

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk (CAO)
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T)
Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent (PW)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

The CAO-Clerk and the Treasurer were present for the entirety of the meeting. The Public Works Superintendent and the Deputy Clerk were present for the Public portion of the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was observed to honour the memory of Butch Stoner, the memory of Marilyn Manchuk, and the memory of Velma White.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2026-001
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of January 15 as circulated:
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest – None noted**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2026-002
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2026, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council.
CARRIED
6. **Items Referred from the Consent List**
7. **Items for Discussion**
 - 7.1 Monitor Speed Request – Perry Twp.
Resolution 2026-003
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS the Township of Perry has requested permission to place a portable radar speed sign on Hwy 518 E as it approaches Kearney in and around Pineaire Lane; AND WHEREAS the OPP due utilize local data to better understand and schedule areas that need specific enforcement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the Township of Perry in their request to place the radar speed sign for one year to obtain data; AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Kearney recommends placement of a school bus stop ahead sign in the same area on Hwy 518 E.
CARRIED
 - 7.2 Amend DRAFT Agreement By-law with Almaguin Snowmobile Club
Resolution 2026-004
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney passed By-law 2024-46 to enter into an Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to permit the Almaguin District

Snowmobile Club (ADSC) authorization to use and maintain various road allowances within the Town of Kearney as snowmobile trails; AND WHEREAS ADSC has re-routed portions of these trails; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby supports the passing of By-law 2026-63 to amend the MOU in By-law 2024-46 which will take place later in the meeting.
CARRIED

7.3 SR2026-08 Lease and Purchase options for sidewalk clearing option
Resolution 2026-005

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives SR 2026-08 regarding the Lease and Purchase options for Sidewalk Clearing from the Public Works Superintendent; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to continue to clear sidewalks as they have been and this will be discussed at the Budget Meeting on January 22, 2026
CARRIED

7.4 MEMO Update Contract with Fowler's for winter maintenance Winter 2025-Spring 2027
Resolution 2026-006

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the Staff Memo regarding Fowler Construction and the winter maintenance of 518; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to: Direct Fowlers to only salt on last pass of the day and reduce material costs but stay within OMMS until spring 2027; AND FURTHER direct Staff to send a letter to Graydon Smith & MTO regarding payment of this bill with legal clarification
CARRIED

7.5 Closing King William TS as well as a portion of Patton Rd on February 7th & 8th for the Kearney Dogsled Race weekend
Resolution 2026-007

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
WHEREAS the Kearney Dog Sled Races will be held on February 6,7, and 8, 2026; AND WHEREAS this event is an important economic and cultural event for the Town of Kearney; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby declares the Kearney Dog Sled Races to be a Town of Kearney Event; AND FURTHER that the Kearney Dog Sled Races be exempt from any associated by-laws they could contravene while running the event, example Town of Kearney Noise By-law; AND FURTHER that as a safety precaution, Council authorizes the closure of the Kearney Transfer Station at 149 King William St. for the entire weekend of February 7 and 8, 2026 with the Kallio Rd Transfer Station remaining open both days from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm; AND FURTHER that Council authorizes a portion of Patton Rd, from the intersection of Park Rd and King William St to be closed for the duration of the event February 6-8, 2026; AND FURTHER that the shoulder of Park Rd from Patton Rd to end be used for the Dog Sled Trail from February 6-8, 2026.
CARRIED

7.6 DRAFT Interim Tax Bylaw
Resolution 2026-008

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and approves the proposed Interim Tax Levies By-law; AND FURTHER that this Bylaw will be passed later in the meeting.
CARRIED

7.7 Council appointment to Committees for remainder of Council Term
Resolution 2026-009

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS Deputy Mayor Rickward has resigned from the Regatta Committee; AND WHEREAS this committee has traditionally had two members of Council be appointed to it; AND WHEREAS Councillor Sharer is still a member of the Regatta Committee; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney: Appoints Heather Pateman as an alternate in addition to Councillor Sharer to the Regatta Committee
CARRIED

7.8 Regatta Committee Application received
Resolution 2026-010

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

WHEREAS the Town has received an application to the Regatta Committee from Carmela Brown; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Carmela Brown for her application to volunteer on the Regatta Committee. AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to provide all committee applications to the relevant committee for approval
CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion - nil

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2026-011

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from January 15, 2026 for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items: 9.1 Hornepayne – Information and Sample Resolution re: New Tax Rate for Northern Ontario New Homes 9.2 Huron Shores re: Improvements to Hwy 11 & 17 9.3 Moosonee re: Strengthening Self Defense / Home Invasions 9.4 Letter of Support – Solve the Crisis and Winter Homelessness Program Support
CARRIED

10. By-laws

Resolution 2026-012

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

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 Being a By-law to Regulate Entrances onto Municipal Roadways “The Entrance By-law”

10.2 Being a By-law to set an Interim Tax Levy for the Town of Kearney

10.3 Being a By-law to amend By-law 2024-46 Agreement with Almaguin Snowmobile Club

11. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-013

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:47 pm under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(2)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

(2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-014

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 8:20 pm
CARRIED

Resolution 2026-015

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney declares the following parcels as surplus: PCL Proudfoot Con 10 Pt lot 8 RP PSR1218 Part 111 PCL 13444 S/S, PCL Proudfoot Con 10 Pt lot 8 RP PSR1218 Part 107 PCL 13444
CARRIED

12. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2026-016

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-04 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Meeting of December 17, 2025 and Regular Meeting of January 15, 2026, 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 2026-017

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney
adjourn at 9:07 pm
CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

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