source of the information, a set of attributes has been developed to enhance the auditor's principle-based judgments related to audit evidence in a wide variety of circumstances. Enhancements and clarifications have also been made regarding the auditor's role when using information prepared by management's expert• To modernise the standard and support a principles-based approach that recognises the evolution in technology, new application material has been added, including explanations of how automated tools may affect auditor bias and examples that recognise the use of technology by the entity or the auditor• To foster professional skepticism when making judgments about information to be used as audit evidence and sufficient appropriate audit evidence, language has been added to emphasise the importance of maintaining professional skepticism at various stages, such as when attempting to ensure that audit procedures are being designed and performed in an unbiased manner	<p>The comment period for the Exposure Draft ended on March 15, 2023. It is expected that the effective date for the revised standard will be for periods beginning in 2025, but the exact effective date will depend on when the standard is approved.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 audit.</p>

Canadian Exposure Drafts issued by the AASB	Effective date	Assessment of applicability
<p>Potential revisions to CAS 570 <i>Going Concern</i></p> <p>Auditors are required to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and conclude on whether a material uncertainty exists in relation to going concern. Financial statement users have raised questions about how much auditors should be able to detect from their audit procedures in this area, and what is communicated to users about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. This led the IAASB to initiate a project to revise the standard. In April 2023, the IAASB issued its Exposure Draft and the AASB has issued a corresponding Exposure Draft. The Exposure Draft proposes several key changes, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining material uncertainty related to going concern • Enhancing the risk identification and assessment requirements so they are consistent with those set out in CAS 315 (Revised) <i>Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement</i> • Enhancing the auditor's evaluation of management's going concern assessment, including requirements to support the auditor's application of professional skepticism • Adding a requirement for the auditor to request management to extend its going concern assessment of the entity to cover at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements if management has not already done so • Enhancing the auditor's consideration of information related to management's going concern assessment that becomes available to the auditor after the date of the auditor's report but before the date the financial statements are issued • Adding requirements to enhance communications about going concern in the auditor's report 	<p>The comment period for the Exposure Draft ended on July 31, 2023. It is expected that the effective date for the revised standard will be for periods beginning in 2026, but the exact effective date will depend on when the standard is approved.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 audit.</p>
<p>Potential revisions to CAS 240 <i>The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of Financial Statements</i></p> <p>High quality audits contribute to the efficiency of capital markets and financial stability. In recent years, corporate failures and scandals have brought the topic of fraud to the forefront and led to questions from stakeholders about the role and responsibilities of the auditor relating to fraud in an audit of financial statements. This led the IAASB to initiate a project to revise the standard. In February 2024, the IAASB issued its Exposure Draft and the AASB has issued a corresponding Exposure Draft. The Exposure Draft proposes several key changes, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the auditor with respect to fraud • Establishing more robust requirements if fraud or suspected fraud is identified • Reinforcing the importance of exercising professional skepticism in fraud-related audit procedures • Strengthening communications through the audit with management and those charged with governance about matters related to fraud <p>Adding transparency on fraud-related responsibilities and procedures in the auditor's report</p>	<p>The comment period for the Exposure Draft ended on May 6, 2024. It is expected that the effective date for the revised standard will be for periods beginning in 2026 but the exact effective date will depend on when the standard is approved.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 audit.</p>

Canadian Exposure Drafts issued by the AASB	Effective date	Assessment of applicability
<p>Proposed Canadian Standard on Sustainability Assurance (CSSA) 5000, <i>General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements</i></p> <p>In September 2022, the IAASB approved a project proposal to develop a new overarching standard for sustainability assurance engagements. In January 2023, the AASB approved a project proposal to concurrently adopt this international standard with any potential additional Canadian amendments, as a first of its kind Canadian Standard on Sustainability Assurance (CSSA).</p> <p>CSSA 5000 will not be a financial statement audit standard, but rather will serve as a comprehensive, standalone standard suitable for sustainability assurance engagements. It will apply to sustainability information reported across any appropriate sustainability topic, prepared according to any suitable framework, including the recently released IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards S1 and S2. The proposed standard is profession agnostic, supporting its use by both professional accountant and non-accountant assurance practitioners who meet the relevant ethical and quality management requirements, and will apply to both limited and reasonable assurance engagements.</p>	<p>The comment period for the Exposure Draft ended on November 6, 2023. It is expected that the effective date will be for periods beginning in 2026, but the exact effective date will depend on when the standard is approved.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 audit.</p>

Appendix D – PSAS Accounting developments

Public Sector Accounting Standards [updated March 31, 2025]	Effective date	Management assessment of applicability
<p>Section PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation</p> <p>New Section PS 1202 <i>Financial Statement Presentation</i> replaces Section PS 1201 <i>Financial Statement Presentation</i>.</p> <p>The main features of the new Section include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the statement of financial position to present financial assets, non-financial assets, total assets, financial liabilities, non-financial liabilities total liabilities and net assets/net liabilities • Separate statement of changes in net assets or net liabilities (formerly known as accumulated surplus) by required categories • The addition of a statement of net financial assets or net financial liabilities that presents a revised net financial assets or net financial liabilities (formerly known as "net debt") calculation • The option to present the change in net financial assets or net financial liabilities on the statement of net financial assets or net financial liabilities • Ability to present an amended budget when there is an election or the majority of the governing body of a government organization is newly elected or appointed • The requirement to provide a subtotal prior to financing activities in the statement of cash flow • Guidance on assessing the going concern assumption <p>As a result of the issuance of the new Section, various Sections and Guidelines of the Handbook have been amended to include references to the Section. The impacted Sections and Guidelines include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS 1300 <i>Government Reporting Entity</i> • PS 2120 <i>Accounting Changes</i> • PS 2500 <i>Basic Principles of Consolidation</i> • PS 2510 <i>Additional Areas of Consolidation</i> • PS 2601 <i>Foreign Currency Translation</i> • PS 3041 <i>Portfolio Investments</i> • PS 3060 <i>Interest in Partnerships</i> • PS 3070 <i>Investments in Government Business Enterprises</i> • PS 3100 <i>Restricted Assets and Revenues</i> • PS 3160 <i>Public Private Partnerships</i> • PS 3230 <i>Long-Term Debt</i> • PS 3250 <i>Retirement Benefits</i> • PS 3260 <i>Liability for Contaminated Sites</i> • PS 3280 <i>Asset Retirement Obligations</i> • PS 3300 <i>Contingent Liabilities</i> • PS 3310 <i>Loan Guarantees</i> • PS 3400 <i>Revenue</i> • PS 3410 <i>Government Transfers</i> • PS 3430 <i>Restructuring Transactions</i> • PS 3450 <i>Financial Instruments</i> • PS 4200 <i>Financial Statement Presentation by Not-for-Profit Organizations</i> • PSG-2 <i>Leased Tangible Capital Assets</i> • PSG-4 <i>Funds and Reserves</i> • PSG-5 <i>Sale-Leaseback Transactions</i> 	<p>Fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.</p> <p>Earlier adoption is permitted <u>only if</u> the Conceptual Framework is also adopted at the same time.</p> <p>Prior period amounts would need to be restated to conform to the presentation requirements for comparative financial information in Section PS 1202.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 consolidated financial statements</p>

Public Sector Accounting Standards [updated March 31, 2025]	Effective date	Management assessment of applicability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PS 3255 <i>Post-Employment Benefits, Compensated Absences and Termination Benefits</i> 		
<p>Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting in the Public Sector</p> <p>PSAB's Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting in the Public Sector replaces Sections PS 1000 <i>Financial Statement Concepts</i> and PS 1100 <i>Financial Statement Objectives</i>.</p> <p>The new Conceptual Framework includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of public sector entities Objectives of financial reporting Primary users of financial reporting and their expectations Role of financial statements Foundations and objectives of financial statements Qualitative characteristics of information in financial statements Qualitative characteristics of information in financial statements and related considerations Definitions of elements Criteria of general recognition and derecognition; and, Concepts of general measurement and presentation <p>As a result of the issuance of the Conceptual Framework, various Sections and Guidelines of the Handbook have been amended to include references to the new Conceptual Framework, add/clarify key definitions that are consistent with the Conceptual Framework, and/or remove references to qualitative characteristics that are no longer qualitative characteristics in the new Conceptual Framework. These Sections include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the Public Sector Accounting Handbook (formerly the Introduction to the Public Sector Accounting Standards) PS 1150 <i>Generally accepted Accounting Principles</i> PS 1201 <i>Financial Statement Presentation</i> PS 1300 <i>Government Reporting Entity</i> PS 2100 <i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies</i> PS 2120 <i>Accounting Changes</i> PS 2130 <i>Measurement Uncertainty</i> PS 2200 <i>Related Party Transactions</i> PS 3150 <i>Tangible Capital Assets</i> PS 3200 <i>Liabilities</i> PS 3210 <i>Assets</i> PS 3400 <i>Revenue</i> PS 3430 <i>Restructuring Transactions</i> PS 3450 <i>Financial Instruments; and</i> PS 4230 <i>Capital Assets Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations</i> <p>The Conceptual Framework will be applied prospectively.</p>	<p>Fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2026.</p> <p>Earlier adoption is permitted.</p>	<p>No impact on 2024 consolidated financial statements</p>

Appendix E – Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is the practice of protecting computers, data, networks and other electronic systems from malicious attacks. Below, we summarize the cybersecurity threat and how we can help you manage that threat.

Cybersecurity risk	How Doane Grant Thornton can help
<p>As organizations become increasingly dependent on digital technology, storing valuable information in multiple places, the opportunities for cyber criminals continue to grow. Cyber-attacks today are more focused, skilful and ambitious, and geographical borders are meaningless. Regulators and stakeholders, including customers, are increasing the pressure on organizations to manage these risks. In order to properly protect themselves, organizations must understand what weaknesses attackers could exploit, how to respond to security incidents and how areas such as access to confidential data should be managed.</p> <p>Management should continue to respond to these risks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessing the people, processes and technology associated with their cybersecurity program, including management of the program, data security, cybersecurity awareness and training, and assessment of external risks• Improving the cybersecurity function by remediating identified vulnerabilities, developing new strategies, enhancing existing facilities, and establishing policies, controls and processes• Developing a cybersecurity breach or attack response plan, which involves providing training for the people who will execute the response, determining the procedures that will be followed, and securing external resources to support the process as needed	<p>Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton, a Grant Thornton member firm based in Quebec, has a specialist cybersecurity division, VARS Corporation (VARS), that is at the forefront of the security industry.</p> <p>VARS can help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing an integrated fully managed solution for securing your organization's digital environment. With VARS you will benefit from the most advanced cybersecurity solutions in the world, including solutions such as Terranova, Secure Exchanges, Perception Point, Cynet and Cyolo. VARS offers a customizable solution that is designed to meet all your cybersecurity needs, from advanced email security to dark Web analysis.• 24/7 workstation and server monitoring <p>Regardless of the size of your organization, VARS provides 24/7 access to a team of cybersecurity experts at no additional cost and offers comprehensive real-time protection of your environments using the best detection tools (XDR). This solution includes the support of a specialized incident response teams that can intervene at any time, 365 days of the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) <p>VARS's virtual CISOs can empower and protect your organization without you having to recruit a specialist or hire a full-time employee. They can help you to set priorities for investments and implement a tailored protection plan that fully meets your needs and situation.</p> <p>The services and experiences described above are illustrative in nature and are intended to demonstrate our experience and capabilities in these areas. However, due to independence restrictions that apply to the The Municipality, we may be unable to provide certain services as our ability to do so varies depending on individual facts and circumstances. If you would like to discuss cybersecurity risks in more detail or learn more, we would be happy to arrange a meeting. Additional information about VARS is available on the VARS website here: www.varscorporation.com.</p>

Appendix F – Draft independent auditor’s report

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of
The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney (“the Municipality”), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its changes in its net financial assets, and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Municipality in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Municipality’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Municipality or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Municipality’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they

could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Municipality's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Municipality to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

North Bay, Canada

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Appendix G – Draft management representation letter

June 12, 2025

Doane Grant Thornton LLP
222 McIntyre Street West
Suite 400
North Bay, ON P1B 2Y8

Dear Madam:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney ("the Municipality") as of December 31, 2024, and for the year then ended, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows of the Municipality in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

We acknowledge that we have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have assessed the risk that the consolidated financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud, and have determined such risk to be low. Further, we acknowledge that your examination was planned and conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) so as to enable you to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We understand that while your work includes an examination of the accounting system, internal controls and related data to the extent you considered necessary in the circumstances, it is not designed to identify, nor can it necessarily be expected to disclose, fraud, shortages, errors and other irregularities, should any exist.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. An item is considered material, regardless of its monetary value, if it is probable that its omission from or misstatement in the consolidated financial statements would influence the decision of a reasonable person relying on the consolidated financial statements.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of June 12, 2025, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial statements

1. The consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Municipality as at December 31, 2024 and the results of its operations, change in net financial assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, as agreed to in the terms of the audit engagement.

Completeness of information

2. We have made available to you all financial records and related data and all minutes of the meetings of Council and committees of Council, as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement. Summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared have been provided to you. All significant Council and committee actions are included in the summaries.
3. We have provided you with unrestricted access to persons within the Municipality from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
4. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the consolidated financial statements.
5. There were no restatements made to correct a material misstatement in the prior period consolidated financial statements that affect the comparative information.
6. We are unaware of any known or probable instances of non-compliance with the requirements of regulatory or governmental authorities, including their financial reporting requirements.
7. We are unaware of any violations or possible violations of laws or regulations the effects of which should be considered for disclosure in the consolidated financial statements or as the basis of recording a contingent loss.
8. We have disclosed to you all known deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting of which we are aware.
9. We have identified to you all known related parties and related party transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers of assets, liabilities and services, leasing arrangements guarantees, non-monetary transactions and transactions for no consideration.

Fraud and error

10. We have no knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Municipality involving management; employees who have significant roles in internal control; or others, where the fraud could have a non-trivial effect on the consolidated financial statements.
11. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Municipality's consolidated financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
12. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
13. We believe that the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatement summarized in the schedule below is immaterial to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

		Increase (Decrease)			
	Unadjusted misstatements	Assets	Liabilities	Accumulated Surplus	Annual Surplus
1	To record asset retirement obligation (for asbestos)	\$ 2,826	\$ 20,312	\$ (16,907)	\$ (579)
	Total unadjusted misstatements	\$ 2,826	\$ 20,312	\$ (16,907)	\$ (579)

Recognition, measurement and disclosure

14. We believe that the significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those used in arriving at the fair values of financial instruments as measured and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, are reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances.
15. We believe that the significant judgments made in recording asset retirement obligations have taken into account relevant information of which management is aware. The assumptions appropriately reflect management's intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the Municipality.
16. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities, both financial and non-financial, reflected in the consolidated financial statements.
17. All related party transactions have been appropriately measured and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.
18. The nature of all material measurement uncertainties has been appropriately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, including all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimate will change in the near term and the effect of the change could be material to the consolidated financial statements.
19. All outstanding and possible claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 14 in the consolidated financial statements.
20. All liabilities and contingencies, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, have been disclosed to you and are appropriately reflected in the consolidated financial statements.
21. There are no "off-balance sheet" financial instruments that exist.
22. The Municipality did not purchase any derivative financial instruments during the year.
23. With respect to environmental matters:
 - a) at year end, there were no liabilities or contingencies that have not already been disclosed to you;
 - b) liabilities or contingencies have been recognized, measured and disclosed, as appropriate, in the consolidated financial statements; and
 - c) commitments have been measured and disclosed, as appropriate, in the consolidated financial statements.

24. The Municipality has satisfactory title to (or lease interest in) all assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on the Municipality's assets nor has any been pledged as collateral.
25. We have disclosed to you, and the Municipality has complied with, all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements in the event of non-compliance, including all covenants, conditions or other requirements of all outstanding debt.
26. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) transactions recorded by the Municipality are in accordance with the federal and provincial regulations. The GST and HST liability/receivable amounts recorded by the Municipality are considered complete.
27. Employee future benefit costs, assets, and obligations have been determined, accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Section 3255 *Post-employment Benefits, Compensated Absences and Termination Benefits* of the Canadian public sector accounting standards issued by the Public Sector Accounting Board.
28. There have been no events subsequent to the balance sheet date up to the date hereof that would require recognition or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements. Further, there have been no events subsequent to the date of the comparative financial statements that would require adjustment of those consolidated financial statements and related notes.

Other

29. We have considered whether or not events have occurred or conditions exist which may cast significant doubt on the Municipality's ability to continue as a going concern and have concluded that no such events or conditions are evident.

Yours very truly,

Jenny Leblond, Treasurer

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, May 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor: Cheryl Philip
Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward
Councillors: Heather Pateman and Jill Sharer

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Councillor Beaucage

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk (CAO)
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

The CAO and T were present for the entirety of the meeting. The DC was present for the public portion of the meeting and the relevant portion of the closed session.

A moment of silence was held to honour the memory of Jim Lott

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2025-146
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of May 22, 2025 as circulated.
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest**
Nil
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
 - 4.1 Ana Cultraro – Presentation in opposition of BESS Storage Lithium Battery Storage in Armour Township
Resolution 2025-147
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Barry Burton and Ana Cultraro for their presentation regarding the proposed Lithium Battery Storage facility in Armour Township.
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2025-148
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, May 22, 2025, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council.
CARRIED
6. **Items Referred from the Consent List**
Nil
7. **Items for Discussion**
 - 7.1 SR2025-27 Transfer Station May 22, 2025
Resolution 2025-149
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts SR 2025-27 regarding Transfer Station updates; AND FURTHER that Council

directs Staff to notify the current users of curbside pick up that as of October 1, 2025, this service will no longer be offered; AND FURTHER THAT Staff adjust the mill rate to remove the cost from the current rate payers affected; AND FURTHER THAT Staff bring back a quote for an all wheel/4x4 vehicle; AND FURTHER THAT there will be no change to the Transfer Station being open at both sites: King William 8 – 12 and Kallio 1 – 4 , Friday to Tuesday.
CARRIED

7.2 SR2025-28 Capital Project Updates

Resolution 2025-150

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives SR2025-28 regarding Capital Project Updates.

CARRIED

7.3 SR2025-29 Cameras for Public Works, Transfer Stations & Municipal Building

Resolution 2025-151

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives SR2025-29 regarding an RFQ issued for Security Cameras; AND FURTHER that Council award the RFQ for cameras to be installed at the Municipal Office, Public Works Yard and both Transfer Stations be awarded to True Steel Security for the price of \$15,840.00 plus HST
CARRIED

7.4 SR2025-30 Pulverization of Chetwynd Road

Resolution 2025-152

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives SR2025-30 regarding the RFQ for Pulverization of Chetwynd Road; AND FURTHER that the RFQ for pulverizing 1.5 kms of Chetwynd Road be awarded to Rotomill for pulverizing, grading, compaction and traffic control for the price of \$18,270 plus HST.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship

Resolution 2025-153

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts the DRAFT Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc.; AND FURTHER that this Agreement will be passed by Bylaw which will take place later in this meeting.

CARRIED

7.6 DRAFT Tax Collection Policy

Resolution 2025-154

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts the DRAFT Tax Collection Policy; AND FURTHER directs Staff to bring back the policy for passing at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED

7.7 SR2025-31 Harris Road Allowance Purchase Support in Principle

Resolution 2025-155

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives SR2025-31 regarding the request from Mary Harris to purchase a portion of the Road Allowance between Concession 8 and 9 in Proudfoot Township near Grass Lake Road; AND FURTHER that Council supports this request in principle, pending further consideration of our legal counsel.

CARRIED

7.8 MEMO: Update to Recreation Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution 2025-156

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney Recreation Committee's last terms of reference were dated 2015; AND WHEREAS the Committee has reviewed the 2015 terms of reference and requested these be brought to Council for approval to better reflect the current direction and structure of the Committee; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of

the Town of Kearney approves the suggested changes to the Recreation Committee Terms of Reference in the Staff Memo provided by the CAO/Clerk; AND FURTHER THAT the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Committee of the Town of Kearney be amended to include the suggested changes.
CARRIED

7.9 DRAFT SR2025-32 Employee Recognition & Years of Service Program
Resolution 2025-157

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives SR2025-32 regarding an Employee Recognition; AND FURTHER directs Staff to update a report.
CARRIED

8. **Notice of Motion**
NIL

9. **Correspondence for Information**
Resolution 2025-158

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the correspondence from Almaguin Pride regarding the raising of the Pride flag for the month of June; AND FURTHER that Council, due to a lack of a Flag Policy at this time, respectfully declines.
CARRIED

Resolution 2025-159

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the correspondence from the Women's Own Resource Centre; AND FURTHER that Council recognizes and is grateful for the hard work and dedication that WORC provides to the Almaguin area; AND FURTHER that a request of \$0.50 per capita would realize a contribution of \$487; AND FURTHER that Council also recognizes that budgetary contributions of this magnitude require thoughtful consideration; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby directs Staff to offer the group a once time use of our facility to hold a fundraiser or workshop.
CARRIED

Resolution 2025-160

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the KWEF newsletter for April 2025 as information.
CARRIED

10. **By-laws**

Resolution 2025-161

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, be passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:

10.1 By-law 2025-34 Being a By-law to provide for the Adoption of an HR Policy

10.2 By-law 2025-35 Being the Remuneration By-law for Mayor & Members of Council

10.3 By-law 2025-36 Being a Bylaw to adopt a Pregnancy, Parental and Caregiver Leave Policy

10.4 By-law 2025-37 Being a Bylaw to govern Waste Management

10.5 By-law 2025-38 Being a Bylaw to enter into an Agreement with Automotive Materials Stewardship
CARRIED

11. **Closed Session**

Resolution 2025-162

Moved by Councillor Sharer; Seconded by Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 8:27 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(2)(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual

(2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

The DC left the meeting after their section of the Closed Session.

Resolution 2025-163
Moved by Councillor Sharer, Seconded by Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:58 pm

12. **Confirming By-law**
Resolution 2025-164
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-39 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of May 22, 2025, be read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book.
CARRIED

13. **Adjournment**
Resolution 2025-165
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 10:00 pm
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

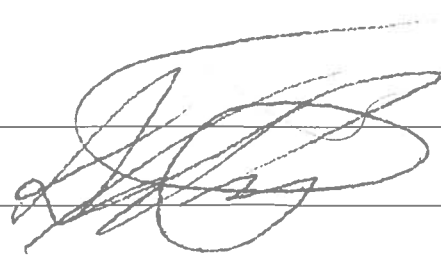
Clerk

TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTED FEES						
Presented at the Regular Council Meeting on June 12, 2025						
Date	Waste bins pick-up Construction Recycle Garbage Furniture	Location Attendance		Cash Fees		Site Fee Totals per Day
		King William	Kallio	King William Cash Fees	Kallio Cash Fees	
Reporting Period - May 16 - June 2, 2025						
May 16		44	15	-	50.00	50.00
May 17		36	13	-	150.00	150.00
May 18		47	28	4.00	62.00	66.00
May 19		21	14	4.00	-	4.00
May 20		62	30		-	-
May 23		24	12			-
May 24		33	15	-	-	-
May 25		36	17	40.00	-	40.00
May 26		27	19	-	-	-
May 27		28	17	-	-	-
May 30		30	18	110.00	-	110.00
June 1		33	25	4.00	-	4.00
June 2		27	5	-	-	-
						-
						-
						-
						-
May Interac Receipts						1,950.00
						-
					-	-
Count Totals		448	228	REPORTING PERIOD \$2,374.00		
Station Attendant:		Josh Dresser				
Report Date:		June 5, 2025				

TRANSFER STATION REPORT						
Date	Bin Pick-up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lake	\$	NOTES
MAY 30/25		30	110	18		
Jun 1/25		33	4	25		
Jun 2/25		27		5		
TOTALS						
COMMENTS \$114 gr						
Attendant: Josh Dresser			Date			

TRANSFER STATION REPORT						
Date	Bin Pick-up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lake	\$	NOTES
MAY 20/25		62		30		
MAY 23/25		24		12		
MAY 24/25		33		15		
MAY 25/25		36	40	17		
MAY 26/25		27		19		
MAY 27/25		28		17		
TOTALS		182	40	93		
COMMENTS <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">\$4028</div>						
Attendant: Josh Dresser			Date			

TRANSFER STATION REPORT						
Date	Bin Pick-up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lake	\$	NOTES
	2G 2C1F 2P 2C					
MAY 16/25		44		15	50	
MAY 17/25		36		13	150	
MAY 18/25		47	4	28	62	
MAY 19/25		21	4	14		
TOTALS		148	8	70	262	270
COMMENTS						270
Attendant: Josh Dresser			Date			



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COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
34723	4/24/2025	Abell Pest Control A6914462	Pest Control for May	62.15	
		A7014757	Pest Control for April	62.15	
		A6920380	Pest Control for May	171.61	
		A6902395	Pest Control for May	63.09	359.00
34724	4/24/2025	AFC Inc. 7021	Grader Repairs	1,849.91	1,849.91
34725	4/24/2025	Almaguin Road Superintendant Assoc ARSA Mem Bal	Balance owed on chq.34545 (Merr	95.00	95.00
34726	4/24/2025	AMCTO Zone 7 Zone 7 Spring	Zone 7 Spring 2025 Workshop (2 s	450.00	450.00
34727	4/24/2025	Bell Canada April 7, 2025	April Phone Bill	67.18	67.18
34728	4/24/2025	Bowman Fuels Ltd. 782344	Station Furnace Oil	1,423.38	
		782346	Vehicle Diesel Fuel	2,498.12	
		782345	Vehicle Diesel Fuel	848.36	4,769.86
34729	4/24/2025	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd 2262279	Paint for Station	37.26	
		2262263	Paint for Station	119.73	156.99
34730	4/24/2025	CRA - Receiver General March 16-31/25	Source Deductions March 16-31	13,324.50	
		Feb 16-28/25	Source Deductions from February	4,503.02	
		April 1-15/25	Source Deductions from April 1 - 1	12,108.21	29,935.73
34731	4/24/2025	Currie Truck Centre 0590878P	Freightliner - Greenlube EPO 35 lt	318.77	318.77
34732	4/24/2025	DenKar Controls 15343-1	Site Assessment & Equipment Auc	989.54	989.54
34733	4/24/2025	Doane Grant Thornton LLP			

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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
			NOR-76198	3rd interim billing-2024 financial st	3,627.30	
			NOR-75718	2nd interim billing-2024 financial st	14,908.20	18,535.50
34734	4/24/2025	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc				
			24-2095-2005	OP/ZBL/Strategic Plan Update	28,404.09	
			24-2095-508	Consulting Services re: Mosmann	909.65	
			24-2095-308	Consulting Services re:Armstrong	162.45	
			24-2095-307	Consulting Services re:Armstrong	302.28	
			24-2095-705	Consulting Services re: Ziraldo ZB	507.10	
			24-2095-706	Consulting Services re: Ziraldo ZB	851.75	
			24-2095-2503	Consulting Services re: Pritchard Z	269.80	
			24-2095-2403	Consulting Services re: Meier Pre-	652.58	
			24-2095-2402	Consulting Services re: Meier Pre-	64.98	
			24-2095-2603	Consulting Services re: Bootsma F	172.33	
			24-2095-2703	Consulting Services re: Groome P	237.71	
			24-2095-2702	Consulting Services re: Groome P	779.71	
			24-2095-2802	Consulting Services re: Lumley Pr	673.76	
			24-2095-2007	OP/ZBL/Strategic Plan Update	8,997.63	
			24-2095-2004	OP/ZBL/Strategic Plan Update	9,466.58	
			24-2095-2605	Prepare for Council Re: Bootsma f	129.95	52,582.35
34735	4/24/2025	Edmonds Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd				
			SO #467743	Truck 310 Safety	350.19	350.19
34736	4/24/2025	Entandem				
			501521	Licencing Fees for Rec Facilities	266.09	266.09
34737	4/24/2025	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience				

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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
			BD Apr 8/25	Pick up Fuel	103.00	
			Trk9 Apr9/25	Truck 9 Fuel	114.06	
			TS Apr 7/25	Truck 8 Fuel	111.01	
			FD Apr 3-12/25	Truck Fuels	311.84	
			FDS Apr 4-11/25	Station Supplies	45.78	
			PWS Apr 7/25	Chainsaw Fuel	17.31	703.00
34738	4/24/2025	Fisher's Regalia	56991	Rain Jackets	941.86	941.86
34739	4/24/2025	Freightliner North Bay	DOC# RN12692	Oil Change & Service	1,805.51	1,805.51
34740	4/24/2025	Kootenay Murphy Holding Ltd	9157	FirePro2 Annual Renewal	2,599.54	2,599.54
34741	4/24/2025	Lakeland Energy Ltd.	LE034308	Repairs and maintenance	762.25	762.25
34742	4/24/2025	Lake Country Office Solutions	109281	April Fax Services	33.90	
			109170	March photocopier fees	334.47	
			109478	Laptop and Accessories	5,325.69	5,694.06
34743	4/24/2025	LAS-Local Authority Services	MGBP000009283	Office Supplies	70.38	70.38
34744	4/24/2025	Leblond, Jenny	JL233244/25	Reimburse Payment for AMCTO J	900.87	900.87
34745	4/24/2025	Mashinter, Amanda	AM MTO/25	Reimburse MTO Drivetest	23.75	23.75
34746	4/24/2025	Mathews, Dinsdale, & Clark	485990	General Legal Re: Labour & Emplc	9,468.84	9,468.84
34747	4/24/2025	McKay, Scott	SM MTO/25	Reimburse MTO Drivetest	113.75	
			SM Apr23/25	Reimburse Battery Tester purchas	45.19	158.94
34748	4/24/2025	Moore Propane Ltd.	8025164	Propane Furnace Fill	910.78	910.78

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34749	4/24/2025	Muskoka Springs Inc 249882	Water Jugs	77.69	77.69
34750	4/24/2025	Noaik, Kevin 58	Safety Tags	132.50	132.50
34751	4/24/2025	Rickwards Small Motors Inc Quote #10141	Ranger 1000 Front Half Door	1,540.19	1,540.19
34752	4/24/2025	Robinson, Marjorie 2025-05 Lib	Library Accounting Assistance	1,533.64	
		2025-05 Gen	General Accounting Assistance	9,461.96	10,995.60
34753	4/24/2025	Russell Christie LLP 52-097-442	JEB General Matters 2025	404.26	
		52-097-444	Council Code of Conduct By-law R	2,384.70	2,788.96
34754	4/24/2025	Schaefer, Paul PS Medical/25	Reimburse Driver's Medical	150.00	150.00
34755	4/24/2025	Telequip Systems Limited TELEQIN131808	May Radio Usage	237.30	237.30
34756	4/24/2025	The Space Upstairs 243	Kids Dance Partial Insurance Reirr	50.00	50.00
34757	4/24/2025	TransCanada Safety 64285	Supplies purchased from Grant prc	26,161.66	
		64418	PIONEER OSX B1 Coat Defender	3,929.79	30,091.45
34758	4/24/2025	Wurth Canada Ltd 26329148	Orange safety vests	235.54	
		26323166	Orange safety vests	93.48	
		26310092	1/4" reversible ratchet	93.73	422.75
34759	4/24/2025	Zylstra, Gabriel GZ MTO/25	Reimburse MTO Drivertest	122.75	
		GZ Supplies	Reimburse Supplies	49.43	172.18
34760	5/5/2025	ADR Chambers 9449	Code Review	949.20	949.20
34761	5/5/2025	Bell Mobility Inc.			

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			April 11/25 PW	April Cell Phones x 2	81.35	
			April 11/25 FD	April Cell Phone	44.35	
			April 11/25 BD	April Data Flex Plan	166.24	291.94
34762	5/5/2025	Bell Canada (Internet)				
		March 19/25 Int		March Internet	180.68	
		April 19/25 Int		April Internet	180.68	361.36
34763	5/5/2025	Bowman Fuels Ltd.				
		784422		Vehicle Diesel Fill	656.37	
		784421		Vehicle Diesel Fill	744.27	1,400.64
34764	5/5/2025	Bugelli, Lisa				
		016		April Fitness Instructor Fees	600.00	600.00
34765	5/5/2025	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd				
		2262527		Brown Sienna	32.54	32.54
34766	5/5/2025	Cedar Signs				
		INV/2025/1308		Post U-Channel/Left /Right Object	623.37	623.37
34767	5/5/2025	ClayMar Electric				
		4193		Emergency Lights and UV Filter Sy	268.38	268.38
34768	5/5/2025	CRA - Receiver General				
		April 16-30/25		Source Deductions Period April 16	12,927.00	12,927.00
34769	5/5/2025	CUPE Local 1813				
		Dues April/25		April Union Dues	634.71	634.71
34770	5/5/2025	Currie Truck Centre				
		0591132P Trk12		Washer Fluid	312.60	
		0-591132P Trk11		Washer Fluid	312.60	
		0591132P Trk4		Washer Fluid	312.61	937.81
34771	5/5/2025	D.P.S.M.A				
		Spring 2025Mtg		Spring Meeting 2 Council Delegate	100.00	
		Spring2025Mtg.		Spring Meeting x 2 staff delegates	100.00	200.00
34772	5/5/2025	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience				

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			Trk 11 Apr22/25	Fuel Purchase	68.00	
			KCC/S Apr28/25	Maintenance Supplies	20.44	
			PW/S April22/25	Shop Supplies	39.18	
			FD Apr16-30/25	All Vehicles Fuel	431.11	
			FD/SApr16/30/25	Station Supplies	92.61	
			FD/T Apr26/25	On Call snack	14.16	665.50
34773	5/5/2025	Fibernetics Corporation				
			737362	May Telephone	33.89	
			737360	May Telephone (King William)	33.83	
			737348	May Telephone (Kallio)	95.92	
			737326	May Telephone	39.48	
			737323	May Telephone	186.33	389.45
34774	5/5/2025	Fowler Construction				
			84490	Contract #18900 (2024/2025 Year,	2,947.48	2,947.48
34775	5/5/2025	GIN-COR				
			91750	Truck Part - Hinged Noise Suppres	109.61	109.61
34776	5/5/2025	Glen Martin Ltd.				
			416965	Cleaning Supplies	357.37	357.37
34777	5/5/2025	Gordon, Carly				
			CG Apr26/25	Reimburse Training Lunch Expens	70.24	70.24
34778	5/5/2025	2609614 Ontario Inc (J.E.Y.'s Busines				
			11192	On site document shredding	1,204.13	1,204.13
34779	5/5/2025	Jones Motor Lines				
			I1484	Service outdoor washrooms	169.50	
			I1490	Service outdoor washroom	84.75	254.25
34780	5/5/2025	LAS-Local Authority Services				
			MGBP000009329	Office Supplies	522.25	522.25
34781	5/5/2025	Mashinter, Amanda				
			007	April Fitness Instructor Fees	474.60	474.60
34782	5/5/2025	Ministry of Finance - Ontario				

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			382304251026087	LSR OPP March Policing Services	26,290.00	
			382703251023086	LSR CSPT Grant	-333.00	25,957.00
34783	5/5/2025	Moore Propane Ltd.	14016134	Propane Fill April 23/25	252.37	252.37
34784	5/5/2025	Munisoft	2025-26-00924	Software Training	1,318.97	
			2025/26-01168	New Software Programs	2,612.29	3,931.26
34785	5/5/2025	Netspectrum	83435	May Internet	74.52	74.52
34786	5/5/2025	NBPSDH	June 2025 Levy	June Levy Payment	2,482.83	2,482.83
34787	5/5/2025	OMERS	Mar/25 RP	March Retro-payment Pension Con	10,333.12	10,333.12
34788	5/5/2025	OMERS	Apr/25 Pension	April 2025 Pension Contributions	15,200.02	15,200.02
34789	5/5/2025	Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 276	CD Event 2025	Canada Day Event Shared Expenses	200.00	200.00
34790	5/5/2025	Russell Christie LLP	52-097-428/92PR	Legal Fees for Park Road	934.85	
			52-097-442Apr25	General Matters	382.06	1,316.91
34791	5/5/2025	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	C1307540	May Pevensey Tower Rental	280.38	280.38
34792	5/5/2025	Three Mile Truck & Trailer Repair	2905	Freightliner Repair	693.64	
			2909	Sweeper Repairs	632.80	1,326.44
34793	5/5/2025	Toromont Ind. Ltd.	PS300938910	Backhoe Repairs	50.85	
			PS300938911	Backhoe Repairs	79.87	130.72
34794	5/5/2025	Township Of Perry	2025-027	Emergency Public Works Assistan	864.71	864.71
34795	5/5/2025	Township Of Ryerson	2025-017	Training Workbooks Shared Expen	116.50	116.50

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34796	5/5/2025	ULINE Canada Corp			
		16017566	Trash Liners	205.10	
		16057029	Trash Bin for Utility Carts	259.34	464.44
34797	5/5/2025	Voyageur Chapter OBOA			
		OBOA 2025 Dues	Chapter Dues for Matthew Clouthier	35.00	35.00
34798	5/5/2025	Waste Connections of Canada			
		7113-0000352923	April Administration Fee	11.30	
		7113-0000352602	April Recycling Dump & Return	6,235.14	6,246.44
34799	5/5/2025	White's Wearparts Ltd			
		0000146870	Carbide Insert Large Bullnose	2,602.53	2,602.53
34800	5/5/2025	Wurth Canada Ltd			
		26357138	Shop Supplies	298.21	
		26337758	Wiper blades and washers	66.91	365.12
34801	5/22/2025	O'Hara, Shane			
		SO Medical/25	Reimburse Medical Exp for Licence	100.00	100.00
34802	5/22/2025	Party Cinemas			
		2043 D	Deposit for Inflatable Screen/Sound	1,200.00	1,200.00
34803	5/22/2025	Sharer, Jill			
		JS FONOM/25	Reimburse FONOM Conference E	227.46	
		JS Regatta/25	Reimburse Regatta Expenses	338.97	566.43
34804	5/22/2025	Webster, Joshua			
		1	Yoga Fitness Instructor Fees for A	384.20	384.20
34805	5/30/2025	Abell Pest Control			
		A6979096	June Pest Control	171.61	
		A7043894	June Pest Control	62.15	
		A7044154	June Pest Control	63.09	
		A7094117	Wasp Treatment	186.45	483.30
34806	5/30/2025	AFC Inc.			
		7154	Air Restriction Sensor	192.55	
		6855	Engine Coolant	304.96	497.51
34807	5/30/2025	Almaguin Minor Baseball Association			

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		RES 2025-25	Baseball Contribution for Minors	400.00	400.00
34808	5/30/2025	Bell Canada			
		May 7/25	May Telephone	67.18	67.18
34809	5/30/2025	Bell Mobility Inc.			
		May 11/25 PW	May Cell Phone Usage	83.32	
		May 11/25 F/D	May Cell Phone Usage	44.35	
		May 11/25 BD	May Data Flex Plan	147.15	274.82
34810	5/30/2025	Bell Canada (Internet)			
		May 19/25	May Internet	180.68	
		May 19/25 Fee	April Interest	5.26	185.94
34811	5/30/2025	Bowman Fuels Ltd.			
		Doc 65128	April Interest	15.56	
		787051	May 8/25 Diesel Fill	380.40	
		789249	May 22/ 25 Diesel Fill	2,531.11	
		789392	May 23/25 Diesel Fill	777.30	3,704.37
34812	5/30/2025	Brooklin Concrete Products			
		H000037952 Dep	Boat Ramp Deposit	12,144.00	12,144.00
34813	5/30/2025	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd			
		2262807	Repair Supplies	499.58	
		2263248 Parks	Repair Supplies	48.54	
		2263248 KCC	Garden Supplies	152.51	
		2263305	Grass Seed	214.69	915.32
34814	5/30/2025	ClayMar Electric			
		4179	Floursecent Lights Repair	701.12	701.12
34815	5/30/2025	CRA - Receiver General			
		May 1-15/25	Source Deductions for Period May	12,980.17	12,980.17
34816	5/30/2025	CUPE Local 1813			
		Dues May/25	May Union Dues	719.13	719.13
34817	5/30/2025	Currie Truck Centre			
		0591132P	Washer Fluid for Fleet	937.81	937.81
34818	5/30/2025	Darch Fire Inc.			

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			C130012483	FDXL90 Leather Boot sieze 12	683.65	683.65
34819	5/30/2025	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc				
			24-2095-1804	Correspondence re: Peer Review	64.98	
			24-2095-2504	Correspondence re: ZBA	64.98	
			24-2095-2304	Review Notice of Passing	32.49	
			24-2095-2606	Correspondence re: Preconsultatic	129.96	
			24-2095-2705	Respond to Agent Inquiries (Pre-C	64.98	
			25-2095-302	Review Preconsultation Application	357.36	
			24-2095-309	Discussions & Correspondence re:	194.93	
			24-2095-608	Review EIS response & Cambium	316.41	
			24-2095-1704	Development Agreement Question	64.98	
			24-2095-2008	Report-Project Mngmnt/Strat Plan/	23,887.34	25,178.41
34820	5/30/2025	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience				
			May 14/25 BD	Fuel Purchase	79.00	
			May 5/25 Trk 9	Fuel Purchase	90.01	
			May 5/25 Pks Su	Supplies	115.24	
			May 5/25 FD sup	Station Supplies	33.88	
			May1-10/25 FD	Fuel Purchases	361.20	679.33
34821	5/30/2025	Fire-Alert				
			10445	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	188.72	
			10446	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	182.94	
			10451	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	290.92	
			10449	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	36.15	
			10450	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	109.60	
			10448	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	696.46	
			10447	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	45.20	
			10518	Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspectio	689.07	2,239.06

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34822	5/30/2025	G. Groulx Welding 6269	Fabricate Strobe Light Mounting Br	90.40	90.40
34823	5/30/2025	Glen Martin Ltd. 417801 FD	Cleaning Supplies	128.83	
		417801 KCC	Cleaning Supplies	229.43	358.26
34824	5/30/2025	Grenier, Jason JG MealReimb/25	5 Hour Meal	33.80	33.80
34825	5/30/2025	Hache, Bonnie BH Town Flws/25	Reimburse purchase for Town Flo	158.19	158.19
34826	5/30/2025	HubbCap Job#15-May-2025	Culvert Replacement on Emsdale	592.69	592.69
34827	5/30/2025	Hydro One Networks Inc. May 5/25 Admin	March Hydro	1,227.99	
		May 5/25 Lib	March Hydro	327.46	
		May 5/25 KCC	March Hydro	2,537.84	
		May 5/25 LP	March Hydro	254.02	
		May 5/25 KWTS	March Hydro	189.37	
		May 5/25 Dock	March Hydro	31.86	
		May 5/25 KTS	March Hydro	262.12	
		May 5/25 PW	March Hydro	674.40	
		May 5/25 FD	March Hydro	299.29	
		May 5/25 StLt	March Hydro	10.06	5,814.41
34828	5/30/2025	Independent Tire 2RP050080	Tires and Service	816.43	
		2RP049861	Tires and Service	3,505.29	
		2RP049862	Tires and Service	3,801.71	8,123.43
34829	5/30/2025	Kearney/Perry Waste Management 2025-1/2QK	Shared Levy - 1st & 2nd qtr	52,802.36	52,802.36
34830	5/30/2025	Lake Country Office Solutions			

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			110294	May Fax Service Fee	33.90	
			110021	April Photocopy Fees	320.71	
			110366	Laptop Power Supply	62.15	416.76
34831	5/30/2025	Leblond, Jenny	JL PrtsReimb/25	Reimbursement for vehicle lamp pi	405.67	405.67
34832	5/30/2025	Leonard Peacock	May 5/25 Signs	Turtle Crossing Signs	100.00	100.00
34833	5/30/2025	Marshall Lumber	May 7/25	2x8x10 Hem / 2x6x10 Hem	130.92	130.92
34834	5/30/2025	Martin, Syd	SM 2025-BA	2025 Boot Allowance	150.00	150.00
34835	5/30/2025	Mashinter, Amanda	AM PA Exps/25	Reimburse exps for Pub Awarenes	205.06	205.06
34836	5/30/2025	Mathews, Dinsdale, & Clark	488464	General Legal Re: Labour & Emplc	16,410.99	
			488573	General Legal re: CUPE Negotiatic	1,804.05	18,215.04
34837	5/30/2025	MLR Ropes & Gear	INV-054254	Waterline Rescue & Classic Large	1,640.49	1,640.49
34838	5/30/2025	Moore Propane Ltd.	4024744	May 2/25 Liquid Propane	39.32	39.32
34839	5/30/2025	Muskoka Auto Parts	574633/1	Repair Parts	251.84	251.84
34840	5/30/2025	Muskoka Springs Inc	260181 PW	Water Bottles	196.35	
			260181 FD	Water Bottles	196.34	392.69
34841	5/30/2025	Muskoka Rent-All Huntsville	486259	Tune-up Supplies for Equipment	101.64	
			484577	Chainsaw	485.89	587.53
34842	5/30/2025	Near North Laboratories Inc.				

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		108357 FD	May Water Sample Testing	29.21	
		108357 PW	May Water Sample Testing	29.21	
		108357 KCC	May Water Sample Testing	29.21	87.63
34843	5/30/2025	Netspectrum 86714	June Internet Fee	74.52	74.52
34844	5/30/2025	O'Hara, Shane SO Med/25 Pay2	Medical Exp - Bal owed on chq.34i	100.00	100.00
34845	5/30/2025	OMERS May/25 Pension	May Pension Contributions	15,721.24	15,721.24
34846	5/30/2025	Purolator Inc. 500136956	Uline Shipping Expense	24.01	
		550137099	Uline Shipping Expense	17.12	
		595154323	Uline Shipping Expense	37.11	
		500101623	UFCW Shipping Expense	12.81	91.05
34847	5/30/2025	Reeder Web Design 9985	Wordpress (Website) Maintenance	154.08	154.08
34848	5/30/2025	Rickwards Small Motors Inc RO 1949	Polaris Removed Tracks/installed I	366.63	366.63
34849	5/30/2025	Road Maintenace Equip Ser.Inc 10371	Water Tank Repairs	458.22	458.22
34850	5/30/2025	Russell Christie LLP 52097442Apr25	General Legal Matters	382.06	382.06
34851	5/30/2025	Schaefer, Paul FacePaint PA/25	Face Painting-PA Event (Cash for	200.00	200.00
34852	5/30/2025	Smith, Lyle SugNutsDon/25	Sugar Donuts Re: Pub Awareness	400.00	400.00
34853	5/30/2025	Telequip Systems Limited TELEQIN132396	June Radio Usage	237.30	237.30
34854	5/30/2025	Three Mile Truck & Trailer Repair 2924	Repair - Replace PPV Valve	312.64	
		2921	Diagnostic and Repairs	570.65	883.29
34855	5/30/2025	Toromont Ind. Ltd.			

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		WO300811277	Repair to Idler & Belt Tensioner	3,557.33	3,557.33
34856	5/30/2025	Township Of Armour			
		ARM 25-59	Shared Exp Re: Animal Control Fe	3,500.00	
		ARM 25-51	March hours/mileage/expenses	5,595.07	9,095.07
34857	5/30/2025	Township Of Ryerson			
		2025-023	SCBA Tools	49.73	49.73
34858	5/30/2025	Trackmatics Inc.			
		43528 Trk 4	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
		43528 Trk 6	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
		43528 Trk 10	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
		43528 Trk 11	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
		43528 Trk 12	May GPS Monitoring	72.14	
		43528 Grader	May GPS Monitoring	72.14	
		43528 BD	May GPS Monitoring	66.67	
		43528 FD	May GPS Monitoring	287.01	
		43528 Trk 9	May GPS Monitoring	110.74	
		43528 Trk 8	May GPS Monitoring	66.67	963.89
34859	5/30/2025	TransCanada Safety			
		65060	Particulate Respirator	66.06	
		64228	Fitter Gloves	1,130.68	1,196.74
34860	5/30/2025	ULINE Canada Corp			
		16123420	Trash Liner Bags	449.18	449.18
34861	5/30/2025	United Rotary Brush Of Canada			
		CI52445	Sweeper Parts	1,303.75	
		CI52452	Credit for returned product	-369.59	934.16
34862	5/30/2025	Vistaprint Canada Corporation			
		0227302279	Business Cards and Desk Name P	108.46	
		0227302279 BD	Desk Name Plate	28.24	136.70

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<u>2025</u>						
Jan. 16/25	2025-007	Meier Consent B055i-24, B056-24, B057-24	move forward with file	Cindy	completed	
Jan. 16/25	2025-008	Meier Consent B058-24, B059-24	move forward with file	Cindy	completed	
Jan. 16/25	2025-009	Kelly Shire Waive Fees	advise applicant	Stef	Complete	
Jan. 16/25	2025-010	Dogsled Race Request	advise Paul A, notify public of closure	Stef	Complete	
Jan. 16/25	2025-014	Donation Policy	bring back for further discussion	Nicole/Cindy	Complete	
Jan. 16/25	2025-015	List of By- laws and Policies	provide list of by-laws, policies	Nicole, Cindy	Complete	
Jan. 16/25	2025-016	Corresponde nce	send letters to MPs, MPPS, etc.	Stef	Complete	
Jan. 16/25	2025-019	Ratify CUPE Settlement	notify CUPE, move forward	Nicole	Complete	
Feb. 6/25	2025-25	Approve ZBLA Ziraldo	bring bylaw to March	Nicole/Cindy	complete	
Feb. 6/25	2025-28	Approve SRA Audette	advise legal counsel	Cindy	Complete	

Feb. 6/25	2025-30	Landfill Report - Staff to Obtain Quotes	Obtain Quotes	Jenny/Nicole	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-31	Support ACED	advise ACED	Stefanie	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-32	Donation Policy - bring to April	Update	Cindy	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-33	Policies & By-laws list	Obtain List from Keven	Nicole	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-34	Draft Retention law - bring to March	update, By- bring back	Nicole/Jenny	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-35	Interim Tax Levies	issue taxes	Jenny/Leslie	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-36	Agreement - Fire Protection Grant	sign agreement	Nicole	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-37	Agreement - Community Emergency Preparedness - purchase Drone	sign agreement, purchase drone	Nicole/Paul S	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-38	Agreement - Primary Public Safety Answering Point	sign agreement	Nicole	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-39	Agreement - Student Transfer	sign agreement	Nicole	Complete

Feb. 6/25	2025-40	Agreement - forward Mosmann	agreement, remove condition	Nicole/Cindy	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-41	Change	Update	Stefanie	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-42	Nominate Cheryl Philip EMS Advisory Brd	advise EMS Brd	Stef	complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-43	OPP Detachment Board	advise	Nicole/Stef	Complete
Feb. 6/25	2025-45	Support	Send letters	Stefanie	Complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-55	Legion Use Ball Diamond	Book ball diamond/let Lisa know	Stefanie/Nicole	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-56	Approve Regatta Budget	Note to Budget/inform Committee	Jenny/Lisa	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-57	Support Bootsma Consent	Inform SEPSPB	Cindy	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-58	Draft Council Code of Conduct - add social media	Changes to CCC	Nicole	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-59	Annual Permit Fees - no change	No change to By-law, note to Matt	Cindy	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-60	treasurer's report re 2024 Building Financials			complete

Mar. 6/25	2025-61	receive draft Capital Budget w. compactor	Note to PWS/purchase compactor	Jenny	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-62	Signing authority for cheques	Jenny/Nicole	Jenny/Nicole	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-63	approve new fire fighters	Note to Paul S	Cindy	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-64	Report re grader expenses			complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-65	Draft HR Polcy	Make necessary changes	Nicole	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-66	LAS	Inform LAS	Cindy	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-67	Prioritize by-law and policies	Nicole	Nicole	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-68	support JWMC Budget 2025	Note to Jenny	Cindy	complete
Mar. 6/25	2025-69	Agreement (Yoga) Josh Webster	Nicole	Nicole	complete
Mar. 17/25	2025-77	Remuneration By-law	Nicole	Nicole	complete
Mar. 17/25	2025-78	Post Recreation Events Community Development Position		Nicole	in progress
Mar. 27/25	2025-85	DRAFT Council Code of Conduct - next mtg	Complete necessary changes, bring back	Nicole	complete

Mar. 27/25	2025-86	DRAFT HR Policy - next mtg	Complete necessary changes, bring back	Nicole	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-87	DRAFT Donations Policy - next mtg.	Complete necessary changes, bring back	Cindy	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-88	Welcome Signs	Inform donators,	Cindy, Jenny, Nicole	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-89	Remove Holding Designation - PB, Mosmman	advise applicant,	Cindy	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-90	DRAFT Waste Mgmt - next meeting	Update changes, bring back report	Jenny	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-91	DRAFT Employee Code of Conduct - next mtg	update changes, bring back	Nicole	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-92	DRAFT CBO Code of Conduct - next mtg	bring back	Nicole	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-93	Voting Methods	provide report	Nicole	in progress
Mar. 27/25	2025- 94	Disposition of Land	Option 2 chosen	Jenny	in progress
Mar. 27/25	2025-95	OSPCA Agreement	Sign, provide to Jason	Jason	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-96	Deeming By-law - Prichard	provide to legal, planning	Cindy	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-97	Agreement - Product Care	sign, send to PC	Nicole	complete

Mar. 27/25	2025-98	Appoint Regatta Committee	advise Regatta/applicant	Stef	Complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-99	Appoint Fire & Emergency members - future appointments	advise Fire Chief	Stef	Complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-100	Appoint Hiring Committee - PWS & Rec. Dev. Co-ord.	Advise hiring committee	Nicole	complete
Mar. 27/25	2025-101	Alternate CEMC report - April 17 Mtg	Report/by-law	Nicole	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-109	2nd Draft Operating Budget - Add Summer Student (TS)	Add additional Summer Student	Jenny, Nicole	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-112	DM Wills to provide well reporting and 2 new wells	Advise DM Wills, ensure completion	Jenny, Nicole	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-113	DPSMA Spring Meeting Participants	Register for DPSMA	Nicole, Stefanie	Complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-114	Council Remuneration By-law	Update bylaw for next meeting	Nicole, Cindy	complete

Apr. 17/25	2025-115	Tree Canopy Policy - letter to Provincial Gov't	Provide letter to Ontario Gov't	Nicole, Cindy	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-116	DRAFT Parental Leave, add Caregiver	Update policy for next meeting	Nicole, Cindy	Complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-117	Accepts Staff Relations Policy	Bring Bylaw to next meeting	Nicole, Cindy	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-118	CEMC Alternate Report	Provide Council with monetary considerations, etc.	Paul, Nicole	in progress
Apr. 17/25	2025-119	Dan Robertson as Area Rep for EMS Board	Letter to EMS Board	Nicole, Stefanie	complete
Apr. 17/25	2025-123	Change CAs title to CAO	Update bylaw for next meeting	Nicole, Jenny	complete
May 1, 2025-2025-132		Regatta Request	Help from PW, BLEO	BLEO, PW	complete
May 1, 2025-2025-132	2025-133	HR Policy	Bring back to next mtg	Nicole, Cindy	complete
May 1, 2025-2025-132	2025-134	Waste Management	Survey residents	Nicole, Stefanie	complete
May 1, 2025-2025-132	2025-135	Waste Management	Change hours, closed Stats, etc.	Jenny, Nicole	complete

May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-136	Appointment t By-law	Passed	Nicole	complete
May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-137	Remuneratio n	Bring back to next mtg	Nicole, Cindy	complete
May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-138	Pregnancy, Parental or Caregiver	Bring back to next mtg	Nicole, Cindy	complete
May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-139	Commercial Credit Card	Sign, submit	Nicole, Jenny	complete
May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-140	Tree Canopy Policy	Write letter	Nicole, Cheryl	complete
May 1, 20252025- 132	2025-141	Tax Rate & Ratio By-law	Enact	Jenny, Leslie	complete
22-May-25	2025-147	Thank Ana Cultraro & Barry Burton			complete
May 22/25	2025-149	Transfer Station Updates	Notify Public of cessation of garbage pick up, adjust mill rate, obtain quotes for new vehicle	Jenny/Stefan	in progress
May 22/25	2025-150	Capital Project Updates	approved	Jenny	complete
May 22/25	2025-151	Approve RFQ - Security Cameras	award to True Steel	Jenny	complete
May 22/25	2025-152	Approve RFQ - Rotomill	award to Rotomill	Jenny	complete

May 22/25	2025-153	Approve Agreement - AMS	approved	Cindy, Jenny	complete
May 22/25	2025-154	Draft Tax Collection Policy	bring back to next meeting	Jenny	complete
May 22/25	2025-155	Support in Principle - Harris	support in principle	Cindy, Nicole	complete
May 22/25	2025-156	Approve Terms of Ref. - Rec. Committee	approved -	Nicole	complete
May 22/25	2025-157	Update report re Employee Recognition	bring back to future meeting	Nicole	in progress
May 22/25	2025-158	Decline Pride Flag Request - Flag Policy	notify Almaguin Pride	Stef - send resolution	complete
May 22/25	2025-159	Offers WORC one time use of facility	Notify WORC	Stef - send resolution	complete

Town of Kearney

Annual Hazardous Waste Day



What CAN you bring?

- Paints and Coatings
- Solvents
- Oil
- Oil Filters
- Batteries (all types)
- Antifreeze
- Aerosol Cans
- Propane Cylinders (i.e. camping, BBQ)
- Fertilizers
- Pesticides
- Oil Containers
- Fire Extinguishers (portable)
- Fluorescent Lamps
- Mercury Switches
- Pharmaceuticals
- Sharps (must be in sealed RIGID, leak-proof container)
- Flammables
- Acids
- Bases (Caustic, Alkaline)
- Oxidizing Materials
- Organic Peroxides
- Fuels
- Car Batteries

What CAN'T you bring?

- Smoke Detectors
- Ammunition
- Explosives (e.g. flares, Fireworks)
- PCB materials (e.g., PCB ballasts)
- Lamp Ballasts

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 9 am – 2 pm
Public Works Garage - 149 King William St



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-33
Date: June 12, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jenny Leblond, Interim Public Works Superintendent
Subject: Producer Responsibility Transition Update

Recommendation:

That Council receive SR 2025 -33 Producer Responsibility Transition Update as information and that Council not entertain taking on the cost to provide curbside pick up of recycled materials for in-eligible properties.

Background:

In 2021, the Ontario government passed a new regulation that shifts the financial and operation responsibility of blue box recycling programs to the producers – those that produce and supply blue box materials to residents. In this new extended producer responsibility framework, producers will become fully responsible for collecting and recycling blue box materials. In short means that staff will no longer be picking up recycling as of October 1, 2025. The only change that residential properties will see is that the Towns recycle pick up day will be changing to Tuesday from Monday.

The big change is for the other properties; all commercial and industrial properties are in-eligible for the provincial recycling program.

Please see below the average monthly number of stops and number of bags for garbage and recycling as stated in the May 22nd Transfer Station report to Council.

Month	Avg. No. of Stops	Avg. No. of Garbage bags	Avg. No. of Plastic Recycling	Avg. No. of Paper Recycling
July 2024	29.25	37.25	29.25	15.75
August 2024	26.25	35.25	23.75	13.75
September 2024	27.2	32	28.6	16.2
October 2024	29.8	34.6	27.2	19.8
November 2024	25.3	33.3	22.0	20.0
December 2024	25.3	36.3	25.0	14.3

For the same timeframe as above, the average number of commercial properties currently participating in the weekly curbside recycling pick up is 1.6 with an average of 3.8 bags picked up. There were only 4 different commercial properties participating in curbside recycling pick up between July 2024 and December 2024.

Prepared by:

Jenny Leblond, Interim Public Works Superintendent



Memo

Date: June 12, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk
Subject: Sand Lake Boat Ramp – dedication to Jim Skelton

Recommendation:

That Council receive this memo from the CAO/Clerk; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to develop a policy for the Town related to naming Town assets after members of the community; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to provide a plaque for Jim Skelton to be placed on Boat Ramp Rd. in memory of Jim Skelton and all his efforts toward getting the replacement ramp completed.

Background Information:

Throughout the course of the CAO/Clerk's time at the Town of Kearney, we have been working toward getting a replacement boat ramp completed at Boat Ramp Rd on Sand Lake. This boat ramp project has been on-going for a while which was in part due to trying to find the right design. Jim Skelton was very involved in this project as a member of SLAPOA and an involved member of the community. Council has had some discussions after his passing in 2024, that it may be appropriate to honour Jim in some way that would be tied in with the boat ramp due to his persistence in making it happen.

Jim stepped up at a time when our Sand Lake boat ramp required major repairs—a project that many expected to be both costly and riddled with engineering complexities. Instead, Jim's vision and meticulous planning resulted in a planned repair that came in well under the original proposed budget, using simplified engineering solutions that maintained quality while streamlining the process.

If Council would like to move forward with doing some sort of recognition at the new Sand Lake Boat Ramp for Jim Skelton, Staff believe it would be good to have a policy moving forward on items such as this to help guide decision making on stuff like this in the future. It can be a difficult task when members of someone's family request benches, trees, buildings, roads etc. – municipal assets – to be named in their loved ones name. While Staff are understanding of Jim's specific involvement with the boat ramp at Sand Lake and are not necessarily opposed to the idea, Staff also want to bring to Council's attention the opportunity for precedent setting in this type of thing.

Prepared by:

Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

BY-LAW No. 2025-XX

**BEING A BY-LAW FOR PROHIBITING OR REGULATING THE OBSTRUCTING,
ENCUMBERING, INJURING OR FOULING OF HIGHWAYS OR BRIDGES**

WHEREAS *The Municipal Act, R.S.O., 2001* Section 10 (1) Authorizes Broad authority, to single-tier municipalities so that they may provide any service or thing that the Municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 8.;

AND WHEREAS *The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c. 25, Section 10(6)* authorizes the Council of a Municipality to pass By-laws respecting health, safety, and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS *The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c.25, Section 391(1)* authorizes the Council of a Municipality to impose fee and charges for services provided;

AND WHEREAS *The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c.25, Section 434.1 (1)* authorizes the Council of a Municipality without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, that a Municipality may require a person, subject to such conditions as the Municipality considers appropriate, to pay an administrative penalty if the Municipality is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with a By-law of the Municipality passed under this Act. 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 75.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of The Town of Kearney enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE: This By-law may be cited as “The Roads Fouling By-Law”.

1. DEFINITIONS:

- 1.1 **“Bridge”** means a public bridge and includes a bridge forming part of a highway or on, over or across which a highway passes.
- 1.2 **“By-law Enforcement Official”** includes any person so designated by Council to administer and enforce this By-Law.
- 1.3 **“Council”** shall mean the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney.
- 1.4 **“Chief Building Official”** includes any person so designated by Council and having the authority to issue building permits.
- 1.5 **“Equipment”** means any tool that is not considered a vehicle.
- 1.6 **“Highway”** means a common and public highway within or forming a boundary of the Municipality and includes a street and a bridge forming part of a highway or on, over or across which a highway passes, this shall include undeveloped or unused road allowances.
- 1.7 **“Municipality”** shall mean The Corporation of the Town of Kearney.
- 1.8 **“Occupant”** means any person(s) over the age of eighteen (18) who is a tenant or lessee, or otherwise in lawful possession of a parcel of real property. May also include a contractor hired by occupant and/or owner.
- 1.9 **“Owner”** means any of the following: A person who is shown as one of the registered owners of real property in the records of the Land Registry or Land Titles Office or a person who is shown as the assessed owner of real property on a current assessment roll for the Municipality or a person who, for the time being, is managing or receiving rent of the land or premises, whether on his own account or as an agent or trustee for any other person.

- 1.10 **“Public Highway”** except in so far as they have been stopped up according to law, includes all allowances for roads made by the Crown surveyor, all highways laid out or established under the authority of any statute, all roads on which public money has been spent for opening them or on which labour has been usually performed, all roads passing through Indigenous lands, all roads dedicated by the owner of the land to public use, and all alterations and deviations and all bridges over any such allowance for roads.
- 1.11 **“Running at large”** means unattended by a competent person.
- 1.12 **“Sewage”** includes drainage, storm water, residential, commercial, and industrial waste.
- 1.13 **“Stop Up”** means that highway land ceases to be a highway, and the public rights of way are extinguished when an applicant completes the road closing process through the proper authority (Council).
- 1.14 **“Vehicle”** means something that is used to transport people or goods or considered construction equipment such as but not limited to excavators, bull dozers, backhoes, etc.

2. DAMAGES

- 2.1 A owner and/or occupant of land or anyone acting on behalf of an owner and/or occupant of land shall not permit the crossing or damage of curbs, sidewalks, roadways or paved boulevards by vehicles, or equipment.
- 2.2 The Chief Building Official upon issuing a building permit may require the applicant to pay a deposit to the Municipality.
- 2.3 This money held on deposit shall be used to meet the cost of repairing any damage to the sidewalk, curbing, or paved boulevard, or to any water service box or other service therein caused by the crossing thereof by such vehicles.
- 2.4 The owner and/or occupant of the land shall take all necessary steps to prevent building material, waste, soil, or any other thing from being spilled or tracked onto a highway by vehicles going to or coming from the land.
- 2.5 In addition to any penalty otherwise provided by law, the owner and/or occupant shall be responsible to the Municipality for the cost of removing such building material, waste, soil, or any other thing. Such cost may be deducted from the deposit if applicable.
- 2.6 If the cost of the repair exceeds the deposit the owner and/or the occupant shall be liable to pay excess cost to the Municipality on demand and the Municipality will pursue any other collection mechanisms available to the Municipality pursuant to the Regulations or at law which may include deeming the outstanding amount to be unpaid taxes and adding this outstanding amount to the tax roll and collecting it in the same manner as Municipal Taxes.

3. ENCROACHMENT

- 3.1 Subject to any written agreement with the Municipality to the contrary the owner or occupant of land shall remove any doorsteps, porches or other erections or things projecting into or over any highway or bridge.
- 3.2 In addition to any penalty otherwise provided by law, the owner and/or occupant shall be responsible to the Municipality for the cost of removing any

doorsteps, porches or other erections or things projecting into or over any highway or bridge.

4. OBSTRUCTION

4.1 No person shall build or maintain a fence on any highway or place or deposit firewood or any other thing calculated to obstruct it or to obstruct or interfere with public travel on it, on any highway or bridge.

4.2 Any person who has built, maintained, placed, or deposited any such thing calculated to obstruct any highway or bridge or interfere with public travel on it, on any highway or bridge, shall be required to remove such thing.

4.3 No person shall stop up a public highway without doing so according to law.

4.4 In addition to any penalty otherwise provided by law, the person who has placed any thing on a highway calculated to obstruct it or to obstruct or interfere with public travel on it, on any highway or bridge, shall be responsible to the Municipality for the cost of removing such things.

5. WASTE AND DEBRIS

5.1 No person shall throw, place, or deposit any dirt, filth, glass, handbills, paper or other rubbish or the carcass of any animal, on any highway or bridge.

5.2 No person shall dump or dispose of residential wastes, commercial wastes, industrial wastes, or any other waste on a public highway and shall be guilty of an offence.

6. CULVERTS DITCHES

6.1 No person shall obstruct any culvert or ditch upon a highway without the expressed written consent of the municipality.

6.2 No person shall dump or dispose of sewage, other than natural surface drainage or surface storm water, in a culvert or ditch upon a highway.

6.3 No person shall dump residential wastes, commercial wastes or industrial wastes in a culvert or ditch upon a highway.

6.4 In addition to any penalty otherwise provided by law, the person who has dumped commercial wastes and industrial wastes on a highway, or in the culverts or ditches upon a highway shall be responsible to the Municipality for the cost of removing such commercial and industrial wastes.

7. LIVESTOCK AND ANIMALS

7.1 No owner or person in charge of cattle, horses, livestock, or other animal shall permit such animals to run at large or trespass upon a highway or bridge.

7.2 No owner or person in charge of cattle, horses, livestock, or other animal shall fail to remove excrement from a highway or a bridge.

7.3 No owner or person in charge of cattle, horses, livestock or other animal or animals shall permit such animal or animals to trespass upon private property.

7.4 All of the provisions of the *Pounds Act, R. S. O. 1990, c.P.17*, shall apply to municipality.

8. PENALTIES

8.1 Every person and/or owner and/or occupant who contravenes and/or directs another person(s) to contravene and/or permits another person the doing of any act which contravenes any of the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and may be subject to:

- fees, fines, penalties, and/or charges under the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law and/or
- fees or charges as per the current Fees and Charges By-law and/or
- upon conviction is liable to a fine, to a maximum of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) for each offence exclusive of the costs, as prescribed by the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 33*, as amended.

And further, in addition to any other remedy and to any other penalty, the person convicted may also be prohibited from continuing or repeating the offence in accordance with the provisions of section 442 of the *Municipal Act*.

8.2 Fees, fines, penalties, and/or charges are as Schedule “A” attached for 2025 and are to be incorporated into the current Fees and Charges By-law. Any changes to Schedule “A” will be reviewed at the same time the Fees and Charges By-law is reviewed.

9. ENFORCEMENT

- 9.1 That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing.
- 9.2 Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the ability of the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce this By-law at any time.
- 9.3 The enforcement of the By-law is assigned to any By-law Enforcement Official for the Municipality.

10. REPEAL

10.1 Any and all existing By-laws that are contrary to this By-law shall be deemed to be repealed.

11. SEVERABILITY

11.1 All sections of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent and the invalidity of any section or provision thereof shall not affect the remaining sections.

Read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time and finally PASSED this --- day of --- 2025

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

NOTE: Fines to be approved by the province once Council approves the by-law.

SCHEDULE “A”

TO BY-LAW 2025- Road Fouling

Part 1 Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Word Form Wording	Provision Creating/Defining Offence	Set Fine
1	Crossing / damaging curbs, sidewalk, roadways or paved boulevards	2.1	\$500
2	Spill or track building material, waste, or soil	2.4	\$500
3	Failure to remove any doorsteps, porches or other erections or things	3.1	\$500
4	Build/maintain fence – Obstruct or interfere with public travel	4.1	\$500
5	Failure to remove obstruction	4.2	\$500
6	Stop up public highway	4.3	\$500
7	Throw, place, deposit rubbish or animal carcass	5.1	\$500
8	Dump/dispose of waste on highway	5.2	\$500
9	Obstruct culvert or ditch	6.1	\$500
10	Dump sewage in culvert or ditch	6.2	\$500
11	Dump waste in culvert or ditch	6.3	\$500
12	Permit animal(s) to run at large/trespass on highway or bridge	7.1	\$500
13	Failure to remove excrement	7.2	\$500
14	Permit animal(s) to trespass on private property	7.3	\$500

Note: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is section 8.1 of By-law 2025-XX , a certified copy of which has been filed.

Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-34
Date: June 12, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of
From: Council Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Subject: Ralph Bice Bursary

Recommendation:

That Council receives SR2025-34 and agrees to

- ☐ award the Ralph Bice Bursary in the amount of \$1000 to Sarah Sugg
- ☐ not award the Bursary in 2025, due to the only applicant not attending a post secondary program within the bursary scope.

Background:

Staff have received an application for the Ralph Bice Bursary for 2025 from Sarah Sugg, a Kearney resident that has been accepted to attend Wilfred Laurier University in 2025.

Considerations:

The Ralph Bice Committee had set up a bursary fund to award \$1000 to a deserving Kearney resident who would be attending a forestry or related course in the coming year. This fund was used to award \$1000 to last year's recipient and has funds remaining to provide this bursary for approximately 9 years in total.

While the only applicant is not attending a Forestry course, her desire to further her education and expand her knowledge of business operations should be commended.

Analysis:

Awarding the annual bursary encourages the spirit of Ralph Bice and Staff feels meets the intent of this award.

Prepared by: Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk



Memo

Date: June 12, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk
Subject: Direction for Staff from May 22nd meeting

Recommendation:

That Council receive this memo from the CAO/Clerk; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff by way of resolution to look into the same camera system at the Lion's Park that we have purchased for other municipal facilities; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to create a draft flag policy for the Town of Kearney for Council's review.

Background Information:

At previous meetings of Council, Staff have received informal direction through the discussion at the Council table. This has led to members of Staff and Council remembering this direction differently when it was not incorporated by way of resolution. In order to assist Staff, Council and the Public with clearly understanding direction, Council has made comment that all direction will be by way of resolution at the meetings of Council.

At the May 22nd meeting of Council some discussion led to informal direction to Staff which was not included in the appropriate resolutions. Therefore, Staff would like Council to include them at this meeting to ensure Staff are providing the correct information back to Council at a future meeting. The following was discussed, but not included in resolutions:

1. Council requested Staff review adding the Lion's Park/Pavilion to the list of facilities with a new camera system, to ensure everything was on the same system.
2. Council requested Staff create a flag policy in order to have process on when to raise or lower flags or fly them for specific circumstances.

Prepared by:

Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-35
Date: June 12, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jenny Leblond, Interim Public Works Superintendent
Subject: Vehicle for Transfer Station

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council approves the purchase of the following vehicle:

2021 Ram 1500 Classic Tradesman 4X4 for the purchase price of \$32,778 or lower plus HST and licensing purchased from Edmonds Dealership for the Transfer Station attendant and further using current year surplus or reserves to pay for purchase.

OR

2025 Subaru Crosstrek \$32,923 plus \$800 for an after market remote start, plus HST and Licensing purchased from North Bay Subaru for the Building department and further using current year surplus or reserves to pay for purchase and further transfer the current building truck to the transfer station department for use.

BACKGROUND

The Interim Public Works Superintendent provided a report to Council May 22, 2025 and staff were to bring back a quote for an all wheel drive SUV for the transfer station attendant. After discussing with staff, the writer is of the opinion that the Transfer station attendant drive a truck for the following reasons:

- Other departments can borrow the truck for short trip jobs that can be done between the attendant driving between both transfer stations
- To get a suitable sized SUV you are getting into the same price point as a truck.
- Transfer station attendant will continue to have the ability to pick up any items they may find on their travels between stations

Having said that, the writer did have a conversation with the CBO and they suggested that maybe the Building truck could be transferred to Transfer station and an all wheel drive SUV could be purchased for the Building Department. If Council is wanting to stay around the \$30,000 price point for an SUV, it would probably have to be a used vehicle. There are a few new all wheel drive compact cars with hatch back just over \$30,000 such as the Subaru Crosstrek. This model would be the preference of the CBO.

ANALYSIS/OPTIONS

In addition to the quotes found for the used truck on the May 22, 2025 report to Council, the writer is recommending the following:

Truck Option

Edmonds Dealership – **2021 Ram Classic Tradesman 4X4 Quad Cab**, 93,362Km list price is \$32,778. Depending on the safety, there could be a reduction in price but the dealership does not safety until it is purchased.

SUV Option

North Bay Subaru – **2025 Subaru Crosstrek \$32,923 plus \$800 for remote start**

For comparison, here are some other models also around the \$30,000 price point

2022 GMC Terrain SLT All Wheel Drive, remote start, 96,718 km \$26,680

2024 Chev Trailblazer All Wheel Drive, remote start, 15,925 km \$34,960

2022 Chev Trailblazer All Wheel Drive, remote start, 40,561 km \$29,992

2022 GMC Terrain SLE All Wheel drive, remote start 72,493 \$32,603

2023 GMC Terrain SLE All Wheel Drive, remote start, 36,800 \$30,992

Prepared by:

Jenny Leblond, Interim Public Works Superintendent



NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

Members of Council may use this form to give notice of a motion to be proposed at a future Council meeting, pursuant to Section 13.4 of Procedural By-law 2024-05.

Council Member giving Notice:

- ☒ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Philip, Cheryl - Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received information from Lakeland EV Charging regarding charging stations;

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is interested in the EV fast charging stations for our municipality;

AND WHEREAS Lakeland EV Charging with the support of Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) to Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Ontario's EV ChargeON program, Lakeland is expanding its public network;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED council requests staff to reach out to Lakeland EV Charging regarding funding for charging stations and prepare a report for consideration by council.



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago
Council Meeting**

Agenda Number: 15.7.
Resolution Number 25-086
Title: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Barton
Seconded by: Councillor Manners

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes significant changes to environmental legislation, including the replacement of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 with the significantly weaker Species Conservation Act, 2025, and would grant the Premier and Cabinet unprecedented powers to override provincial and municipal laws – including laws that protect public health, farmland, and the natural systems that safeguard communities from extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS The Township of The Archipelago's strategic priorities include protecting and preserving our unique and high-quality natural environment, and delivering municipal services in a responsible, sustainable, cost-effective, and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS The Township of The Archipelago supports the goals of responsible economic growth and increased housing supply; and

WHEREAS nature is not red tape – it is the economic driver of our region, and is central to Canadian culture, identity, and economy; protecting nature is essential for building resilient communities and upholding the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 will undermine critical environmental, species, and heritage protection laws, introducing significant economic, environmental, social, and cultural uncertainty, endangering Ontario's 249 at-risk species, and potentially infringing on the legal and constitutional rights of the Ontario public – especially Indigenous communities that are disproportionately affected by such actions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby

opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous rights, or local planning authority, and urge the Province to withdraw the Bill; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council urges the Province of Ontario to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect local planning regimes; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all Ontario municipalities; Chief Adam Pawis, all Township of The Archipelago Ratepayer Associations; and to other environmental organizations.

Carried



Welcome to our May 2025 Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- 2025 Spring Litter Cleanup
- KWEF June Public Meeting
- Lake Partners Program (FOCA & MECP Updates)
- Bill 5 – Changes to the “Species at Risk Legislation” (FOCA Update)
- Reptiles at Risk Update from the Kearney Library – Separate Attachment

2025 Spring Litter Cleanup

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help the Kearney Lions on May 10 and to those who participated individually in cleaning up the litter on Kearney’s roads in early May. We had a good turnout and it’s amazing how much better the Town looked after the cleanup. This year the Town provided easily identifiable garbage bags to the folks doing the cleanup so that the garbage & litter could be dropped off at the transfer stations on days other than the 10th at no charge. All you needed to do was pick up the bags at the Town office and tell them which road section you were cleaning. Because the 10 km section we clean each year takes about 12-15 hours spread over several days it worked great for us. We did not have to try to fit the cleanup into a couple of days. While things are improving, we still collected two giant bags of garbage, a garbage can of recyclable cans & bottles and two garbage cans of beer and liquor containers. We have noticed over the last years that more and more sections along our route had already been cleaned. Thank you for your help. That is really encouraging. KWEF will encourage the Town to provide garbage bags again next spring and we will do more advertising to encourage other groups and organizations to help with the Spring Litter Cleanup. The ultimate goal is to try to keep Kearney litter free all year round.

KWEF June Public Meeting

We would like to invite everyone to our June meeting. We will finalize the date shortly and notify everyone via email. We would like to talk to you about what we currently are doing and things we could do in the future if we have the necessary volunteers. We will try to have a short talk on Blue Green Algae (one of our areas of concern) and bring you up to date on recent information.

Lake Partners Program (LPP) - Status and FOCA Update

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association's (FOCA) five year LPP agreement with MECP (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) ended March 31, 2025. Negotiations have been ongoing since late 2024 but haven't been finalized and LPP volunteers will shortly be returning their spring water samples to the lab at MECP for analysis. FOCA had urged people to write to Ontario Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of MECP in support of the LPP. Like others living on small lakes in Ontario we could not afford the cost or manage the logistics to obtain the water quality data that we get from this program. The current government database includes almost 600 Ontario lakes and stretches back 30 years. You can access FOCA's call-to-action and a sample letter template through their website at www.FOCA.on.ca. As part of the previous five year agreement with FOCA, the MECP conducted the lab testing of the water samples that LPP volunteers collected and also funded an assistant lake stewardship coordinator position at FOCA to manage the LPP's hundreds of volunteers.

FOCA's message to all LPP volunteers

- 1. Please go ahead with your lake sampling as usual , while we (FOCA) continue to advocate to secure the funding and agreement for this year's program. It is really important that this program continues uninterrupted.**
- 2. Regarding a possible postal disruption on or after May 22, 2025 – please send in your samples as soon as possible. In the event of a strike, you can keep samples in the fridge for up to 3 months.**

MECP's recent message to all LPP volunteers regarding a possible postal strike

MECP sent out an email on May 20 essentially the same as the FOCA message except they stressed that the sample containers should be filled properly (sample tubes to 0.5 cm above the etched line and jars with blue cap to the 80ml mark). Keep samples refrigerated at 4 degrees C and stored upright until they can be shipped. They promised to provide updates in a few weeks if the strike persisted

At the moment the postal workers are refusing overtime work but the mail seems to still be moving – perhaps just not as quickly.

Ontario Omnibus Bill 5 – Changes to the Endangered Species Act

This bill includes a proposal to dismantle the Endangered Species Act and remove various environmental protections from the development permit process. Unfortunately the public comment period closed on May 17, 2025 but we have found that the Premier and MPPs do listen if there is sufficient objections so send your letters of concern. FOCA has a template letter on their Land Use Planning webpage. You can access more information on Bill 5 and the letter at www.FOCA.on.ca/land-use-planning/#bill5

It is unfortunate that environmental concerns are often ignored or undervalued when the world makes decisions on a development or changes to a specific local environment. This is especially true if urgent or quick decisions need to be made. The “value” of the development or other project to society or the local economy etc can easily and quickly be expressed as a dollar amount. The “value” of a wet land, swamp, forested area or a local species at risk that will be lost due to the above mentioned project is much more difficult to quantify – especially if you try to equate the loss in a dollar amount. More on this topic in a future newsletter.

Reptiles At Risk – An Update From the Kearney Library

Meanwhile on a positive note, the Kearney Library continues to educate our residents, visitors and especially our young people about how to co-exist with and enjoy all our wildlife. See their separate information sheet on Reptiles at Risk attached to our newsletter and stay tuned for details on their other summer programs.

Office of the Deputy Solicitor General
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DATE: May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under
O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for
Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in [O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police](#) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.



Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
Ministry of the Solicitor General

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants and Ratepayers of the Contributing Municipalities of the
Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee ("the Committee"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations, its changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Committee in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Committee's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Committee or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Committee's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Committee's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Committee's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Committee to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

North Bay, Canada
May 28, 2025

Doane Grant Thornton LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 128,342	\$ 120,902
Investments (Note 3)	326,968	317,090
Accounts receivable	26,600	24,805
	481,910	462,797
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	36,827	16,038
Asset retirement obligations (Note 5)	887,207	801,619
	924,034	817,657
NET DEBT	(442,124)	(354,860)
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Tangible capital assets - net (Note 7)	323,924	421,955
	323,924	421,955
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (Note 8)	\$ (118,200)	\$ 67,095

Contractual Obligations (Note 6)

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE:

_____ Chairperson

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND ACCUMULATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget 2024 (see Note 9)	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
REVENUE			
Municipal contributions - Perry	\$ 121,110	\$ 121,110	\$ 109,730
- Kearney	95,940	95,940	87,121
Other	5,000	22,090	22,811
TOTAL REVENUE	222,050	239,140	219,662
EXPENSES			
Materials and supplies	41,450	18,579	18,664
Contracted services	185,500	252,058	160,128
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	31,207	31,207	25,681
Amortization of tangible capital assets	122,591	122,591	1,564
TOTAL EXPENSES	380,748	424,435	206,037
ANNUAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (Note 8)	(158,698)	(185,295)	13,625
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	67,095	67,095	53,470
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS, END OF YEAR	\$ (91,603)	\$ (118,200)	\$ 67,095

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget 2024 (see Note 9)	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (158,698)	\$ (185,295)	\$ 13,625
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	-	(45,822)
Settlement of asset retirement obligation through closure activities	(110,100)	-	-
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	-	(24,560)	(176,540)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	122,591	122,591	1,564
Increase in net debt	(146,207)	(87,264)	(207,173)
Net debt, beginning of year	(354,860)	(354,860)	(147,687)
Net debt, end of year	\$ (501,067)	\$ (442,124)	\$ (354,860)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (185,295)	\$ 13,625
Non-cash charges to operations:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	122,591	1,564
Accretion expense on ARO liability	31,207	25,681
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO	(24,560)	(176,540)
Increase (decrease) in ARO liability, excluding accretion	54,381	176,540
	(1,676)	40,870
Changes in non-cash items:		
Accounts receivable	(1,795)	(15,129)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	20,789	(1,550)
	18,994	(16,679)
Cash provided by operating transactions	17,318	24,191
Capital transactions		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	-	(45,822)
Cash applied to capital transactions	-	(45,822)
Investing transactions		
Change in investments	(9,878)	(14,584)
Cash applied to investing transactions	(9,878)	(14,584)
Net change in cash	7,440	(36,215)
Cash, beginning of year	120,902	157,117
Cash, end of year	\$ 128,342	\$ 120,902

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

The Kearney-Perry Joint Waste Management Committee (the "organization") is a joint committee of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and the Corporation of the Township of Perry, who contribute towards the organization in proportion to their relative property assessment values.

Management Responsibility

The financial statements of the organization are the responsibility of management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of significant accounting policies is provided in Note 1. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

Management maintains a system of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial information is produced. The internal controls are designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements, and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Significant accounting policies adopted by the organization are as follows:

Basis of Accounting

- (i) Accrual basis of accounting
Revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized in the year in which it is earned and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.
- (ii) Cash
Cash includes cash on hand and balances held at financial institutions.
- (iii) Investments
Investments are recorded at cost plus accrued interest.
- (iv) Non-financial assets
Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities but are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations.

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(a) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset, as well as any asset retirement obligations related to the asset. Borrowing costs related to the acquisition of tangible capital assets are expensed in the year incurred. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Land improvements - 20 years
Buildings - 50 years
Machinery and equipment - 20 years

One half of the annual amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Estimated closure and post-closure expenses for active landfill sites are amortized annually on the basis of capacity used during the year as a percentage of the estimated total capacity of the landfill site.

Tangible capital assets received as donations are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt.

(v) Reserves and reserve funds

Certain amounts, as approved by the organization, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Balances related to these funds are included in the accumulated surplus of the Statement of Financial Position.

(vi) Government transfers

Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenue when the transfer is authorized and any eligibility criteria are met, except to the extent that transfer stipulations give rise to an obligation that meets the definition of a liability. Transfers are recognized as deferred revenue when transfer stipulations give rise to a liability. Transfer revenue is recognized in the Statement of Operations as the stipulation liabilities are settled.

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(vii) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified as either fair value, amortized cost or cost.

Financial instruments classified as fair value are initially recognized at cost and subsequently carried at fair value. Financing fees and transaction costs on financial instruments measured at fair value are expensed as incurred. Unrealized gains and losses on financial assets are recognized in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. Once realized, remeasurement gains and losses are transferred to the Statement of Operations. A Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses has not been included as there are no matters to report therein.

Financial instruments classified as amortized cost are initially recognized at cost and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses on financial assets. The effective interest rate method allocates interest income or interest expense over the relevant period, based on the effective interest rate. Transaction costs related to financial instruments in the amortized cost category are added to the carrying value of the instrument.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of impairment. Previously recognized impairment losses are reversed to the extent of the improvement, provided the asset is not carried at an amount, at the date of the reversal, greater than the amount that would have been the carrying amount had no impairment loss been recognized previously. The amounts of any write-downs or reversals are recognized in the Statement of Operations.

Financial liabilities (or part of a financial liability) are removed from the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, they are discharged, cancelled or expire.

The organization's financial instruments are measured according to the following methods:

<u>Financial instrument</u>	<u>Measurement method</u>
Cash	Amortized cost
Investments	Amortized cost
Accounts receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost

(viii) Asset retirement obligations

A liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized when, at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a capital asset;
- the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability is recorded at an amount that is the best estimate of the expenditure required to retire a capital asset at the financial statement date. The liability is subsequently reviewed at each financial reporting date and adjusted for the passage of time and for any revisions to the timing, amount required to settle the obligation or the discount rate. When an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is added to the carrying value of the related capital asset when it is still in productive use. This cost is amortized over the useful life of the capital asset. If the related capital asset is unrecognized or no longer in productive use, the asset retirement costs are expensed.

KEARNEY-PERRY JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(ix) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's historical experience, best knowledge of current events and actions that the organization may undertake in the future. Significant accounting estimates include estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets and estimated costs and timing of asset retirement obligations. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

There is a measurement uncertainty surrounding the estimation of liabilities for asset retirement obligations of \$887,207. These estimates are subject to uncertainty because of several factors including, but not limited to estimated settlement dates, estimated costs and change in the discount rate. These estimates are reviewed annually and, as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the period in which they become known.

2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES - ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

On January 1, 2024, the organization adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3400 - Revenue. New Section PS 3400 establishes standards on how to account for and report on revenue. It does not apply to revenues for which specific standards already exist, such as government transfers. The Section distinguishes between revenue that arises from transactions that include performance obligations (i.e., exchange transactions) and transactions that do not have performance obligations (i.e., non-exchange transactions). The organization has adopted this new standard prospectively. The adoption of this new standard had no impact on the organization's financial statements.

On January 1, 2024, the organization adopted new Public Sector Guideline PSG-8 - Purchased Intangibles. The main features of PSG-8 include a definition of purchased intangibles (which does not include those received through government transfer, contribution or inter-entity transactions), examples of items that are not purchased intangibles, reference to other guidance in the Handbook on intangibles and reference to the asset definition, general recognition criteria and the GAAP hierarchy for accounting for purchased intangibles. The organization has adopted this new guideline prospectively. The adoption of this new guideline had no impact on the organization's financial statements.

On January 1, 2024, the organization adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3160 - Public Private Partnerships. New Section PS 3160 establishes standards on how to account for partnerships between public and private sector entities where infrastructure is procured by a public sector entity using a private sector partner that is obligated to design, build, acquire or better infrastructure; finance the infrastructure past the point where the infrastructure is ready for use and operate and/or maintain the infrastructure. Infrastructure typically includes items such as tangible capital assets (i.e., complex network systems), but may also include items that are intangible in nature. The organization has adopted this new standard prospectively. The adoption of this new standard had no impact on the organization's financial statements.

3. INVESTMENTS

Investments are comprised of guaranteed investment certificates, bearing interest at 3.40% and maturing October 28, 2025.

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4. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risks arising from financial instruments and risk management

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The organization's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize the potential adverse effects on the organization's financial performance.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the organization if a debtor fails to honour its contractual obligations. The organization is exposed to this risk as a result of its cash, investments and accounts receivable. The carrying amounts of these financial assets on the Statement of Financial Position represent the maximum credit risk of the organization as at the reporting date.

The organization holds its cash and investments with a federally regulated chartered bank and a provincially regulated credit union who are insured, respectively, by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation ("CDIC") and the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario ("FSRA"). The CDIC insurance is up to \$100,000 per deposit account and the FSRA insurance is up to \$250,000 in aggregate.

Accounts receivable are all current, and are due from the federal government. Credit risk is mitigated by the financial solvency of the government.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in exposure to credit risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the organization will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. The organization is exposed to this risk with respect to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The organization maintains sufficient cash balances to meet its obligations, and does not believe it is subject to significant liquidity risk.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities are all current and expected to be paid within the next 6 months.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in exposure to liquidity risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of market factors. Market factors include three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and equity risk. The organization is not exposed to significant currency or equity risk as it does not transact materially in foreign currency or hold equity financial instruments. It is primarily exposed to interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its interest-bearing investments. Fixed rate instruments subject the organization to a fair value risk.

There have been no significant changes from the prior year in the exposure to market risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

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5. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS

The organization has recorded an asset retirement obligation with respect to its landfill closure and post-closure care requirements, which have been defined in accordance with industry standards and include final cover and landscaping of the landfill site, management of groundwater and leachates, and ongoing environmental monitoring and site inspection.

When initially recording this obligation, the estimated present value of future cash flows for closure and post-closure costs for active cells at the landfill site are capitalized to the carrying amount of the associated assets, and amortized over the operating life of the cell, in proportion to its utilized capacity. Revisions to the estimated cost are also capitalized and amortized as part of the asset. When a cell at the landfill site becomes inactive, the related assets are derecognized. For both active and inactive cells, accretion of the discounted liability due to the passage of time is recorded as an in-year expense.

The liability for the landfill site represents the total discounted future cash flows for closure and post-closure care using an estimated long-term borrowing rate of 4.37% (2023 - 4.37%) and inflation rate of 2.6% (2023 - 2.6%). The continuity of the asset retirement obligation is shown below:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year - as previously reported	\$ 801,619	\$ 146,158
Increase in liability reflecting changes in the estimated cash flows, inflation and discount rate	54,381	176,540
Adjustment due to change in accounting policy	-	453,240
Increase in liability due to accretion (the passage of time)	31,207	25,681
Balance, end of year	\$ 887,207	\$ 801,619

The estimated remaining capacity of the site is approximately 93,200 cubic metres (2023 - 95,000), estimated to be filled in 52 years (2023 - 53 years). Post-closure care is estimated to be required for a period of 25 years.

The organization has closure reserves of \$293,530 (2023 - \$309,382) to fund this obligation.

6. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

In 2023 the organization renewed its contract with Waste Connections of Canada Ltd. to perform waste pick-up and landfill site services at the Rain Lake landfill site for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028. Contract prices for the first year of the contract are as follows:

- \$225.75 to \$335.95 for bin pick-ups and drop offs from the municipal transfer stations;
- \$124.00 per hour for backhoe loader use;
- \$58,600 for landfill site operations.

The contract prices are subject to an annual CPI adjustment commencing January 1, 2025.

In 2024 the organization extended its contract with WSP Canada Inc. to perform monitoring at the Rain Lake landfill site for the years 2025 to 2029 at a cost of \$16,005 for 2025, increasing by 3.40% annually thereafter.

In 2024 the organization contracted WSP Canada Inc. to perform engineering services related to the closure of cell 1 at a cost of \$59,610. To the end of 2024, \$26,880 of services were performed. The balance of the work is expected to be completed in 2025.

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The tangible capital assets of the organization by major asset class are outlined below. Landfill closure and post-closure-related transactions and balances are reported as land improvements.

2024					
	Land Improvements		Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	TOTAL
COST					
Balance, beginning of year	\$	541,892	\$	34,258	\$ 86,353 \$ 662,503
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO		24,560	-	-	24,560
Disposals and writedowns		(161,360)	-	-	(161,360)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR		405,092	34,258	86,353	525,703
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION					
Balance, beginning of year		158,238	11,990	70,320	240,548
Annual amortization		119,768	685	2,138	122,591
Amortization disposals		(161,360)	-	-	(161,360)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR		116,646	12,675	72,458	201,779
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS-NET	\$	288,446	\$	21,583	\$ 13,895 \$ 323,924
2023					
	Land Improvements		Buildings	Machinery and Equipment	TOTAL
COST					
Balance, beginning of year	\$	390,746	\$	34,258	\$ 86,353 \$ 511,357
Additions and betterments		45,822	-	-	45,822
Revaluation of tangible capital assets - ARO		176,540	-	-	176,540
Disposals and writedowns		(71,216)	-	-	(71,216)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR		541,892	34,258	86,353	662,503
ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION					
Balance, beginning of year		230,713	11,305	68,182	310,200
Annual amortization		(1,259)	685	2,138	1,564
Amortization disposals		(71,216)	-	-	(71,216)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR		158,238	11,990	70,320	240,548
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS-NET	\$	383,654	\$	22,268	\$ 16,033 \$ 421,955

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The 2024 continuity of accumulated surplus reported on the Statement of Financial Position is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Annual Surplus (Deficit)	Balance End of Year
RESERVES:			
Equipment	\$ 127,377	\$ 4,972	\$ 132,349
Closure	309,382	(15,852)	293,530
Monitoring Well	10,000	-	10,000
	446,759	(10,880)	435,879
OTHER			
Tangible capital assets	421,955	(98,031)	323,924
General operating surplus	-	9,204	9,204
Unfunded asset retirement obligations	(801,619)	(85,588)	(887,207)
	\$ 67,095	\$ (185,295)	\$ (118,200)

9. BUDGET FIGURES

The budget adopted for the current year was prepared on a modified accrual basis, and has been restated to conform with the accounting and reporting standards applicable to the actual results. For unbudgeted items (amortization and asset retirement obligation accretion), the actual amounts for 2024 were used to adjust the budget amounts. A reconciliation of the adopted and reported budgets is presented below.

	Budget
ADOPTED BUDGET:	
Change in general operating surplus	\$ -
Decrease in reserves	(115,000)
ADJUSTMENTS:	
Settlement of asset retirement obligations through closure of Cell 1	110,100
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(122,591)
Asset retirement obligation accretion	(31,207)
ANNUAL DEFICIT	\$ (158,698)

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10. SEGMENT DISCLOSURE AND EXPENSES BY OBJECT

Since the organization's operations are not considered diverse and operations are managed as one department, no segment disclosure has been provided. Supplementary expenses by object information is not provided as it would not provide additional meaningful information not readily determinable from the financial information provided on the Statement of Operations.

11. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain prior year figures presented for comparative purposes have been reclassified to conform with the presentation adopted for the current year.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-law No. 2025- XX

Being a By-law to establish a Tax Collection Policy for the Town of Kearney

WHEREAS Section 306 to Section 389 inclusive of the Municipal Act, S 0. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides legislation with respect to municipal property taxes;

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney deems it practical to adopt a Municipal Property Tax Policy;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney enacts as follows:

1. That the attached Tax Collection Policy be hereby adopted as set out in Schedule "A" attached forms an integral part of this By-Law; and
2. That all previous by-law and/or directions, or parts thereof, in conflict with or contrary hereto or inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed; and
3. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of its final passing; and
4. That the Treasurer of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of a grammatical or typographical nature to the By-law and Schedule after the passage of this By-Law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the By-Law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND TIME AND THIRD TIME, passed and signed and the Corporate Seal attached hereto, this the 12th day of June, 2025.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

Town of Kearney

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Approved by: Resolution No. 2025-XX	Revised:
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Purpose

This policy provides guidelines to staff for effective and efficient collection of property taxes and to ensure that all taxpayers are treated fairly and equitably with respect to the collection of their property taxes.

Policy statement

The purpose of this policy is to establish the responsibilities, internal controls, authorizations and procedures ensuring the timely, accurate and efficient preparation and collection of property taxes.

Scope

The scope of this document is intended to cover all the aspects of “collection” of property taxes and any amounts added as taxes for collection. The document will also incorporate “billing” practices including the process for the Interim Billing and Final Billing Collection

This policy takes its authority from Section 286 of the Municipal Act, 2001 which states that the Treasurer is responsible for handling all of the financial affairs of the municipality on behalf of and in the manner directed by the council of the municipality.

Accountability

The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are responsible to ensure that outstanding Property Tax collection processes are performed in accordance with this policy and all applicable legislation. In addition, the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer or delegate is responsible to:

- Ensure this policy remains consistent with current legislation
- Ensure applicable staff are aware of and trained on this policy
- Communicate any policy revisions to applicable staff
- Assess overdue Property Tax accounts to ensure tax collection processes are performed in accordance with this policy

Tax Billing and Payments

Interim bill- Based on 50% of the previous year’s property taxes. Bills to be mailed/emailed out before the end of the first week in March with two installments, due on or about the 27th day of March and of May.

Final Billing – Based on the current year’s property assessment times the current tax rate as passed in the budget. Two installments: Due (depending on the current year’s by-law) on or about the 27th day of August and October.

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Interest and Penalties

Interest and penalties shall be added as soon as possible on or immediately after the first of the month, as circumstances allow, no later than the seventh of every month.

Interest and Penalties shall be assessed at the rate of 1.25%, or the highest rate allowed under the Municipal Act, and will be added to all past due accounts following the installment due date and monthly thereafter until paid.

Collection Procedures

Reminder notices: One reminder notice to be sent after the Interim billing, approximately 2-3 weeks after the second installment due date. A second reminder notice to be sent after the final billing, 2-3 weeks after the second installment due date.

Tax Registration Procedures

First Warning Letter – To be sent to those property owners whose taxes will be two years in arrears as if January 1, to be sent before the end of January. The letter will warn that the property in question is eligible for tax registration procedures in the new year if the second year arrears are not paid by the end of February.

Second and Final Warning Letter – To be sent by registered mail, giving notice in March, that registration procedures will be commenced by the beginning of May, and, in the case of farmers, send A Notice of Intent to Realize On Security as required under the Farm Debt Mediation Act.

Properties will become registered, at a time convenient for the municipal staff, in May but no later than the end of July. All tax registration procedures will be governed by the Municipal Act.

Accepted Payment Methods

Payments are payable to the “Town of Kearney”, 8 Main Street, PO Box 38, Kearney ON P0A 1M0 and must be received in the municipal office on or before the installment due date in order to avoid penalty and interest.

The following payment methods are accepted for property taxes:

- i. Payments may be received in person during regular business hours in the municipal office (8 Main Street) by cash, cheque, debit or credit. There is a 2% surcharge for credit card payments.
- ii. Cheques may be dropped into the after-hours dropbox located to the right of the front entrance of the municipal office;

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- iii. Cheques may be mailed; however, the cheques must be received in the municipal office on or before the installment due date in order to avoid penalty and interest;
- iv. Payments may be made by telephone or internet banking. Taxpayers wishing to pay in this manner need to be aware that currently the typical processing time for Canadian financial institutions to transfer a payment to the township's account can be at least 3 business days. This means that payment made in this manner should incorporate sufficient lead time in advance of the due date.
- v. Payments may be made in person at most Canadian financial institutions. As noted in (iv) above, the typical processing time for Canadian financial institutions to transfer a payment to the township's account is at least 3 business days. This means that sufficient payment processing time should be considered when making payments at financial institutions to ensure the payment is received in advance of the due date.

Communication to Council

Council will be provided with a quarterly report of aggregate data of the current year's property tax arrears and the prior year for comparison.