

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor: Cheryl Philip
Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward
Councillors: Kevin Beaucage, Jill Sharer

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk (CAO)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

Council Members Regrets: Councillor: Heather Pateman

The CAO/Clerk was present for the entirety of the meeting. The DC was present for the public meeting.

A moment of silence was held to honour the memory of Kathy Kuhajda

- 1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2025-235
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 September 11, 2025 as amended
Amended to add: By-law 2025-56 re: Automotive Materials Services Amending Agreement
Amended to add: By-law 2025-57 re: Product Care- Special & Hazardous Waste Agreement
CARRIED

- 3. **Disclosure of Interest** – Councillor Keven Beaucage re Approved cheque #35060 for Regatta expenses (tablecloths)

- 4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
4.1 Delegation by Wilson Boynton from SLAPOA
Res. No. 2025-236
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Wilson Boynton, SLAPOA, for his presentation regarding ATV speeds within the Town of Kearney; AND FURTHER thanks Bob Harrison from Algonquin West ATV Club for his input; AND FURTHER, directs Staff (Tom Young) to meet with the 2 groups to provide Council with a final proposal.
CARRIED

Council reconvened at 6:38 pm

5. Consent List

Resolution 2025-237
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to bring back the July 10th, 2025 minutes to amend the word “Absent” to “Regrets” in six months time as per Section 13.5 of the Town’s Procedure Bylaw
CARRIED

Resolution 2025-238
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, September 11, 2025, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council except for items:
5.1 August 14 Minutes to be changed to reflect “regrets” rather than “absence” AND FURTHER that going forward all absences should be noted as “Regrets” AND FURTHER THAT the procedural bylaw should be updated to ensure clear direction as to what, when and why absences of Council members should be reported.

CARRIED

6. Items Referred from the Consent List

Resolution 2025-239

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney amends the draft Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2025 to reflect "Regrets" instead of "Absent" in the Council members present section.

CARRIED

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 SR2025-53 Sand Lake Boat Ramp – Paving Request by Council

Resolution 2025-240

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives Staff Report SR2025-53 from the Public Works Superintendent; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to monitor the performance of the Sand Lake Boat Ramp; AND FURTHER Council will decide whether to pave the top portion at a later time.

CARRIED

7.2 SR2025-54 Front End Loader

Res. No. 2025-240

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives Staff Report SR2025-54 regarding the purchase of a front end; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to bring back the financial implications regarding this purchase.

CARRIED

7.3 SR 2025-55 Library Budget Increase

Resolution 2025-242

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives Staff Report SR2025-55 regarding the Library Budget increase; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve an increase of \$8,960.96 for the 2025 Library levy; AND FURTHER THAT Council requests the library board submit a formal levy request through resolution to Council as early in the calendar year as possible.

CARRIED

7.4 Memo Lions Pavilion Dedicated Reserve

Resolution 2025-243

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives Staff Memo regarding the Lions Pavilion dedicated Reserve; AND FURTHER that Council approve the creation of a dedicated Reserve for this purpose.

CARRIED

7.5 Memo: Official Plan and Zoning By-law Update

Resolution 2025-244

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the Staff Memo from Eco Vue regarding the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Update; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the budgetary adjustment increasing budget line 090-021 to \$147,000 due to project scope change and improper apportionment.

CARRIED

7.6 Review Letter re: Better Support for Volunteer Fire Fighter Training

Resolution 2025-245

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the DRAFT letter regarding Council Support for Volunteer Fire Fighter Training; AND FURTHER that Staff forward this letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, local MP Scott Aitchison, local MPP Graydon Smith, the Office of the Fire Marshall and other relevant associations or government bodies.

CARRIED

7.7 Automotive Materials Services – Kearney Municipal Amending Agreement

7.8 Product Care – Kearney Special & Hazardous Waste Agreement

Resolution 2025-247

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the DRAFT Agreement between Product Care and the Town of Kearney regarding Special & Hazardous Waste Disposal; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports in principle entering into the agreement, which will take place later in this meeting.

CARRIED

7.9 Save the Date- 2025 Northeast Municipal Workshop – October 21 and 22, 2025

Resolution 2025-248

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS The Municipal Services Office – North in Sudbury has invited Staff and Council to a two-day training workshop where members of Council and staff from across northeastern Ontario will come together to hear from experts and each other on relevant and timely topics; AND WHEREAS this training session will take place in Sudbury, ON on October 21 & 22, 2025; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the attendance of Keven Beaucage and Michael Rickward

CARRIED

7.10 Discussion: AHHC request for funds for recruitment

Resolution 2025-249

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the request from AHHC for \$1000.00 for recruitment of physicians in the Almaguin Region

CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion - nil

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2025-250

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the correspondence list of the September 11, 2025 as information; AND FURTHER directs Staff to draft letters of support regarding 9.3 & 9.2

10. By-laws

Resolution 2025-251

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; 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 2025-51 ZBLA (Prichard)

10.2 By-law 2025-52 ZBLA (Bootsma)

10.3 By-law 2025-53 ZBLA (Meier)

10.4 By-law 2025-54 Procurement

10.5 By-law 2025-55 Appointment of Assistant Chief Building Official

10.6 By-law 2025-56 Automotive Materials Services Amending Agreement

10.7 By-law 2025-57 Product Care- Special & Hazardous Waste

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

Resolution 2025-252

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:35 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(2)(c) Acquisition or Disposition of Land

(2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

Resolution 2025-253

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:25 pm

Resolution 2025-254
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs the CAO/Clerk to amend the CBO job description to include the duties of Facilities Manager
CARRIED

12. **Confirming By-law**

Resolution 2025-255
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-58 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 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 2025-256
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 9:27 pm
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk