



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, February 21st, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip, Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/21/02/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on February 21st, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 1:08 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/21/02/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on January 10th, 2020 be adopted as amended.

MOVE 10(f)(ii) and 10(f)(iv) to 14

CARRIED

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof – None Noted**

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) Delegations - Nil

(b) Presentations – Nil

5. **Minutes**

(a) Adoption of Minutes

(i) Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes – January 31st, 2020

Res. No. 5(a)(i)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) as follows:

(i) Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes – January 31st, 2020

CARRIED

(b) Receive Committee Minutes

(i) Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Draft Minutes – February 7, 2020

(ii) Almaguin Saving the Huntsville Hospital Committee: Notes – January 27, 2020

(iii) Kearney Dog Sled Races Advisory Committee: Minutes – January 16, 2020;
Minutes – January 23, 2020

Res. No. 5(b)(i)-(iii)/21/02/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receive the following Advisory Committee Minutes:

(i) Almaguin Highlands Health Centre: Draft Minutes – February 7, 2020

(ii) Almaguin Saving the Huntsville Hospital Committee: Notes – January 27, 2020

(iii) Kearney Dog Sled Races Advisory Committee: Minutes – January 16, 2020;
Minutes – January 23, 2020

CARRIED

6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration – Nil**

7. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the Planning Act) – Nil**

8. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the Municipal Act) - Nil**

9. **Unfinished Business – Nil**

10. Reports and By-laws

(a) Building - Nil

(b) Planning - Nil

(c) Operations

(i) Transfer Station Report – for the period January 22, 2020 to February 11, 2020 – Report only.

(ii) Report and Resolution re: Surplus Equipment Tender

Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney posted a Tender for Surplus Equipment;

AND WHEREAS a limited number of bids were received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney

- 1) accepts the Tender for the 1993 F350 Cube Van submitted by Scott Burtnik in the amount of \$1,232.00;
- 2) accepts the Tender for the 1993 L8000 submitted by Scott Burtnik in the amount of \$1,227.00
- 3) supports the recommendation that the electronic devices be recycled in our e-waste bin; and
- 4) supports the use of the storage cabinet and coat rack by other Town departments.

CARRIED

(d) Administration

(i) By-law No. 2020-xx re: Amending Agreement for Integrated GIS Modules

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/21/01/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

By-law No. 2020-07, Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an amending Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Kearney and the Centre for Geographic Information Systems (CGIS) to add 'Selection Editor Service', be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-07 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(ii) By-law No. 2020-xx re: Municipal Automotive Materials Stewardship Amending Agreement

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/21/02/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

By-law No. 2020-08, Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an amending Agreement between The Corporation of the Town of Kearney and Automotive Materials Stewardship Inc. (AMS), be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-08 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(iii) Resolution re: Draft Municipal Complaint Policy

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/21/02/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

WHEREAS Council directed that Staff review the Town Communication Policy and provide a report to Council at the next Regular Council meeting;

AND WHEREAS a draft Municipal Complaint Policy has been provided to Council for review and comments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts the new Municipal Complaint Policy attached hereto, effective immediately;

AND FURTHER that the existing Communication Policy is hereby deemed defunct. **CARRIED**

(iv) Report and Resolution re: RfP for Internet Infrastructure Services

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/21/02/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney has considered the implication of upgrading Internet Access for the offices;

AND WHEREAS consideration of Openness and Transparency would best be met by allowing all telecommunication and internet providers equal opportunity to submit their proposals;

AND WHEREAS Council directed Staff to draft a Request for Proposal (RfP) for service providers to address the needs of the Town administration and the citizens of Kearney with regard to Internet Access;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to advertise for the "Provision of Broadband Internet Infrastructure Services" in accordance with the Request for proposal, attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(e) Treasury

(i) Report and Resolution re: Payment Register

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the

'List of Accounts' and has no objections to be noted with regard to Cheques #29563 to #29617 in the total amount of \$137,871.58. **CARRIED**

(ii) Report and Resolution re: Cash Handling Policy and Procedures

Res. No. 10(e)(iii)/21/02/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS a Cash Handling Policy and Procedure establishes sound procedures to implement and strengthen controls;

AND WHEREAS Town Staff, Committees and Volunteers, by way of Events, require control procedures for cash receipts;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Kearney currently does not have a Cash Handling Policy and Procedure in place and therefore, Town Staff have prepared a draft policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby approves the Cash Handling Policy and Procedure attached hereto;

AND FURTHER that this Policy shall become effective upon the date of approval by Council. **CARRIED**

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) Report re: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for regular Council meeting on February 21, 2020. – Report only.

(ii) Report and Resolution re: New Firefighter – Deferred to 14.

(iii) Report and Resolution re: New Firefighter

Res. No. 10(f)(iii)/21/02/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Kent Goldsworthy to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

(iv) Report and Resolution re: Deputy Fire Chief – Deferred to 14.

(g) Facilities and Buildings - Nil

(h) Council Presentations

(i) Councillor Rickward re: Kearney Dog Sled Races Festival – Verbal Report
Councillor Rickward commented on the success of the 2020 Dog Sled Races.

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

(i) Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities re: Annual Conference

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the attendance of – no one attending – at the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference on May 13 – 15, 2020, in Timmins, Ontario. **CARRIED**

(ii) Township of Strong re: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit changes in the funding formula

Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has advised municipalities of the following changes in the funding formula:

- Change from 25/75 municipal/provincial to 30/70 for mandatory programs; and
- Change from 100% provincial funding to 30/70 for a number of other related programs;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a 42% increase in the municipal levy commencing in 2021, with no increased service delivery;

AND WHEREAS small, rural, northern Ontario municipalities do not have the financial resources to fund this 42% increase due to:

- Sparse populations and small tax bases making it difficult to raise the requisite funds and also provide core mandated municipal services to residents; and
- Residents' annual income is well below the provincial poverty level, with many on fixed incomes and raising municipal property taxes will create significant hardship;

AND WHEREAS our municipalities support the Health Unit's mission "To foster healthy living within our communities by preventing illness, promoting healthy choices and providing trusted support and information" and therefore we reiterate that we want to remain under the auspices of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and under the Rural & Northern Ontario designation;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is currently reviewing the mandate and operations of Public Health Units;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that Jim Pine, Facilitator of the Public Health Modernization consultations review the current funding formula for Public Health and Rural & Northern Ontario municipalities, proposing exemptions for the province to implement for 2021;

AND FURTHER that we contend that Public Health, as a pillar of our Ontario Health Care system, be funded through regular provincial taxation, not municipal property taxation;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, Minister of Long Term Care, MPP Norm Miller, MPP Vic Fedeli, Ontario Health Board Chair, FONOM Chair, NOMA Chair, AMO Chair and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Almaguin Community Guide Committee re: 2020/2021 Advertisement**

Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/21/02/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the purchase of Advertisement space in the 2020/2021 Almaguin Highlands Community Guide, at a cost of \$198.00 + HST for a 1/8 page AD. **CARRIED**

(b) **Information Items**

(i) **Mary Lesperance re: Card of thanks**

12. **Other Business – Nil**

13. **Closed Session**

Council will enter into a Closed Session for discussion regarding:

(a) Labour relations or employee negotiations (x 3)

Res. No. 13(a)/21/02/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the town of Kearney enters into Closed Session in accordance with Section 239, (1), (2), (3) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, c. 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, at 1:45 p.m. for discussion regarding:

(a) Labour relations or employee negotiations (x 3)

CARRIED

Res. No. 13(b)/21/02/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvene in Open Session. Closed Session adjourned at 3:07 p.m. **CARRIED**

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

Res. No. 14(a)/21/02/2020 Cheryl, Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Brian Goldsworthy to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 14(b)/31/01/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS the Deputy Fire Chief position has been vacant for some time;

AND WHEREAS Fire Chief Paul Schaefer is recommending that Brian Goldsworthy be would an excellent candidate for the Deputy Fire Chief position given that Mr. Goldsworthy was a Deputy Operation Chief for Toronto Fire;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Brian Goldsworthy be appointed as Deputy Fire Chief for the Town of Kearney effective _____ . **WITHDRAWN**

Res. No. 14(c)/21/02/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney recently advertised for an Administrative Assistant by way of an Internal Job Posting;

AND WHEREAS Council appointed a Selection Team to conduct interviews for this Administrative Assistant position;

AND WHEREAS the Selection Team has made a recommendation to Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with and subject to the requirements of the Collective Agreement between the Town and CUPE Local 1813, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appoints Cindy Filmore as the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Kearney. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 14(d)/21/02/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs the Clerk to update the existing Office Assistant Job Description, for the review by Council at their next regular meeting. **CARRIED**

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law 2020-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on February 21st, 2020 and at its Regular Meeting held on February 21st, 2020.

Res. No. 15/21/02/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2020-09, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on February 21st, 2020 and at its Regular Meeting held on February 21st, 2020, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-09 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Res. No. 16/21/02/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

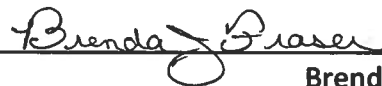
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:13 p.m. to meet again at 12:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk