

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

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**Council Members Present:** Mayor: Cheryl Philip  
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

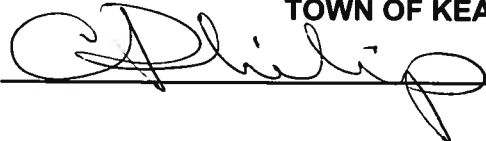
The DC left the meeting after their section of the Closed Session.

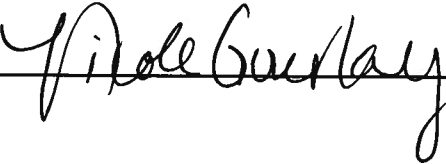
Resolution 2025-163  
Moved by Councillor Sharer, Seconded by Councillor Pateman  
BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in  
Open Session at 9:58 pm

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk