

TOWN OF KEARNEY

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday October 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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.]

4. Delegations/Presentations

5. Consent List

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| 5.1. September 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes | Pg.3 |
| 5.2. Payment Register | Pg.7 |
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| 7.8. Road Closure for Santa's Ski Show | |
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8. Notice of Motion

9. Correspondence for Information

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10. Bylaws

11. Closed Session

Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, Council will move into closed session under the following subsections:

- (2) (c) Acquisition and disposition of land
- (2) (b) Identifiable Individual
- (2) (d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

12. Confirming Bylaw

13. Adjournment

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
Resolution 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
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2025-237
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 14th 2025 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

Resolution 2025-238
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

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. 2025-241

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 SR2025-55 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
Resolution 2025-246

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 the DRAFT Agreement amending the Municipal Agreement between Automotive Materials Services and the Town of Kearney; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports in principle entering into the agreement, which will take place later in this meeting.

Carried

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 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

CARRIED

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

Councillor Beaucage left the meeting prior to the end of Closed Session.

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: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward

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: 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 9:27 pm
CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

Date Printed
9/24/2025 3:41 PM

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COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
35102	9/11/2025	Abell Pest Control				
		A7238179		September Pest Control	178.47	
		A7240541		September Pest Control	65.61	
		A7291227		September Pest Control	62.15	306.23
35103	9/11/2025	Bell Mobility Inc.				
		Aug 11/25 PW		July Cell Phones x 2	82.54	
		Aug 11/25 FD		July Cell Phone	44.35	
		Aug 11/25 BD		September Data Flex Plan	147.38	274.27
35104	9/11/2025	Bell Canada (Internet)				
		Aug 19/25		August Internet	180.68	180.68
35105	9/11/2025	Bowman Fuels Ltd.				
		806473		Diesel Fuel Fill Sept 3/25	1,076.79	
		806472		Diesel Fuel Fill - Sept 3/25	923.32	
		805286		Diesel Fuel Fill - Aug 27/25	1,732.39	
		805285		Diesel Fuel Fill - August 27/25	657.57	
		66396		August Interest	64.22	4,454.29
35106	9/11/2025	Bugelli, Lisa				
		020		August Fitness Instructor Fee	800.00	800.00
35107	9/11/2025	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd				
		2266369		Salt for water softener	22.58	
		2266369 KCC		Furnace Filter	14.68	37.26
35108	9/11/2025	CRA - Receiver General				
		Aug 16-31/25		Source Deductions for Period Aug	12,746.96	12,746.96
35109	9/11/2025	CRA - Receiver General				
		Sept 1-15/25		Source Deductions for Period Sept	11,446.16	11,446.16
35110	9/11/2025	Craig's Welding & Fabrication				
		2415		Repair water tank	169.50	169.50
35111	9/11/2025	CUPE Local 1813				
		Aug 2025 Dues		August Union Dues	680.19	680.19
35112	9/11/2025	Evan Hughes Excavating				
		9495		Tonne of A Gravel / Float move	12,581.42	12,581.42
35113	9/11/2025	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience				
		Aug 15-28 FD		Vehicle Fuel Fills Aug 15 - 28	719.67	
		Aug 15-28 FDS		Station Supplies	86.72	
		Aug 15-28 KCC		Supplies	66.08	
		Aug 15-28 PWS		Shop Supplies	66.08	
		Aug15-28 Trk13		Fuel Fills x 2	229.00	
		Aug15-28 Trk 9		Fuel Fill August 16	93.00	
		Aug 16-28 Trk11		Fuel Fill Aug 28	121.01	1,381.56
35114	9/11/2025	Gordon, Carly				
		CG (Tim's)		Reimburse expense	33.02	33.02
35115	9/11/2025	Grenier, Jason				
		JG (Walmart)		Reimburse Expense	30.44	30.44
35116	9/11/2025	Hydro One Networks Inc.				

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			Sept 4/25 Admin	July Hydro	1,753.26	
			Sept 4/25 Lib	July Hydro	467.54	
			Sept 4/25 KCC	July Hydro	3,623.40	
			Sept. 4/25 LP	July Hydro	71.00	
			Sept.4/25 KWTS	July Hydro King William	59.48	
			Sept4/25 StLts	July Hydro	370.11	
			Sept 4/25 Dock	July Hydro	35.19	
			Sept4/25 KTS	July Hydro Kallio	64.15	
			Sept.4/25 PW	July Hydro	325.04	
			Sept 45/25 FD	July Hydro	264.13	7,033.30
35117	9/11/2025	Jones Motor Lines				
			I3286	August Service for outdoor portabl	406.80	
			I3283	August Service for outdoor portabl	113.00	
			I3285	August Service for outdoor portabl	452.00	
			I3282	August Service for Kallio portable	113.00	
			I3284	August Service for King Will. portal	113.00	1,197.80
35118	9/11/2025	Kearney/Perry Waste Management				
			2025-3QK	3rd qrt share of 2025 levy	26,401.18	26,401.18
35119	9/11/2025	LAS-Local Authority Services				
			MGBP0000022806	Office Supplies	89.99	
			MGBP0000022832	Office Supplies	89.99	179.98
35120	9/11/2025	Leblond, Jenny				
			JL CL/TR lunch	Reimburse exp - Clerk/Treasurer's	68.25	68.25
35121	9/11/2025	Mashinter, Amanda				
			AM CSD Exp	Reimburse Expense	90.00	90.00
35122	9/11/2025	Ministry of Finance - Ontario				
			422808251415097	July OPP LSR Policing Services	26,290.00	
			420209250744220	April-June OPP LSR Policing Reve	-771.64	25,518.36
35123	9/11/2025	Minister of Finance, Ontario				
			2025 Licencing	2025 Fleet Licencing	10,036.00	10,036.00
35124	9/11/2025	Muskoka Springs Inc				
			261973 PW	Shop drinking water	253.27	
			261973 FD	Station drinking water	253.27	506.54
35125	9/11/2025	Near North Laboratories Inc.				
			111096 FD	Water Sample Testing	29.21	
			111096 KCC	Water sample testing	29.21	
			111096 PW	Water sample testing	29.21	87.63
35126	9/11/2025	Novexco Inc				
			93971514	Office Supplies (Agenda)	16.94	16.94
35127	9/11/2025	NOW Caucus				
			2025 NOW JS	Annual Registration	25.00	
			2025 Annual HP	Annual Registration	25.00	50.00
35128	9/11/2025	O'Hara, Shane				
			SO Shop Exp	Reimburse shop expense	13.54	
			SO BA/25	Reimburse boot allowance	158.19	171.73
35129	9/11/2025	OMERS				
			Aug 25 Pension	August Pension Contributions	15,186.76	15,186.76
35130	9/11/2025	Phinney, Les				
			LP Aug1-31/25	August Beaver trapping (4 beavers	400.00	400.00
35131	9/11/2025	Purolator Inc.				

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			525127722	Camfil delivery	28.15	
			535170543	Uline Delivery	12.98	41.13
35132	9/11/2025	Ransome Well Drilling Ltd				
			645386	Carbon filters	510.76	
			645386 PW	Carbon Filters and lamps	432.79	943.55
35133	9/11/2025	Rickwards Small Motors Inc				
			Quote 10580	Carburetor Kit	9.70	9.70
35134	9/11/2025	Rogers Wireless				
			3038409406	August Hub Rental	93.32	93.32
35135	9/11/2025	Russell Christie LLP				
			52097443 July 7	Ownership - Portions of HWY 518	85.09	
			52097449 Waffle	Development Agreement (Acct 01'	3,902.55	
			52097442 July28	General Legal Matters	387.48	4,375.12
35136	9/11/2025	Sunbelt Rentals				
			78754832-0001	200lb tamper plate	322.05	
			78754832-0001.	Hard hats	128.26	450.31
35137	9/11/2025	Township Of Perry				
			2025-062	Live Burn Unit - shared exp. (final l	15,063.46	15,063.46
35138	9/11/2025	Township Of Ryerson				
			2025-077	Live Fire Prop	15.58	
			2025-064	Live Fire Prop	104.17	
			RTO-2025-073	3rd qtr levy - Regional Fire Trainir	4,170.40	4,290.15
35139	9/11/2025	Waste Connections of Canada				
			7113-0000356947	August Dump and Return	1,926.59	
			7113-0000356624	August Dump and Return	21,171.14	23,097.73
35140	9/11/2025	Young, William				
			TY Exps.	Shop Supplies	27.91	
			TY Fuel - 1T	Fuel Fill Reimbursement	181.00	208.91
35141	9/24/2025	Abell Pest Control				
			A7337704	October Pest Control	178.47	
			A7389698	October Pest Control	65.61	
			A7317618	October Pest Control	62.15	306.23
35142	9/24/2025	AMCTO Zone 7				
			NG /25 Zone 7	AMCTO Zone 7 Registration (Clerk	225.00	
			JL/25 Zone 7	AMCTO Zone 7 Registration (Trea	225.00	450.00
35143	9/24/2025	Bell Canada				
			Sept.7/25	September Phone	67.18	67.18
35144	9/24/2025	Bell Mobility Inc.				
			Sept 11/25 BD	September Data Flex Plan	145.77	
			Sept 11/25 FD	September Cell Phone	44.35	
			Sept.11/25 PW	September Cell Phone x 2	80.84	270.96
35145	9/24/2025	Brown, Mike				
			MB/25 BA	Reimburse boot allowance (\$72.20	422.56	422.56
35146	9/24/2025	Clarion Drone Academy Inc.				
			36894	Flight Training	3,292.50	3,292.50
35147	9/24/2025	Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nc				
			Levy 3 FS/25	3rd qtr levy payment French Sepai	1,821.75	1,821.75
35148	9/24/2025	Conseil Scolaire Public				
			Levy 3 FP/25	3rd qtr levy payment French Public	713.04	713.04
35149	9/24/2025	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc				

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			25-2095-303	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-727	519.80	
			25-2095-304	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-727	464.72	
			24-2095-2608	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-725	446.36	
			24-2095-2607	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-725	1,267.02	
			24-2095-2507	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-728	129.96	
			24-2095-2405	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-724	446.36	
			24-2095-2404	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-724	1,234.53	
			25-2095-203	Pre-Consultation Acct 011-729	552.29	
			25-2095-502	Minor Variance Acct 011-733	1,165.31	
			24-2095-2506	ZBA Acct 011-722	747.22	
			24-2095-2505	ZBA Acct 011-722	682.24	
			24-2095-2508	ZBA Acct 011-722	279.68	
			24-2095-610	ZBA Acct 011-701	129.95	
			24-2095-611	ZBA Acct 011-701	789.59	
			25-2095-104	General Services	265.56	
			24-2095-2010	OP / ZBL / Strategic Plan Update	28,365.83	
			24-2095-2012	General Consultations	2,454.85	39,941.27
35150	9/24/2025	Evan Hughes Excavating				
		9504		Tonne of A Gravel	5,836.45	5,836.45
35151	9/24/2025	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience				
		Sep 2-15 FD		All Vehicles fuel fills	536.04	
		Sep 2-15 BD		Fuel Fill	96.25	
		Sep 2-15 Trk90		Fuel Fill	110.00	
		Sep 2-15 Trk 13		Fuel Fills	229.50	
		Sep 2-15 FDS		Salt for watewr softener	33.88	
		Sep 2-15 PWS		Shop Supplies	33.79	
		Sep 2-15 PKS		Washers Nuts / Bolts	62.67	1,102.13
35152	9/24/2025	Grenier, Jason				
		JG Meal Sep9,20		Meal Reimbursement	90.91	90.91
35153	9/24/2025	Hare, Cathy				
		KH 90365		Reimburse Payment 30,000 Island	1,864.50	1,864.50
35154	9/24/2025	Industrial Rad & Security Muffler				
		102809		Grade 8 hex cap screw	22.44	22.44
35155	9/24/2025	Intact Public Entities				
		INV000030465		Insurance Deductable Claim P300	243.10	243.10
35156	9/24/2025	Kearney & Area Public Library				
		Res 2025-242		Increase to 2025 Library Levy	8,960.96	8,960.96
35157	9/24/2025	Mac Lang Sundridge Ltd				
		212422		Service	566.81	566.81
35158	9/24/2025	Mashinter, Amanda				
		1413619		Pilot exam certificate	10.00	
		1383970		Pilot exam certificate	10.00	20.00
35159	9/24/2025	Minister of Finance, Ontario				
		2025 Council WS		Council W.S. - Mayor Registration	80.00	
		2025 CouncilWS		Council W.S. - Mayor Registration	80.00	160.00
35160	9/24/2025	Minister of Finance, Ontario				
		CEPG 2024-25		CEPG 2024/25 - 2024-10-1-30123	3,071.00	3,071.00
35161	9/24/2025	Muskoka Springs Inc				
		262205		Drinking water jugs	96.69	96.69
35162	9/24/2025	Muskoka Hydrovac				
		2761		Hydrovac Excavation	1,033.95	1,033.95

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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
35163	9/24/2025	Near North Dist. School Board				
		Levy 3 EP 2025		3rd qtr levy payment English Publi	147,169.19	147,169.19
35164	9/24/2025	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic DSB				
		Levy 3 ES 2025		3rd qtr levy payment English Sepa	8,918.95	8,918.95
35165	9/24/2025	Novexco Inc				
		94024990		2026 Agenda	26.30	26.30
35166	9/24/2025	Township Of Perry				
		2025-071		Annual Share - OPP Board Insur	324.00	324.00
35167	9/24/2025	Wilson Transportation				
		1407		Transportation for Seniors Island C	734.50	734.50
					Total Computer Cheque:	408,167.20

Total AP: 408,167.20

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34	9/9/2025	Agriculture Forestry Construction Inc.	7701	7500 lb HLA-Cat IT 60" Tines	4,608.14	4,608.14
35	9/9/2025	Camfil Canada, Inc. Laval	1049919	AP13 SC-4x24x16	128.55	
			1049920	Replacement Order (AP13 SC x24	128.55	257.10
36	9/9/2025	Canadian Microwave	15478	September Pevensey Tower Rent	395.50	395.50
37	9/9/2025	CGIS Centre	45876	GIS Tech Service Quote 2025-001	214.70	214.70
38	9/9/2025	Fibernetics Corporation	755661	September Phone	33.89	
			755659	September Phone	33.83	
			755646	September Phone (Kallio)	95.92	
			755622	September Phone	39.48	
			755619	September Phone	186.33	389.45
39	9/9/2025	Mathews, Dinsdale, & Clark	494998	General Labour and Employment	9,718.57	
			494999	UFCW Decertification	302.84	
			496901	Negotiations	756.54	
			496917	General Labour and Employment	7,972.72	
			494600	Negotiations	232.78	
			492509 UFCW	UFCW Decertification	5,552.26	
			492509 G	General Labour and Employment	8,202.11	32,737.82
40	9/9/2025	Muskoka Auto Parts	943686/3	Ratchet Strap	67.46	67.46
41	9/9/2025	Netspectrum	96453	September internet	74.52	74.52
42	9/9/2025	Tatham Engineering Ltd	101674	United Church Review	1,434.83	1,434.83
43	9/9/2025	Trackmatics Inc.	43830-1	September GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			43830-2	September GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			43830-3	September GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			43830-4	September GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			43830-5	September GPS Monitoring	72.14	
			43830-6	September GPS Monitoring	72.14	
			43830-7	September GPS Monitoring	66.67	
			43830-8	September GPS Monitoring	287.01	
			43830-9	September GPS Monitoring	110.74	
			43830-10	September GPS Monitoring	66.67	963.89
44	9/11/2025	Champion Commercial Products	595105	Bearing/Multi-Purpose/Lithium Gre	2,225.15	2,225.15
45	9/11/2025	Midwestern Line Striping Inc	2025-082	Crosswalk / Parking Lines	4,915.50	4,915.50
46	9/11/2025	Party Cinemas	2043 Balance	Movie Night Balance owed on invo	3,037.50	3,037.50
47	9/23/2025	Agriculture Forestry Construction Inc.	7737	Oil Change and Service	1,300.68	1,300.68
48	9/23/2025	Brendar Environmental Inc				

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			INV0000832	Hazardous Waste Day	14,370.55	14,370.55
49	9/23/2025	CGIS Centre				
		45931 BD		4th Qtr Slims GIS Service (Oct-Dec)	707.23	
		45931 Admin		4th Qtr Slims GIS Service (Oct - Dec)	2,573.97	3,281.20
50	9/23/2025	D.M. Wills Associates Ltd				
		29262		August landfill monitoring	226.00	226.00
51	9/23/2025	Harvie, Kent				
		CellJune-Aug/25		Cell Phone Business Usage (June-Aug)	90.00	90.00
52	9/23/2025	Harvie, Leslie				
		DepKm Jn-Aug/25		Bank Deposit Mileage (June 6 - Aug 25)	18.72	18.72
53	9/23/2025	HubbCap				
		1040345		Culverts	10,127.06	10,127.06
54	9/23/2025	Lake Country Office Solutions				
		113344		September Fax Service	33.90	
		113155		August Photocopy Fees	260.43	294.33
55	9/23/2025	Leblond, Jenny				
		CC Reimburse C		Staff Training Lunch	276.79	
		CC Reimburse K		Interlocking Stone for Entrance	354.26	
		CC Reimburse TS		Tally Counter & Ziplock Bags	27.03	
		KM Reimburse PW		Reimburse KM's for PW duties (March-Aug)	602.28	1,260.36
56	9/23/2025	Muskoka Rent-All Huntsville				
		495426		Chain saw sharpening	77.97	77.97
57	9/23/2025	Russell Christie LLP				
		52097442 Sept 3		General Matters	2,174.22	2,174.22
58	9/23/2025	Sartori Security Corp.				
		2051A		Security Camera Installation	7,870.50	
		2052A		Security Camera Installation	4,474.85	
		2053A		Security Camera Installation	2,553.85	14,899.20
59	9/23/2025	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.				
		INV-084828		Signal Booster and Desktop Charge	2,526.82	2,526.82
60	9/23/2025	Telequip Systems Limited				
		TELEQIN134461		October Radio Usage	237.30	237.30
61	9/23/2025	Corporation of the Township Of Armour				
		ARM25-135		August Hours / Mileage / Expense:	8,038.82	8,038.82
62	9/23/2025	Trackmatics Inc.				
		43920 Trk 11		Removal of GPS and related components	339.00	
		43920 Trk 13		Install GPS and related components	508.50	847.50
					Total EFT:	111,092.29
					Total AP:	111,092.29

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**ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT D'ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS
DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE**

ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT D'ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday June 11th, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Township of Perry Municipal Office

(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Council Chambers:

Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative, Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative Councillor Joe Lumley, Councillor Dan Robertson, Councillor Kevin Noaik, Councillor Neil Scarlett, S/SGT Doug Vincer, Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Commander Beth Morton, Acting Secretary

Members of the Public: None

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2025-11

Moved by: Dan Robertson

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-12

Moved by: Krista Miller

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives the 2025 Q1 – OPP Detachment Board Report.

Carried

Item 6.1 Request from Armour Township

The Board reviewed the request from Armour Township for increased in police presence in high tourism areas. The Board directed Staff Sargeant Vincer to follow up with Armour Township that the OPP will continue to provide ongoing police presence and will also respond with recommendations.

From the discussion, the Board directed that it will further discuss how to address municipal correspondence and direction at the Wednesday, September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Resolution No. 2025-13

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Board Terms of Reference.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-14

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Abuse, Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Policy.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-15

Moved by: Neil Scarlett

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves it's 2025 Board Budget.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-16

Moved by: Neil Scarlett

Seconded by: Krista Miller

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board receives Correspondence and General Information Items 7.1. to 7.4. on the June 11th, 2025 Agenda.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2025.

Robert Sutherland, *Chair*

Beth Morton, *Acting Secretary*



705-382-2900
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Minutes: July 3, 2025, 10:00 am in person & via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice-Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, Deb Duce (Secretary).

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter.

Guest: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon, Shelly van den Heuvel, Sandy Zurbrigg, Courtney Metcalfe, Greg Stevens, David Gravelle, Nav Othi.

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward.

1. **2025-17** Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by Vicky Roeder-Martin
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of June 5, 2025, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:**

- a) **Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team (MAOHT), HHR Recruiter 3-Year Funding Renewal Request**
Greg Stevens, David Gravelle, Nav Othi, with Dr. Sarah MacKinnon and Shelly van den Heuvel.

The MAOHT team presented the recommendation of the Health & Human Resources Task Force to continue with a 3-year extension of the 3-year Recruiter funding term that expires on December 31, 2025. The initial term was implemented to address the persistent shortage of primary care providers; municipalities in Muskoka Almaguin contributed as well as healthcare services organizations (health teams/hospital/foundations).

The presentation overview included a workforce analysis, population growth throughout the regions, totals for unattached patients, ideas, plans for expansion of access to healthcare support and services, and recruiter engagement at conferences and physician recruitment events in the UK, USA, and other provinces.

Sundridge District Medical Centre shared they have been fortunate in part because of recruiter support, programs such as Practice Ready Ontario (PRO), and

assistance with the recruitment process (appointments, tours, dinners, hotels, etc.). Almaguin Highlands Family Health Team also benefited from the support.

It was noted that primary care provider recruitment will continue to be a problem until there is a larger solution by the MOH/OH across the province.

Council members noticed that Joly Township and Town of Kearney were not included in the first term and asked that they be included in the recommendation from AHHC to municipalities in Almaguin Highlands.

4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

2025-18 Moved by Delynne Patterson - Seconded by Tom Bryson.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands Health Council will request commitment from each municipality for \$1000 per year for the years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for the continued MAOHT Health Human Resources Recruiter

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Almaguin Health and Wellness Summit – October 7, 2025

The plan for the summit scheduled was amended following a discussion on what healthcare providers are doing now and how they would like to do things in the future. A survey will be created and distributed to healthcare providers and organizations. Following a review of the survey data, one-on-one interviews may be coordinated to gather greater detail. The information received will be used to create a report to the municipalities on what the desired and future needs in healthcare and what they can do to help.

Members shared questions on building requirements (planning/development), patient waitlists, PCAT funding (\$1.6 billion), feedback from patients, families and caregivers (PFC), and access to a list of resources that are available to assist people navigation the healthcare system (i.e. MAOHT Community Helpline & other [community resources](#)). D. Duce will share links to information following the meeting and introduce them to the MAOHT communications leads – Jessica North and Louise Picot – who will be able to assist in creating healthcare resource lists for distribution at summer events and community offices.

Next steps include a presentation to the MAOHT Alliance Council or Collaboration Steering Committee to connect with healthcare providers and organizations and promote the information gathering survey. S. van den Heuvel will coordinate the survey plan (questions, marketing, accessibility) with a team. L. Metcalf will create the online survey. D. Duce will connect with G. Stevens regarding presentation at the August CSC meeting.

The Summit on October 7th will be put on hold with the committee determining plans following the review of survey data.

b) Progress Report:

At the next meeting, a proposal for municipal funding supports for an in-depth building engineering study will be presented

c) **Other Business: none**

6. ADJOURNMENT

2025-19 Moved by Jim Ronholm - Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:20 a.m. to meet again on September 4, 2025, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-56
Date: October 2, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk
Subject: Winter Sand and Salt Tender Report

Recommendation:

THAT Tender RFT-2025-02 for the supply, screening, mixing and stockpiling of salt and sand for winter road application be awarded to A. Miron Topsoil Ltd for the lowest bid of \$78,600 excluding HST.

Background:

Tender RFT-2025-02 is for the 2025/26 winter salt and sand supply, screening, mixing and stockpiling. Tender was submitted by invitation to local businesses, posted on the Town's website and social media and also put on Biddingo, a website connecting Suppliers and Buyers from the Government and Public Sectors.

The tender closed on September 25th, 2025 at 10am and was opened after 10:05am by Nicole Gourlay, COA/Clerk and Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk.

Of the invitations and public advertisement process, a total of 3 Tender packages were received. No addendum was issued.

Analysis/Options:

Tenders were checked for errors and omissions. Robinson Haulage, could not meet the commencement date requirements of November 3rd 2025 and instead used a date of November 7th 2025 The recommendation is for the lowest tender.

	PRICE	HST	TOTAL
Pioneer Construction	\$91,410.00	\$11,883.30	\$103,293.30
A. Miron Topsoil	\$78,600.00	\$10,218.00	\$ 88,818.00
Robinson Haulage	\$83,760.00	\$10,888.80	\$ 94,648.80

Respectfully submitted,

I concur with this report and recommendation,

Nicole Gourlay
CAO/Clerk

Cindy Filmore
Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-Law No.2025-XX

Being a By-law to permit and regulate the size and mode of construction of culverts and entranceways which cross any drain or watercourse on a public highway under the jurisdiction of the corporation

WHEREAS Section 11(3)(6) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws respecting matters within the spheres of jurisdiction regarding drainage and flood control;

AND WHEREAS Section 27(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 provides that a Municipality may pass by-laws in respect of a highway if it has jurisdiction over the highway;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable and expedient that the Corporation of the Town of Kearney regulate the entrance ways and placement of culverts on public highways under Council's control;

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

1. **THAT** an entrance way, for the purposes of this by-law, is any driveway, laneway, private road, entrance or other structure or facility constructed or used as a means of access to a Town road and includes the tiling and covering of a roadside ditch for the purpose of improving a lawn or other frontage.
2. **THAT** no entrance, culvert or bridge over any ditch or watercourse or adjacent to any Town road may be constructed without approval by the Public Works Superintendent or designate of the Corporation.
3. **THAT** a completed application form be received, reviewed, and approved by the Town of Kearney before any work commences and include the applicable fees as set out in the Town of Kearney's current fee by-law, payable to the Town of Kearney.
4. **THAT** the application form mentioned above be used for all new entrance ways, entrance ways constructed without a permit after 1996, or, where substantial changes to existing entrance ways or use of the property are proposed.
5. **THAT** the location of the entrance must be approved by the Public Works Superintendent or designate to ensure public safety and convenience and to provide favourable sight lines, grade and alignment for all traffic using the proposed access and roadway; no undue interference with the safe movement of traffic; and will not adversely affect other properties.
6. **THAT** the diameter, gauge, length, and type of culvert to be used shall be determined by the Public Works Superintendent or designate.
7. **THAT** landowners shall purchase and install, or have installed, the approved culvert.
8. **THAT** all landowners, or their contractors, installing an entrance way / culvert shall be responsible for contacting any service providers that may have underground services located on their property or in the area of the installation of the culvert.
9. **THAT** all landowners, or their contractors, installing an entrance way/culvert are responsible for damage to the travelled portion of the highway, street or road as a result of the construction. The Town may affect the repairs at the cost of the landowner.
10. **THAT** the Public Works Superintendent or designate and By-Law Enforcement Officer are hereby authorized, in the event an entrance way / culvert has been installed or improved to an unacceptable standard, to affect such installation or repair as necessary, at the expense of the assessed owner of the benefitting property.
11. **THAT** the deposit taken at the time of the application submission shall be returned to the applicant following the completed construction of the entrance way / culvert and its approval by the Public Works Superintendent or designate. There shall be a maximum of six months from the date of approval for the completion of construction. Failure to complete construction and receive final approval in this time will result in forfeiture of the deposit to the Corporation. A temporary entrance for a maximum period of six months may also be approved, which will also require an application and the payment of the applicable fee. Failure to remove the temporary entrance way / culvert within the approved time will result in forfeiture of the permit fee to the Corporation.

12. **THAT** entrance approval is a pre-requisite to the issuance of a Building Permit by the Chief Building Official of the Corporation.
13. **THAT** no person shall apply an asphalt or other hard surface to that portion of an entrance way on the road allowance except under written authorization from the Public Works Superintendent or designate. No concrete surfaces are permitted on that portion of the entrance way that is over any part of the road allowance of the Corporation.
14. **THAT** the Corporation shall, after the final inspection and approval by the Public Works Superintendent or designate, maintain, and replace from time to time as required, all culverts and structures installed under this by-law. The maintenance of the driving surface of all entrance ways shall be the responsibility of the applicant or landowner to whom the entrance way gives access. The Council of the Corporation reserves the right to make policy decisions on the timing and scope of replacement of culverts as dictated by financial constraints in place within the Corporation from time to time.
15. **THAT** second and subsequent entrance ways shall only be permitted by written authorization and approval by the application process by the Public Works Superintendent and shall be expressly at the expense of the landowner. Such landowner will be required to file a statement with the Corporation acknowledging that the undertaking and all future maintenance is at his expense and shall be done under the direction of the Public Works Superintendent or designate.
16. **THAT** if the work to be done by the person directed, or required to do is in default, such matter or thing shall be done by the Town of Kearney at the expense of the property owner and the Corporation may recover the expense incurred by the forfeiture of the required application deposit, plus all other associated costs in the same manner as municipal taxes.
17. **THAT** every person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offense and upon conviction is liable to a fine as determined under the *Provincial Offenses Act, RSO 1990*.
18. **THAT** any previous by-laws pertaining to construction of culverts and entranceways which cross any drain or watercourse on a public highway, is hereby rescinded.
19. **THAT** Council approves this By-law substantially in the format of providing for small amendments to be made by Staff that do not change the intent of the By-law;
20. **THAT** this By-law shall come into full force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof;
21. **THAT** the By-law 1996-11 be repealed in its' entirety.

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-Law No.2025-XX

Being a By-law to Regulate and Control Parking and Traffic in the Town of Kearney

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended* authorizes a Municipality to pass by-laws respecting its highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended* and *Ontario Regulation 333/07* This Regulation applies to Administrative Penalties that are required by a Municipality in respect of the parking, standing or stopping of vehicles and referred to in section 102.1 of the Act.

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

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **“Accessible Parking Permit”** means a permit issued to a person who meets the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario pursuant to the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O 1990 c. H.8*.
- 1.2 **“Authorized Sign”** means any sign or roadway, curb or sidewalk markings or other device placed or erected on a highway under the authority of this By-law for the purpose of regulating parking.
- 1.4 **“Boulevard”** means that part of a street lying between the roadway and sidewalk or where no sidewalk has been laid, that part between the roadway and the highway boundary.
- 1.5 **“By-law Enforcement Officer”** means a person appointed by the Council of the Town of Kearney for the purpose of enforcing the By-laws of the Town.
- 1.6 **“Commercial Motor Vehicle”** means a motor vehicle having permanently attached thereto a truck, or delivery body and includes ambulances, hearses, casket wagons, fire apparatus, buses and tractors used for hauling purposes on the highways.
- 1.7 **“Corner”** means a point of intersection of curbs or edges of the portion of the highway used for vehicular traffic.
- 1.8 **“Crosswalk”** means that part of a highway at an intersection that is included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the roadway; or any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or by lines or other markings on the surface.
- 1.9 **“Designated Fire Route”** means any private roadway, lane, ramp or other means of vehicular access to or egress from a building and it may include part of a parking lot set aside for use by authorized emergency vehicles.
- 1.10 **“Designated Parking Space”** means a parking space designated for the sole use of motor vehicles displaying a valid accessible parking permit.
- 1.11 **“Highway”** (See “Street or Highway”)

- 1.12 **“Intersection”** means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines or, if none, then of the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways that join one another at an angle, whether or not one highway crosses the other.
- 1.13 **“Motor Vehicle”** includes an automobile, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle unless otherwise indicated in this By-law and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power; but does not include a streetcar or other motor vehicles running on rails, or motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road building machine within the meaning of the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990* and amendments thereto.
- 1.14 **“One Way Street”** means a street upon which vehicular traffic is limited to movement in one direction.
- 1.15 **“Park” or “Parking”** when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers.
- 1.16 **“Pedestrian”** means a person afoot, invalid, and children in wheeled carriages.
- 1.17 **“Police Officer”** means a member of the Ontario Provincial Police or a person authorized by the Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police Detachment to regulate or direct traffic.
- 1.18 **“Roadway”** means the part of the highway that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, but does not include the shoulder, and, where a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term “roadway” refers to any one roadway separately and not to all of the roadways collectively.
- 1.19 **“Sidewalk”** means that portion of a street between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.
- 1.20 **“School Purpose Vehicle”** means a vehicle operated under contract with a Board of Education that meets all the standards of the Highway Traffic Act and Regulations.
- 1.21 **“Stand” or “Standing”** when prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers or merchandise.
- 1.22 **“Stop” or “Stopping”**, when prohibited, means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal.
- 1.23 **“Street” or “Highway”** includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof.
- 1.24 **“Traffic”** includes pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, street cars and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for purposes of travel.
- 1.25 **“Traffic Control device”** means any sign; or roadway, curb, or sidewalk marking; or other device erected or placed under the authority of the Municipal Council for the purpose of guiding or directing traffic.
- 1.26 **“Traffic Signal”** means any device manually, electrically or mechanically operated for the regulation of traffic.

- 1.27 **“Through Highway”** means any highway or part of a highway designated as such by the Minister of Transportation or by by-law of the Town and, every such highway shall be marked by a stop sign or yield sign, right-of-way sign in compliance with the Regulations of the Ministry.
- 1.28 **“Vehicle”** includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road building machinery, and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle.

2. General

2.1 Application of By-law

Save where otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of this By-law shall apply to:

- a) all highways and parts of highways under the jurisdiction of the Town of Kearney
- b) all public lanes or alleys that have been established by a By-law of the Council

2.2 Enforcement

The Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Chief and By-law Enforcement Officer shall enforce the provisions of this By-law.

2.3 Obedience to Traffic Signs and Signals

Every person shall promptly obey all signals given either by a Police Officer or by a traffic control device or a traffic signal.

2.4 Administration

That Council approves this By-law substantially in the format of providing for small amendments to be made by Staff that do not change the intent of the By-law.

3. Method of Parking

3.1 Parallel

No person shall park a vehicle on any street unless on the right-hand side of the street, having regard for the direction in which the vehicle had been proceeding and unless the right-front and right-rear wheels or runners of the vehicle are parallel to and a distance respectively not more than six inches from the edge of the roadway, unless prevented from doing so by an accumulation of snow in winter;

3.2 Angle

Where angle parking is permitted, no person shall park a vehicle except at an angle of forty-five degrees with the edge of the roadway and so that the front end of the vehicle is nearest to the edge of the roadway.

3.3 Right Angle

Where right-angle parking is permitted, no person shall park a vehicle except at an angle of ninety degrees with the edge of the roadway.

3.4 One-way streets

Where parking is permitted on a one-way street, a person may park a vehicle facing only in the direction in which it was proceeding and with the left-front and left rear wheels parallel to and distant not more than six inches from the edge of the roadway, provided that this provision shall not apply where parking on the right-hand side of a one-way street is specifically authorized by By-law.

3.5 Parking Spaces

Where parking spaces are distinctly marked on a street no person shall park a vehicle except within the marked area so that no part of the vehicle encroaches on an adjacent parking space, aisle or traffic lane unless the vehicle cannot be accommodated in one parking space.

4. Parking & Stopping Regulation

4.1 Parking Prohibited – General

- a) No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places:
- i) on or overhanging the sidewalk or curb;
 - ii) on that portion of a boulevard that is not intended for the use by vehicles and that portion of the boulevard between the sidewalk and curb;
 - iii) in front of or within 1.5 meters of the entrance to a driveway or so as to prevent ingress to or exit from such driveway;
 - iv) within an intersection;
 - v) within three (3) meters of a fire hydrant;
 - vi) within a designated fire route;
 - vii) within fifteen (15) meters of any railway track which crosses the roadway or is adjacent to a roadway;
 - viii) within nine (9) meters of an intersecting roadway unless specified
 - ix) on any bridge;
 - x) in such a position as will prevent the convenient removal of any other vehicle previously parked or standing;
 - xi) in front of the entrance to a theatre, auditorium, or other building where large assemblies are being held in such theatre, auditorium or other building or for a reasonable time immediately preceding and following such assemblages;
 - xii) on the approaches, turning, or ramp areas to any Public Boat Launching Ramp in such a manner as to interfere with the launching or landing of any water craft;
 - xiii) on any highway for the purpose of repairing, washing, or maintenance of a vehicle, save when such use of the highway is unavoidable through emergency;
 - xiv) on any highway for the purpose of soliciting, vending, buying or selling goods and/or service otherwise permitted by By-law;
 - xv) on a crosswalk
 - xvi) on any highway so as to obstruct or prohibit snow removal operations
 - xvii) on any highway if it is immobile or unlicensed for the current year
- b) No vehicle shall stand or park on any street within the Town where the effect of the standing or parking would obstruct the passage of vehicles on the street.
- c) No person shall park a vehicle from November 1st to April 15th, on a highway under the jurisdiction of the Town of Kearney.

4.2 Parking Prohibited - In specific places where authorized signs displayed

- a) When authorized signs have been erected and are on display, no person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places:
- i) on any highways or parts of highways named or described in Schedule A of this By-law, on the side or sides of highways set out in the said schedule, during the times and/or days set out in the said schedule;
 - ii) on any public lane;
 - iii) in a cul-de-sac along the turn around;
 - iv) on any highway within fifteen (15) meters of the termination of a dead end highway;
 - v) within thirty (30) meters of an intersection controlled by traffic control signals;
 - vi) within fifteen (15) meters of an intersection; (unless specified or permitted)
- b) **Bus Loading Zones**
When authorized signs have been erected and are on display, no person shall park, stop or stand a vehicle with the exception of a School Purpose Vehicle during the process of loading or unloading pupils in a designated Bus Loading Zone.

4.3 Loading and Unloading Commercial Vehicles

- a) No person engaged in the loading or unloading of a commercial vehicle shall permit his vehicle to stand for a period longer than the actual loading or unloading required.
- b) Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this By-law, where a lane is located at the rear or to the side of premises to or from which the loading or unloading is to be carried out, the loading or unloading shall be made from the lane.
- c) Where ever possible, vehicles shall be loaded or unloaded from the side and be parked within 6 inches of the curb.

4.4 **Stopping Prohibited - In Specific Places where authorized signs displayed**

No person shall stop a vehicle, unless otherwise permitted in this By-law, on any highways or parts of highways, on the side or sides of highways unless authorized signs have been erected.

4.5 **Stopping Prohibited – General**

- a) No person shall stop a vehicle in any of the following places:
 - i) on a sidewalk;
 - ii) on a crosswalk;
 - iii) within a designated fire route;
 - iv) within a school bus loading zone;
 - v) on, under or within 30 meters of a bridge, elevated structure, tunnel and/or underpass; (unless specified or permitted)
 - vi) on a highway alongside another vehicle which is stopped, standing or parked except where such stopping, standing or parking is in compliance with traffic control signals, authorized signs or other lawful traffic control method.

4.6 **Parked on Private or Municipal Property without Consent**

- a) No vehicle shall be parked on Private Property without the consent of the owner or adult occupant of the property.
- b) No person shall park, store, or permit the parking or storage of any vehicle of any type on any portion of Municipal property, including parking areas and driveways, during overnight hours without prior express written authorization from the Town of Kearney or if the parking is taking place in a designated carpool lot by the Town of Kearney.

4.7 **Accessible Parking Regulations**

- a) A designated parking space shall be distinctly indicated in accordance with the requirements of the *Highway Traffic Act* and the regulations made thereunder.
- b) No person shall park, stop or stand a vehicle in a designated accessible parking space, or be entitled to the benefit of an exemption under this by-law, unless a currently valid accessible parking permit has been issued to that person or to a passenger being picked up or transported in such vehicle, and such permit is displayed on or in the vehicle in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act*.
- c) Every person having possession of an accessible parking permit shall, on the demand of a police officer, police cadet, municipal law enforcement officer or an officer appointed for carrying out the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act*, surrender the permit for reasonable inspection to ensure compliance with the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act*, the regulations made thereunder and this by-law.
- d) No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, any person exercising a power or performing a duty under the *Highway Traffic Act*, the regulations made thereunder and this by-law

4.8 **Temporary “No Parking” or “No Stopping” Signs**

- a) The Ontario Provincial Police, Public Works Department, Fire Department, By-law Enforcement Department may erect or cause to be erected "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs in such places and for such temporary periods as may be reasonably necessary or advisable and no person shall park or stop their vehicle in accordance with said authorized signs.
- b) Pursuant to the above section, no unauthorized person may remove, alter, injure, obstruct or otherwise interfere with an authorized sign erected.

4.9 Exemptions

- a) The provisions of this By-law respecting parking, stopping or standing of vehicles shall not apply to:
 - i) Emergency Vehicles where the operator is engaged in the performance of their duty;
 - ii) motor vehicles forming part of a funeral cortege, provided that all such vehicles are parked only on one side of the highway at one time;
 - iii) a motor vehicle that has been rendered immobile due to mechanical failure, provided that the owner of said vehicle has removed the vehicle within 24 hours of the breakdown so long as the vehicle is not impeding traffic;
 - iv) a municipally owned or leased vehicle, where the operator is engaged in work on behalf of the Town;
 - v) a motor vehicle during any emergency which includes and is not limited to fire, flood, or other natural disaster, road repairs or maintenance, or public utility maintenance or repair and any circumstances in which *section 134 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O., 1990*, applies.
- b) Any person may make application to Council to be granted an exemption from the time limited parking regulations. The request must provide specific dates, times, locations and reasons for the exemption. Council, by resolution, may refuse, allow or alter the requested exemption. Breach by the applicant of any of the terms or conditions of any exemption granted by Council shall render the exemption null and void.

5. Traffic Regulation

5.1 Through Streets

Through Highways as defined in the Highway Traffic Act. Every operator or driver of vehicle shall, immediately before entering or crossing any one of these streets, bring the vehicle to a full stop.

5.2 Intersection Yield Signs

The highways or parts of highways in the Town, where Yield Right-of-Way Signs are installed or shall hereinafter be installed and as listed in the appropriate schedule of this By-law shall be designated as "Yield Right-of-Way" Intersections.

5.3 One-Way Streets

When authorized signs have been erected and are on display, the highways or parts of highways will be named or described in a schedule to this by-law which therefore designates them as one-way highways in the direction of travel stated in the said schedule.

5.4 Community Safety Zones

When authorized signs have been erected and are on display, the highways or parts of highways named or described in Schedule "B" to this by-law are designated as Community Safety Zones.

5.5 Turn Movement Prohibition

When authorized signs have been erected and are on display prohibiting a U-turn, no person operating a vehicle shall disobey the sign and execute a U-turn.

6. Traffic Control Devices

- 6.1 The Superintendent of Public Works, or designate, is hereby authorized and directed to erect and maintain such signs, traffic control signals, markings, barricades, traffic control devices and other structures and equipment as are required to give effect to this By-law and as are required to regulate, direct, warn or guide pedestrian and vehicular traffic for the safety and convenience of the public.
- 6.2 The Superintendent of Public Works, or designate, is authorized to temporarily remove or otherwise annul such parking regulation signs and other traffic control devices as may be necessary to accommodate the interests of the Town.
- 6.3 Save as may be otherwise more specifically provided in this By-law or the Highway Traffic Act, it shall be an Offence against the provisions of this By-law for any person to fail to comply with the directions of any Official Traffic Sign or Traffic Control Device Regulating Traffic on a Highway.

7. Enforcement

- 7.1. Where a vehicle is found parked in violation of the provisions of this By-law, the By-law Enforcement Officer, or Fire Chief so finding the vehicle may attach to the vehicle a Certificate of Parking Infraction, or Administrative monetary penalty which states:
- a) the license number of the vehicle and any other identification tag marking, if any, of such vehicle.
 - b) the date, time and location when such vehicle is parked in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law
 - c) that the vehicle has violated the provisions of the By-law and nature of the alleged offence.
 - d) that the owner or operator thereof may report to the Corporation within fifteen (15) days after the date the Certificate of Parking Infraction was issued to make voluntary payment of the penalty indicated on said certificate.
- 7.2 The owner of a motor vehicle may be charged with and convicted of an offence for contravention of any provision of this Bylaw for which the driver of the vehicle is subject to be charged unless, at the time of the offence, the vehicle was in the possession of some person other than the owner without the owner's consent.
- 7.3 **Vehicle Towing**
In addition to any other penalties provided for in this By-law, a By-law Enforcement Officer, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Officer or Designate or Ontario Provincial Police, where a vehicle is in contravention of this By-law, at their discretion, may cause the vehicle to be removed, taken away and stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges incurred are the responsibility of the owner of said vehicle and shall be a lien, upon the vehicle, which lien may be enforced in the manner provided for by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter R.25, as amended*.

8. Penalties

Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not more than five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, as provided for in the **Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 33**

9. Schedules

The schedules to this By-law shall be deemed to form part of this By-law.

10. Severability

If any section or sections of this By-law or parts thereof are found by a court of law to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or sections or parts thereof shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this by-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent therefrom and to be enacted as such.

11. Conflict

If a provision of this By-law conflicts with an Act or regulation or another By-law the provision that is the most restrictive shall prevail.

12. Repealed By-Laws

This By-law repeals By-law _____ and any amendments thereof.

13. Effective Date

This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of its passing, as it pertains to Administrative Monetary Penalties, and The Town of Kearney's Current Fees and Charges By-law.

This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the Set Fine approval by the Attorney General's Office, as it pertains to Provincial Offences Act matters.

14. Schedule D

Part II Offences short form wording and set fines for such offences

Once the by-law has been approved, the short form wording and set fines will be applied for with the Provincial Offences Courts to have them approved.

These offences can be issued as Part II ticketing on the persons committing the offences on the day of the offence, or within 30 days of the offence.

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

Street	From	To	Side	Period

DRAFT

Street	From	To	Side	Rate of Speed

DRAFT

Schedule "C" Fire Routes

Street	From	To
Main Street	No parking sign east of 111 Main St	No parking sign west of 111 Main St

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The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
Part II Provincial Offences Act
Bylaw ____: Parking

Schedule “D”

ITEM	COLUMN 1 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 2 PROVISION CREATING OR DEFINING OFFENCE	COLUMN 3 EARLY VOLUNTARY PAYMENT (payable within 7 days)	COLUMN 4 SET FINE
1	Park facing the wrong direction.	3.1	\$50.00	\$75.00
2	Park not at a 45-degree angle.	3.2	\$50.00	\$75.00
3	Park not at a 90-degree angle.	3.3	\$50.00	\$75.00
4	Park on wrong side of one-way street.	3.4	\$50.00	\$75.00
5	Park not wholly within a parking space.	3.5	\$50.00	\$75.00
6	Park on sidewalk.	4.1(a)(i)	\$50.00	\$75.00
7	Park on boulevard.	4.1(a)(ii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
8	Park obstructing driveway.	4.1(a)(iii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
9	Park within intersection.	4.1(a)(iv)	\$50.00	\$75.00
10	Park within 3 m of fire hydrant.	4.1(a)(v)	\$50.00	\$75.00
11	Park within fire route.	4.1(a)(vi)	\$50.00	\$75.00
12	Park within 15 m of railway tracks.	4.1(a)(vii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
13	Park within 9 metres of an intersecting roadway.	4.1(a)(viii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
14	Park on a bridge.	4.1(a)(ix)	\$50.00	\$75.00
15	Park obstructing other vehicle(s).	4.1(a)(x)	\$50.00	\$75.00
16	Park obstructing theater, auditorium or other places of assembly entrance.	4.1(a)(xi)	\$50.00	\$75.00
17	Park obstructing public boat launch and ramp.	4.1(a)(xii)	\$50.00	\$75.00

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18	Park for the purpose of repairing, washing or maintenance of vehicle.	4.1(a)(xiii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
19	Park for the purpose of soliciting.	4.1(a)(xiv)	\$50.00	\$75.00
20	Park obstructing crosswalk.	4.1(a)(xv)	\$50.00	\$75.00
21	Park obstructing snow removal.	4.1(a)(xvi)	\$50.00	\$75.00
22	Park immobile or unlicensed vehicle.	4.1(a)(xvii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
23	Park obstructing traffic.	4.1(b)	\$50.00	\$75.00
24	Park during prohibited times.	4.1(c)	\$50.00	\$75.00
25	Park in prohibited area.	4.2(a)(i)	\$50.00	\$75.00
26	Park in public lane.	4.2(a)(ii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
28	Park within 15 metres of dead end.	4.2(a)(iv)	\$50.00	\$75.00
29	Park within 30 metres of intersection controlled by traffic control signals.	4.2(a)(v)	\$50.00	\$75.00
30	Park within 15 metres of intersection.	4.2(a)(vi)	\$50.00	\$75.00
31	Park within bus loading zone.	4.3	\$50.00	\$75.00
32	Park commercial vehicle longer than loading and unloading time.	4.4(a)	\$50.00	\$75.00
33	Stop within no stopping area.	4.5(a)	\$50.00	\$75.00
34	Stop on sidewalk.	4.5(a)(i)	\$50.00	\$75.00
35	Stop on crosswalk.	4.5(a)(ii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
36	Stop within fire route.	4.5(a)(iii)	\$50.00	\$75.00
37	Stop within bus loading zone.	4.5(a)(iv)	\$50.00	\$75.00
38	Stop within 30 metres of bridge, elevated structure, tunnel or underpass.	4.5(a)(v)	\$50.00	\$75.00

ITEM	COLUMN 1 SHORT FORM WORDING	COLUMN 2 PROVISION CREATING OR DEFINING OFFENCE	COLUMN 3 EARLY VOLUNTARY PAYMENT (payable within 7 days)	COLUMN 4 SET FINE
39	Park on private property without consent.	4.6(a)	\$50.00	\$75.00
40	Park on municipal property without consent.	4.6(b)	\$50.00	\$75.00
41	Park in a designated accessible parking space without a valid permit.	4.7(b)	n/a	\$300.00

Note: the general penalty provision for the offences listed above is section 8 of Bylaw _____, a certified copy of which has been filed.



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-57
Date: October 2, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of Council
From: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk
Subject: Update to SR2025-13 Alternate Voting Method for 2026 Election

Recommendation:

That Council receives this updated report from the CAO/Clerk regarding costs associated with an alternate voting method for the 2026 Municipal Election; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the use of Internet/Telephone for the 2026 Municipal Election; AND FURTHER THAT a By-law to this affect will be brought back to the next regular meeting of Council for passing.

Background:

The CAO/Clerk brought forward a report in March of 2025 outlining the various options for voting in the 2026 Municipal Election in SR2025-13. The information from that report is quoted here for reference:

“The 2026 Municipal Election Day is Monday, October 26, 2026. Pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act* (“MEA”) the municipal Clerk is responsible for conducting the municipal election and establishing all procedures, forms and providing for any matters necessary for conducting the election. While the election is mainly within the Clerk’s domain, certain policies must be passed by Council prior to the election period. Specifically, Section 42(1) of the MEA requires that: The Council of a local municipality may pass by-laws: (a) authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators; and (b) authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote. Furthermore, the MEA requires the municipal Council to pass said by-law for use of voting and vote-counting equipment, authorizing electors to use an alternative voting method and circumstances in which the municipal Clerk shall hold a recount on or before May 1st in the year of the election.

When looking at various methods that can be utilized, three primary considerations warrant careful consideration:

1. **Secrecy and Confidentiality:** Ensuring the secrecy and confidentiality of the vote is paramount for maintaining the security of the electoral process.
2. **Integrity and Verifiability:** It is essential that the integrity of the voting process is upheld, and that the final results accurately reflect the votes cast by the electorate.
3. **Accessibility:** The voting process should be accessible to all eligible candidates and voters, ensuring that barriers to participation are minimized. Most recently, the Town of Kearney has utilized Vote by Mail as it’s form of alternate voting method. This method has been what many rural areas of Ontario have used to increase accessibility to its electors as many electors may not be in the general area to vote even with advanced polls.

This report outlines the various voting methods available for municipal elections in Ontario, including vote by mail, telephone voting, and internet voting. Each method is evaluated based on accessibility, convenience, security, overall effectiveness, and associated costs. Understanding these methods is important for promoting transparency, optimizing efficiency, and ensuring informed decision-making in the electoral process. We will explore commonly used voting methods in Ontario, detailing their processes, advantages, and potential challenges.

Voting Methods

1. Vote by Mail:

This method offers high accessibility, enabling voters to participate from any location with postal service availability. In this method, paper ballots are mailed to voters who then complete and return them to the municipality. Returns can be made either via postal service or by depositing them in secure dropbox locations designated by the municipality, anytime before election day. A municipal election can adopt an all-posting voting approach, eliminating in-person voting opportunities. Alternatively, postal voting can be provided as an option alongside other voting methods, offering voters multiple ways to cast their ballots.

- **Process:** All eligible electors are sent a vote by mail kit. If they do not receive one in the mail, eligible voters can apply to vote by mail by submitting an application along with proof of identity. Once approved, voters receive a voting kit with a ballot and prepaid return envelope along with a declaration card that they can mail back to the Town Office or drop-off at the Town Office if they are concerned about it getting lost in the mail.
- **Advantages:**
 - Accessibility: Ideal for voters with mobility issues or those living in remote areas. Postal voting enhances secrecy and autonomy for electors with disabilities, allowing them to vote unassisted and anonymously
 - Convenience: Allows voters to complete their ballots at their own pace and from their own homes.
 - Increased Voting Opportunities: Individuals with illnesses or those traveling abroad can participate in elections without the need to be physically present at a polling station. This expands voting opportunities for those who might otherwise be unable to vote.
 - Enhanced Voter Experience: Eliminating the need for travel and wait times improves the overall voting experience for electors.
 - Attraction of Voters: The convenience of postal voting can attract more voters, potentially increasing overall voter turnout by making it easier for people to participate in the electoral process.
 - Cost Savings: Significant reductions in supply and labor costs can be achieved by eliminating the need for numerous staffed polling stations.
- **Challenges:**
 - Fraud or Coercion: Voting in an uncontrolled environment can lead to coercion or ballot interception. While voters are required to take an oath by filling out their declaration verifying their identity, completely ensuring the voter's identity remotely is challenging.
 - Dependence on Postal Service: The effectiveness of postal voting is reliant on the postal service, which may face disruptions or inefficiencies. Delays in voters receiving their ballots or municipalities receiving completed ballots can occur. For example, in 2018 & 2022, the possibility of a Canada Post strike around election day caused significant

concern for municipalities using postal voting. The Town has also as recently as a few months ago received a 2022 ballot back in the mail.

- Reliability and Security: There is a risk of ballots being damaged or lost in transit. Additionally, voters may not fully understand the instructions, leading to incorrectly submitted ballots without the required signed paperwork. Although mitigation efforts are in place, these issues cannot be completely guaranteed. Voters must ensure their ballots are mailed back in time to be counted
- Social Networking: Voting traditionally serves as a social activity. Postal voting might diminish this, as it encourages individuals to vote independently rather than as part of a communal event. This could lead to a less engaged

- **Cost:** Approximately \$5.05 per voter (best available information at the time of the report being written – a formal quotation will be obtained for Council providing Council gives that direction to Staff)

2. Telephone/Internet Voting

Online voting has emerged as a preferred voting option among Canadians. While its impact on voter turnout has not yet been proven substantial, it holds the potential to engage the younger generations.

- **Process:** Telephone/Internet Voting enables electors to cast their ballots from their homes, cottage, vacation house or anywhere in the world during the designated voting period. This digital shift eliminates manual paper ballots, leading to expedited tabulation of results. Voters can cast their ballots using a secure telephone system or a secure online voting platform. They receive very detailed instructions and a unique PIN to authenticate their identity. Telephone/Internet voting presents a modern, efficient, and accessible way for electors to participate in the democratic process.
- **Advantages:**
 - Accessibility: Beneficial for voters who are visually impaired or have difficulty using computers. Convenient for voters with disabilities and those who prefer digital methods. The convenience of online voting is likely to appeal to younger generations. Telephone/Internet voting enhances secrecy and autonomy for electors with disabilities, allowing them to vote unassisted and anonymously. Individuals with illnesses or those traveling abroad can participate in elections without the need to be physically present at a polling station or within a certain area to ensure the ballot makes it back in time through standard post. This expands voting opportunities for those who might otherwise be unable to vote.
 - Convenience: Voters can cast their ballots from any location with telephone or internet access often with extended voting windows.
 - Efficiency: Reduces the need for physical polling stations and election workers. As well as provides for immediate vote tabulation, meaning faster results and therefore, less time on election night to “process” ballots. The reduction in error at late night counting should also be considered.
 - Enhanced Voter Experience: By eliminating the need for travel and potential wait time, voters are more likely to vote on their own time.
 - Environmental Benefits: The reduction in paper usage makes online voting an environmentally desirable option as well.

○ **Challenges:**

- Security: Risks include potential fraud or hacking. Concerns about cybersecurity, voter privacy, and the integrity of the election results.
- Technical Issues: Voters may face difficulties with the telephone system or PIN authentication.
- Digital Literacy: Requires voters to have a certain level of comfort and proficiency with technology (with Internet option).
- Access: While Internet/Online voting can increase accessibility for many, it can also create disparities. Not all voters have access to high-speed internet, particularly those in rural areas where connectivity is limited. *this is one reason to have both telephone and internet as options, but still may cause issues with few residences maintaining a landline phone.
- Education: Introducing any new voting method requires substantial education and communication efforts. Educating voters and election officials about the new system can incur costs that may be difficult to quantify.
- Cost: While online voting can be more cost-effective than manual voting methods, the initial implementation can be expensive. Municipalities may need to invest in kiosks or devices like tablets to facilitate internet voting at designated stations for those without access to the necessary technology. As a Town we do have “spare” tablets or computers as well as the Library beside the office that could assist with facilitating this.
- Social Networking: Voting traditionally serves as a social activity. Online voting might diminish this, as it encourages individuals to vote independently rather than as part of a communal event. This could lead to a less engaged electorate.
- Fraud or Coercion: Voter notification cards, which contain unique passwords necessary for casting a vote, can be intercepted. Unlike in-person voting, verifying the voter's identity remotely is challenging. Although multi-factor authentication can be used to mitigate risks, it cannot fully eliminate the possibility of fraudulent activities.

- **Cost**: Approximately \$2.50 per voter.

Voter Turnout Statistics

Voter turnout in Ontario's municipal elections has varied over the years. Here are some key statistics:

- **2018 Municipal Elections**: The average voter turnout was approximately 38.3%
- **2022 Municipal Elections**: The average voter turnout was around 36.3%
- Historically, voter turnout has ranged between 40% and 45% in the highest years (1988 and 1994) and around 40% in the lowest years (1997 and 2003)”

Update with Additional Information:

Staff were directed to obtain some quotations from both an Internet/Telephone Voting company as well as a quote to continue with the Vote By Mail method. As recently as the date writing this report, Canada Post workers have leveraged a strike once again and it is near impossible to know how much we will be charged moving forward for vote by mail return envelopes as well as elector packages. Staff are using their best estimation at this point in time to be able to provide Council with an update and direct Staff appropriately.

After speaking with Intelivote again, Staff have also found that their training, module and resource library online is quite extensive. As well we learned that the likelihood of fraud is reduced with Intelivote due to the requirement they have for a longer PIN for voting as well as using an elector's full birthdate. This means that random PIN implementation is statistically low.

The CAO/Clerk has also been speaking with the CEO/Librarian about the 2026 Municipal Election. The library would love to help support the public in getting out to vote. The Librarian has agreed to create a small private area in the library where those without reliable internet access at home or don't wish to use telephone can use a spot in the library. There will be a "how to" step by step instruction provided at the library for electors. The CAO/Clerk will work with the CEO/Librarian to try to offer extended weekend hours during the voting period at the library as they would only be open part of a day on a Saturday – if they maintained their current fall hours.

Voter Turnout in Kearney for last two election cycles:

- **2018 Municipal Elections:** 43.96%
- **2022 Municipal Elections:** 41.7%

Updated Financial Information:

The Town of Kearney has used Vote by Mail for the last two municipal election cycles. The processing and counting using the Vote by Mail method in a municipal election can be quite onerous from a staffing and time perspective.

A rough estimate of the previous Municipal Elections:

- 2018: Vote By Mail \$18,000
- 2022: Vote By Mail \$25,000

*This is not an absolute cost. It appears from the G/L that not all Staff time for Elections has not be allocated to the Elections G/L line in the past two elections.

With an increase in electors being assumed to reach 3000 – up from 2600 – Staff have used 3000 electors for estimates when providing costs to Council for the 2026 Election.

Estimated cost for 2026 Election (based on 3000 electors and similar response rate):

- Vote by Mail: \$30,000 plus staff time and training
- Internet/Telephone: \$15,000 plus staff time and training

Conclusion:

As municipalities strive to improve voter accessibility and participation, it is essential to evaluate the efficiency and reliability of voting methods. While vote-by-mail has traditionally served as an alternative to traditional ballot voting, it is increasingly challenged by rising operational costs and service disruptions within Canada Post. These include delivery delays, labour disputes, and inconsistent service in rural areas—all of which pose risks to the timely and secure return of ballots.

In contrast, telephone and internet voting offer a modern, cost-effective, and resilient solution. These methods eliminate almost all reliance on postal services, reduce administrative overhead, and provide voters with convenient, secure access from their homes. They also support real-time ballot tracking and faster tabulation, enhancing transparency and trust in the electoral process.

Given the declining voter turnout in recent municipal elections across Ontario and the logistical challenges associated with vote-by-mail, it is recommended that the municipality explore the implementation of telephone and internet voting as a primary alternative. This transition would not only modernize the voting experience but also ensure a more inclusive and dependable democratic process for all residents.

Prepared by:

**Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk
Returning Officer for the Town of Kearney 2026 Municipal Election**



MEMO

Date: October 2, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jenny Leblond, Treasurer
Subject: Resolution Report

Further to some questions asked by Council of the resolution report, I wish to provide Council with comments on the impact of this particular report on Staff.

One question was asked about the 2024 resolutions not being on the report any longer. There was a decision made that all 2024 resolutions were either complete or in progress so they were taken off the 2025 list as it was felt they were no longer relevant.

The writer is making an assumption that the resolution report was asked of Staff by Council at some point as Council felt the need to be more involved in the day to day operations of the Town. This was definitely a wide spread feeling across many municipalities years ago. Now that there is a Chief Administration Officer position in the Municipal Act and all roles are clearly defined, Mayors and Councillors themselves should be getting further away from operations and focusing on governance by implementing policy and by-law.

It is my recommendation that we stop providing the resolution report in the Council package.

Reasons for stopping the resolution report:

- 1) The resolution report takes a lot of staff time for no real benefit. The Deputy Clerk has to create the report and add to it after every council meeting, assign the tasks to the related person and constantly update the progress.
- 2) This report is just for Council as none of the staff use it. We have our own mechanisms for keeping track of our outstanding tasks. I know that I use a notebook and also a task list and email flags within the Microsoft suite.
- 3) Many of the resolutions are acted upon as soon as the council meeting is over and some are even complete prior to the list being updated. For example, resolution directing staff to purchase a vehicle. The vehicle was purchased before the list was updated.
- 4) Council will be made aware of progress on most resolutions by other means. These other means could be part of the quarterly staff reports, as a change in the budget, or as part of another staff report on a specific topic.
- 5) Council always has the option to ask the CAO/Clerk or Senior Managers about progress on a resolution that they are interested in at any time.

For the above reasons, I propose Staff stop providing the Resolution report to Council.

Prepared by:

Jenny Leblond, Treasurer



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-58
Date: October 2, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jenny Leblond, Treasurer
Subject: Tender for Financial Audit Services

RECOMMENDATION

THAT proposal RFP-Audit-2025 for the services of a qualified Chartered Accounting Firm to conduct the Financial and Compliance Audit for years ending Dec 31, 2025, 2026 and 2027, with possible extension for another two years be awarded to BDO Canada LLP for the bid of \$25,000, \$25,750 and \$26,500 respectively, excluding HST

BACKGROUND

Request for proposal (RFP) for audit services was made public August 15, 2025. The requests were submitted by invitation to local businesses, and posted on the Town's website and social media.

The RFP closed on September 19th, 2025 at 4pm and were reviewed and evaluated by Nicole Gourlay, COA/Clerk and Jenny Leblond, Treasurer. Evaluations were based on audit approach, qualifications and municipal experience, cost, additional services available and timelines.

Of the invitations and public advertisement process, a total of 4 tender package(s) were received. No addendum was issued but a few questions were answered.

ANALYSIS/OPTIONS

Tenders were checked for errors and omissions and none were found. The recommendation is for the lowest tender.

PRICE (excluding HST) for years 2025, 2026 and 2027

MNP	\$54,600	57,876	61,348
BDO Canada	\$25,000	25,750	26,500
Grant Thornton	\$28,013	29,866	31,719
Baker Tilly	\$29,400	30,700	32,500

Respectfully submitted,

I concur with this report and recommendation,

JLeblond

Nicole Gourlay

Jenny Leblond
Treasurer

Nicole Gourlay
CAO/Clerk



Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR2025-59
Date: October 2, 2025
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of Council
From: Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Subject: Update on Harris Road Allowance Purchase

Recommendation:

That Council receives SR2025-59 and reviews the provided information to support the road allowance purchase in principle with the following conditions:

1. That the Town receives confirmation from the Crown that they are not opposed to the closure of this access to Crown Lands.
2. That Ms. Harris obtains consent by legal Right of Way across the Young property which will provide legal access for Ms. Harris' property via Grass Lake Road.
3. That the driveway – right of way – be reviewed and approved by the Town's Public Works Superintendent and be consistent with the current by-laws and policies of the Town.


Background:

In May of this year, Staff provided Council with a brief outline of a request from Ms. Harris to allow a private driveway to cross a portion of the un-opened road allowance between Concessions 8 and 9 in Proudfoot Township near Grass Lake. At that time, Staff sought Council's approval to seek legal counsel's advise, to review the area to consider other sources of access and to determine the general implications of the sale as well as the broader implications for the Town.

Considerations:

Location of lands



The highlighted shape:  represents the general area of desired purchase.

Legal Counsel has reviewed the file and advised that the sale of lands is most concise means of transferring responsibility for the lands to those affected. While it does turn this strip from public access to private property, it limits the liability of the Town and recipient purchaser in doing so from those seeking to cross the property. The preceding property owners (those to the west or to the left of the blue highlighted property) have ready access via Grass Lake Road and the road allowance.

To the east (or right) of the blue highlighted properties, access is available via Grass Lake Road.

The unshaded properties represent Crown lands, and are accessible from multiple other points including the 6th concession line 66ft road allowance and the 10th concession line 66ft road allowance as well as East Lake Road.

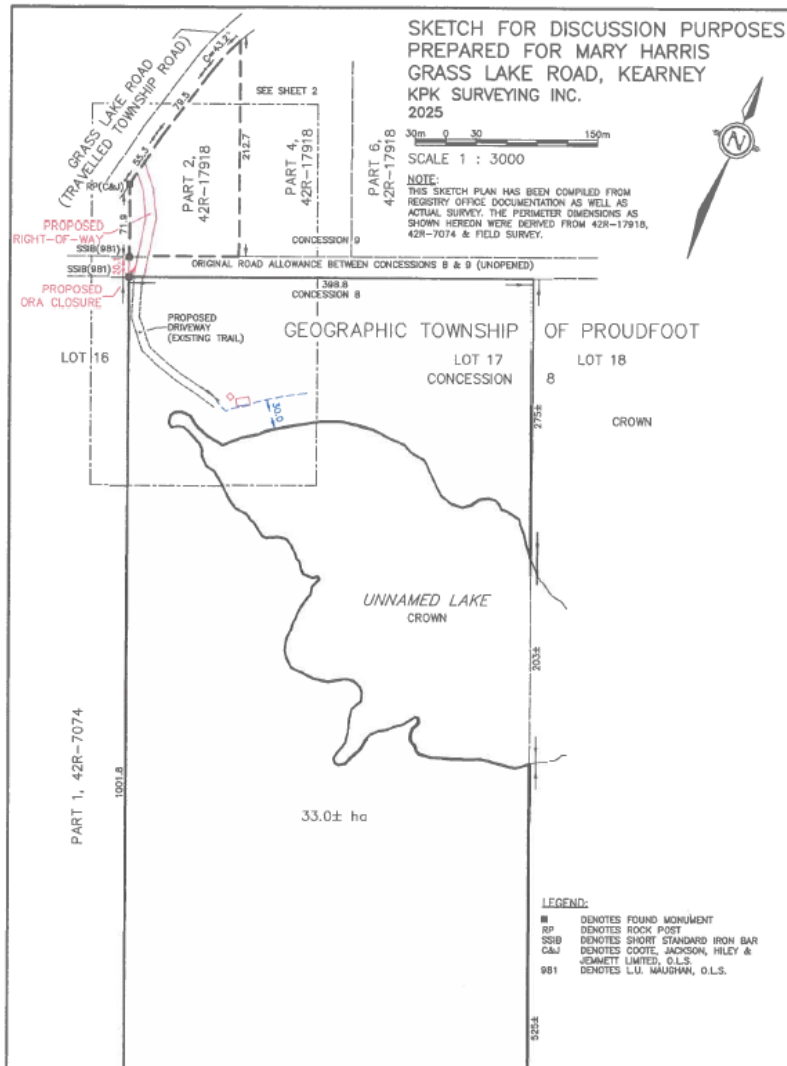
Analysis:

This purchase of road allowance represents approximately 2 acres of real land, the actual value of which will be subject to appraisal by a certified appraiser

By consenting this purchase, Council can allow for construction of a dwelling on the associated property as this purchase will permit access to a year-round road via the driveway which will front on Grass Lake Road.

Prepared by: Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk





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3:30PM-4PM & 4-4:45PM

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4:45-5:45PM INTERMEDIATE

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3-4PM ALL ABILITIES DANCE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: MUSKOKA AREA HOSPITAL FOUNDATIONS INSPIRED BY AMAZING COMMUNITY GENEROSITY.

Huntsville Hospital Foundation Announces \$20 Million Gift: South Muskoka Hospital Foundation Records Best Year Ever.

September 25, 2025. Bracebridge Ontario: As Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare awaits feedback to its two new hospital build submission, both South Muskoka and Huntsville hospital foundations are experiencing dramatic fundraising contributions from supportive donors and communities.

In the Huntsville catchment area, a partnership of families has come together to donate a \$20 million matching gift to the new hospital - inspired by and in celebration of local, life-long resident Bob Hutcheson.

South Muskoka Hospital Foundation donors and the community at large have also contributed tremendous support this year, already far surpassing its best year to date at only half way through the fiscal year.

"The matching donation in Huntsville is amazing news for all of Muskoka," says SMHF Board Chair Dan Brooks. "It means our communities are stepping up as they recognize the shared healthcare future for all of Muskoka."

Both success stories are clear indications that the two new hospitals and the new Made-In-Muskoka Healthcare system is inspiring community generosity.

"Both foundations inspire donors in slightly different ways at this time, and the results are both great stories," says Leah Walker, South Muskoka Hospital Foundation Executive Director. "We are seeing tremendous support from both our seasonal and full-time residents. People are excited about the future of healthcare in Muskoka, and ready to see the two new hospitals built. All of Muskoka is sending a message to the provincial ministry: We're working together, support is widespread and we're ready to go!"

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For more information or an interview, please contact:

Leah Walker, Executive Director
South Muskoka Hospital Foundation
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Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Health Services

The Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC) is looking to gain an understanding of the current gaps and needs of the community with regards to health services. Please provide your feedback as the AHHC looks to gain insight into how to eliminate barriers to health services in Almaguin.

* 1. Human Verification Question: What is FIVE plus 2 minus 3?

- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6



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Primary Residence

2. Which municipality are you from?

- | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Perry | <input type="radio"/> Ryerson | <input type="radio"/> South River |
| <input type="radio"/> McMurrich/Monteith | <input type="radio"/> Magnetawan | <input type="radio"/> Machar |
| <input type="radio"/> Kearney | <input type="radio"/> Strong | <input type="radio"/> Powassan |
| <input type="radio"/> Armour | <input type="radio"/> Sundridge | |
| <input type="radio"/> Burk's Falls | <input type="radio"/> Joly | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | |

3. Are you a:

- ☐ permanent resident
- ☐ Seasonal resident
- ☐ Tourist/visitor of the area



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Almaguin Local Healthcare Information

4. If you are a permanent resident of Almaguin, where is your current family healthcare provider located?

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Burk's Falls | <input type="radio"/> Huntsville |
| <input type="radio"/> Sundridge | <input type="radio"/> Parry Sound |
| <input type="radio"/> South River | <input type="radio"/> North Bay |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

5. If your current family healthcare provider is not located within the town you reside in, how far are you traveling to access your family healthcare practitioner?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 15 minute drive | <input type="radio"/> over an hour drive |
| <input type="radio"/> 15-30 minute drive | <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-60 minute drive | |

6. When you require healthcare services not currently available in the Almaguin region, what are some of the costs/ longterm expenses of accessing healthcare outside of the Almaguin region?

- ☐ Gas/mileage
- ☐ Accommodations
- ☐ Meals
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. Are you on a waitlist for a local healthcare provider?

- ☐ Yes, I am currently without a family healthcare provider
- ☐ Yes, I am on a waitlist, but am currently with a healthcare provider from outside of the region
- ☐ No, I am already with a local healthcare provider
- ☐ No, I am with with family healthcare provider from outside of the region and will continue to travel outside the area for family care.
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Seasonal Resident or Visitor Information

8. Do you have an interest or plans to move to the Almaguin area in the next 5 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided



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Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Health Services

9. What types of health services do you access locally (within Almaguin)?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary care with a family physician or nurse practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-ray services | <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Telemedicine Network |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lab/bloodwork services | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapy services | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot care clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

10. What services do you need to travel outside of the Almaguin area for?

11. What do you need to eliminate barriers to health services within Almaguin?

12. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please let us know if you have any other comments or questions that were not addressed in this survey.



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

September 23rd, 2025

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

September 24, 2025

To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Subject: Urgent Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications

Dear Mr. Carney

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Bonfield, I am writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), which remains unresolved despite months of negotiations.

As you are aware, CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to encourage Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. While we respect the rights of workers to collectively bargain, this suspension has had a significant impact on businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting our ability to communicate essential information to our residents.

The Township of Bonfield, like many rural municipalities, has limited internet connectivity and relies heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications. The interruption in mail services directly affects our capacity to keep residents informed on municipal matters, emergency notifications, and other critical community information.

Therefore, be advised that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, including municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Nipissing–Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, the CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Small Community. Big Heart



We respectfully request your attention to this matter to help facilitate a timely resolution, ensuring that municipalities like Bonfield can continue to effectively communicate with their residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrée Gagné".

Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Bonfield



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: <u>Price</u>	DATE: <u>22-Sep-25</u>
SECONDED BY: <u>Klewning</u>	RESOLUTION NO.: <u>14</u>

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: September 3, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 310

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

Whereas the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

Whereas Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

Whereas the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

Whereas such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

Whereas it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

That Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

That this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;
- Scott Aitchison, Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement;

Carried:  Defeated: _____


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



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Date: September 23, 2025

Motion # 286

WHEREAS the Province posted ERO 0250923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development.

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date.

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is working toward its housing and employment land goals that contribute to Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031 and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets.

AND WHEREAS Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions—including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs. And whereas natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance the Township of Armour's housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.

FURTHERMORE, that Staff forwards this resolution to Graydon Smith, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Date: **September 23, 2025**

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

Whitwell, Wendy

For

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Opposed

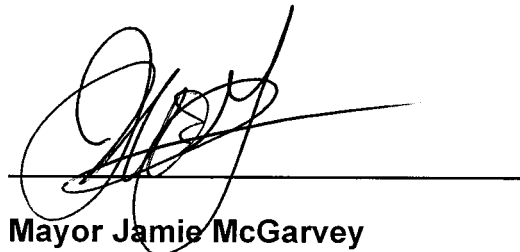
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And Whereas at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level placing it as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world, highlighting the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis.

And Whereas German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum and by this early exposure, instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations.

Now Therefore be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound supports the Resolution passed by the Municipality of Tweed, and directs staff to investigate the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as our manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that our waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices so that our future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement and to request support from these organizations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, opposition party leaders, District of Parry Sound municipalities, and the Municipality of Tweed.



Handwritten signature of Mayor Jamie McGarvey, written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey