

**The Corporation of the Town of Kearney**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Staff Present:** Nicole Gourlay, CAO  
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief (FC), Chief Building Official (CBO)  
Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent (PSW)  
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

**Council Members Absent:** Councillors: Keven Beaucage

The CAO was present for the entirety of the meeting. The FC, CBO, PSW and DC were present for their portions of the public meeting.

*A moment of silence was held to honour the memory of Jack Pearson and to honour the memory of Ron Mallory*

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
Resolution 2025-189  
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of June 12, 2025 as amended  
Amended to add: 7.12 Bish Consent  
10.4 Bylaw 2025-47 to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment  
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest - nil**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**  
4.1 Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* Section 34: Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Prichard  
Resolution 2025-190  
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Meeting of Council pursuant to Section (12),(13), (14) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 as amended, held Thursday, July 10, 2025 be called to order at 6:07 pm  
CARRIED  
  
Resolution 2024-191  
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Meeting of Council pursuant to Section (12), (13), (14) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, held Thursday, July 10, 2025, be adjourned at 6:14 pm
5. **Consent List**  
Resolution 2025-192  
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, July 10 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 SR2025-42 Chetwynd Road Update

Resolution 2025-193

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives Staff Report SR2025-42 Chetwynd Road Update from the Public Works Superintendent; AND FURTHER that Council approves finishing the part of Chetwynd Road that was asphalted in 2024 between Mason Lake Road and Island Lake Road; AND FURTHER that Council approve the Public Works Superintendent to work with one of two contractors who have estimated the project, based on their availability to finish the 2024 Chetwynd Road Project as soon as possible; AND FURTHER use operating surplus or reserves – working funds, as needed.

CARRIED

#### 7.2 DRAFT Strategic Plan 2026-2030

Resolution 2025-194

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has undertaken an update of the Strategic Plan for the Town of Kearney; AND WHEREAS EcoVue and Harrop Consulting had been jointly awarded this project, had worked with Staff and Council and the public to create a draft 2025 Strategic Plan ; AND WHEREAS opportunities for the Public, Staff and Council have been provided to review and update this document; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the Draft Strategic Plan for the Town of Kearney 2026-2030.

CARRIED

#### 7.3 MEMO: Update to SR2025-32 Employee Years of Service Program

Resolution 2025-195

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney had requested the CAO/Clerk to provide information regarding Years of Service Awards; AND WHEREAS the CAO/Clerk provided information to Council with a request for direction in SR2025-32 on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025; AND WHEREAS the CAO/Clerk was provided direction by Council to ask Staff opinions on what they would like the Policy to include; AND WHEREAS the CAO/Clerk has provided a Memo to Council outlining Staff request something similar to Option 5 in SR2025-32 which was described as: a “Time Away” or “Dinner/Day/Night Out” gift card program as described below. Description: Monetary Gift Cards that provide for a level of reward: 5 yr = \$100/Dinner for 2, 10 yr = \$250 / One Night Stay (hotel/resort), 15 yr = \$500 / Two Night Stay. Could also be for a movie day/night; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to develop a policy with the following information: that Council shall gather ideas that will offer suggestions on how to show recognition and forward these ideas to Nicole (CAO) to bring back for discussion at a later time

CARRIED

#### 7.4 SR2025-44 Fire Department Policies Update

Resolution 2025-196

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives SR2025-44 regarding Fire Station operation Update and agrees with the following recommendations:

1. To maintain the basics within the last agreement such as boot allowance, eyeglasses, meals and current wages; and
2. To have the fire fighter wage increases based on the previous year's cost of living

CARRIED

#### 7.5 Resolution re EV Charging Stations

Resolution 2025-197

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

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

CARRIED

7.6 DRAFT Road Gifting Agreement – Echo Ridge Road  
Resolution 2025-198

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS pursuant to Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, a municipality may pass by-laws authorizing the acquisition of land for highway purposes; AND WHEREAS a part of Echo Ridge Road deviates from the original road allowance onto lands owned by Andreas Meier; AND WHEREAS Andreas Meier proposes to transfer the portion of Echo Ridge Road to The Corporation of the Town of Kearney in accordance with the conditions imposed by the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board on five applications for consent (B-055/24, B-056/24, B-057/24, B-058/24, B-059/24); AND WHEREAS Council has considered it in the best interest of the Town to accept a transfer from Andreas Meier of paper title to the portion of Echo Ridge Road which is confirmed to be part of an existing public highway under the jurisdiction of the Town, which the Town maintains; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the gifting of a part of Echo Ridge Rd from Andrew Meier; AND FURTHER THAT a by-law to the this effect will be passing later in the meeting.

CARRIED

7.7 SR2025-45 Staff Report – Support in Principle Craford/106A Sunken Island  
Resolution 2025-199

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

WHEREAS Staff have received a request to purchase shore road allowance in front of 106A Sunken Island Lane; AND WHEREAS legal counsel has advised that this appears to be a straightforward application; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve, in principle, the purchase of the shore road allowance in front of 106A Sunken Island Lane.

CARRIED

7.8 SR2025-46 Staff Report – Support in Principle Rusnak/112 Ostick SRA  
Resolution 2025-200

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward

WHEREAS Staff have received a request to purchase shore road allowance in front of 112 Ostick Road; AND WHEREAS legal counsel has advised that this appears to be a straightforward application; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve, in principle, the purchase of the shore road allowance in front of 112 Ostick Road.

CARRIED

7.9 MEMO: Planning Board  
Resolution 2025-201

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney is a part of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board with approval authority granted to the Planning Board; AND WHEREAS Council for the Town of Kearney values the preservation and protection of our Northern heritage while implementing responsible land use planning policies and procedures; AND WHEREAS the Municipality requests all Planning Act applications to conduct a pre-consultation with either Municipal Staff or a qualified Planner identifying site specific conditions that will reinforce the preservation and protection of the subject lands; AND WHEREAS this pre-consultation report is provided to Council to assist them in making formal comment about the application to the Planning Board with suggested conditions of consent; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney formally requests approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to be removed from the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board; AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Kearney be delegated the approval authority for plans of subdivision/ condominium, consents, and validations; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is to be circulated to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board.

CARRIED

7.10 MEMO: OPP Engagement Session July 10, 2025  
Resolution 2025-202

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts the Memo from the Treasurer regarding the OPP Engagement Session of June 18, 2025

CARRIED

7.11 DRAFT By-law 2025-43 Road Damaging Bylaw  
Resolution 2025-203

Moved by Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney received the DRAFT Road Fouling by-law during the June 12 Regular Council Meeting; AND WHEREAS Council directed that the DRAFT by-law be brought back to Council for passing with the noted changes; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the DRAFT By-law 2025-43 known as the Road Damaging By-law; AND FURTHER THAT the passing of this by-law will take place later in the meeting.  
CARRIED

**7.11 Bish Consent**  
**Resolution 2025-204**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recommend approval of Consent to Sever Application B-024/25 to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board, with the following conditions:

1. An application for a Zoning By-law Amendment that rezones the subject lands from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone is required to recognize the reduced lot area of the severed and retained lots.
2. That, prior to the finalization of consent, confirmation that the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority has no concerns or objections regarding sewage disposal systems on the subject lands shall be provided, to the discretion of the Town of Kearney.
3. Confirmation in writing from the Town of Kearney that a 911 Address Number to the retained lands has been created and assigned.
4. A payment-in-lieu of a parkland dedication shall be paid in accordance with Section 51.1 of the Planning Act acceptable to the Town of Kearney in cash or certified cheque.
5. That all Municipal taxes to date shall be paid in full.
6. The applicant provides confirmation from the Town of Kearney Roads Foreman with respect to entrance approval. ..
7. That all Town fees and disbursements (legal, engineering, planning), if any incurred by the Town with respect to this application shall be paid for by the owner.
8. A draft reference plan of survey be provided to the Town of Kearney for review prior to registration.

CARRIED

**8. Notice of Motion - nil**

**9. Correspondence for Information**

**Resolution 2025-205**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the correspondence list of the July 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the Town of Prescott in their Strong Mayor Powers Opposition Resolution  
CARRIED

**10. By-laws**

**Resolution 2025-206**

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rickward

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 2025-43 Road Damaging By-law

10.2 By-law 2025-44 Being a Bylaw to adopt a Strategic Plan for the Town of Kearney for 2026-2030

10.3 By-law 2025-45 being a Bylaw to accept a portion of Echo Ridge Road

10.4 By-law 2025-47 being a Bylaw to appoint a Committee of Adjustment

CARRIED

**11. Closed Session**

**Resolution 2025-207**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:30 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

(2)(a) Acquisition or disposition of land

**Resolution 2025-208**

Moved by Councillor Pateman, Seconded by Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 8:55 pm

**12. Confirming By-law**

Resolution 2025-209

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-46 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Meeting of June 20, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of July 10, 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**

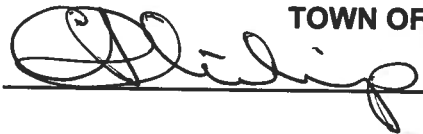
Resolution 2025-210

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:57 pm

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF KEARNEY



Mayor



Clerk

