



# The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING VIA Remote Access

Council Chambers  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official  
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager  
Linda Moyer, Planning Technician  
Cindy Filmore, Office Assistant

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

**Res. No. 1/05/06/2020 Cheryl Philip, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 1:10 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**Res. No. 2/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as circulated. **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 – May 15th, 2020

(ii) Public Meeting, Draft Minutes – May 15th, 2020

(iii) Special Meeting, Draft Minutes – May 21st, 2020

**Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iii)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Cheryl Philip**

**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 – May 15th, 2020

(ii) **Public Meeting**, Draft Minutes – May 15th, 2020

(iii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – May 21st, 2020 **CARRIED**

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes**

(i) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re: Agenda – Monthly report - May 2020**

**Res. No. 5(b)(i)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

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

(i) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re: Monthly Report – May 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**

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** Policy for reimbursement for providing and/or use of private vehicles

**Res. No. 10(a)(i)/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** Council has received a report regarding a policy for reimbursement for providing and/or using personal vehicles for work purposes;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, determines that \_\_\_\_\_ **DEFERRED**

(ii) **Report re:** 92 Park Road – **Report only.**

(b) **Planning**

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** Sutton request to purchase Road Allowance

**Res. No. 10(b)(i)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** it has long been the Town's practice to be very cautious when considering requests to purchase road allowances leading to water;

**AND WHEREAS** considerations have also included, at the very minimum, that alternative access to the water body is available;

**AND WHEREAS** unopened road allowances not only provide access to the lake for boat launches, but also provide access for other recreational purposes such as picnic and swimming areas;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, determines that we will not sell the road allowance requested by Mr. Sutton.

**CARRIED**

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period May 9, 2020 to May 26, 2020 – **Report only.**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Report and draft By-law No. 2020-xx re:** Regulation of Dogs

**Res. No. 10(d)(i)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**By-law No. 2020-25**, Being a By-law to Regulate Dogs within the Town of Kearney be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-25 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) **Report and draft By-law No. 2020-xx re:** Tariff of Fees

**Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**By-law No. 2020-27**, Being a By-law to Establish Rees or Charges for Services or Activities provided or done by the Corporation of the Town of Kearney be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-27 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:** Virtual attendees for 2020 AMO Conference

**Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** on December 6, 2019, Council authorized the attendance of Councillor Philip at the Annual AMO 2020 Conference in Ottawa;

**AND WHEREAS** due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this Conference has now been moved to a virtual Conference;

**AND WHEREAS** Councillor Philip has requested that the Registration be offered to another Councillor;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the attendance of NO ONE at the 2020 Virtual AMO Conference and will request a refund. **CARRIED**

(iv) **Resolution re:** Status of beach closures

**Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** on May 1, 2020, Council determined that our Public Beaches and Public Docks shall remain closed to the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province has unveiled Phase 1 of the Pandemic reopening plan allowing the opening of some recreational amenities subject to conditions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines that Municipal parks, beaches, docks and open spaces may be used by residents, starting Wednesday, June 10, 2020 and subject of dock being connected, for recreational activities subject to the following restrictions:

- Use alone or with members of the same household;
- Practice good hygiene;
- Physical distancing of at least two metres from other people who are not a part of your household;

and

- No social gathering of more than five (5) people;

**AND FURTHER** playgrounds and equipment, washrooms at parks and washrooms at beaches shall all remain closed under the Province's Emergency Order;

**AND FURTHER** failure to follow the restrictions shall result in Council reviewing these openings and implementing any necessary changes. **CARRIED**

(v) **Resolution re: Adoption of CUPE Local 1813 Pay Equity Plan**

**Res. No. 10(d)(v)/05/06/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** in accordance with the *Pay Equity Act*, as amended, once Pay Equity is achieved, all employers subject to the *Act* are required to maintain Pay Equity for the employees in female dominated job classes;

**AND WHEREAS** an evaluation of the Union positions was carried out by a Committee representing equally, the Town and CUPE Local 1813;

**AND WHEREAS** this job evaluation involved a careful and thorough analysis of each position;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby adopts the Union Pay Equity Plan dated June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. **CARRIED**

(vi) **Resolution re: Algonquin Park Office partial opening**

**Res. No. 10(d)(vi)/05/06/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Emergency Order with respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic required Provincial Parks and Municipal Buildings to be closed to the public;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province is now implementing phased openings for certain recreational activities;

**AND WHEREAS** one of the authorized activities in the Phase 1 reopening, is Backcountry Camping in Provincial Parks;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Kearney leases space in the Kearney Community Centre to the Ministry of Natural Resources for the sale of Backcountry Camping Permits for Algonquin Park;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes access to the leased space in the Kearney Community Centre, for the purpose of selling Park Permits;

**AND FURTHER** so long as the Kearney Community Centre remains closed to the public, this access will be restricted to essential Staff;

**AND FURTHER** public access shall be limited to a barrier protected window opening with physical distancing required between visitors retrieving their Permits. **CARRIED**

(e) **Treasury**

(i) **Report and Resolution re: Payment Register**

**Res. No. 10(e)(i)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Cheryl Philip**

**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 #29855 to #29877 in the total amount of \$96,090.00. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Information and Resolution re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Asset Management Grant**

**Res. No. 10(e)(ii)(a)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the 2020 Asset Management Plan Update; **AND FURTHER BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** The Corporation of the Town of Kearney commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Road Needs Study,
- Building Condition Assessment and Reserve Fund Matrix, and
- Asset Management Plan Update

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that The Corporation of the Town of Kearney commits \$25,528 from its budget towards the costs of this initiative. **CARRIED**

**Res. No. 10(e)(ii)(b)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**WHEREAS** Council has directed Staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the 2020 Asset Management Plan Update;

**AND WHEREAS** this grant application is lengthy and complex;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Brayden Robinson to complete this grant application on our behalf. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Resolution re: Ontario Regulation 284/09**

**Res. No. 10(e)(iii)/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Cheryl Philip**

**WHEREAS** generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada require municipalities to capitalize and amortize tangible capital assets, and to accrue liabilities related to post-employment and solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario Regulation 284/09 states that a municipality may exclude these expenses from budgeted amounts for which revenue must be raised;

**AND WHEREAS** if excluded, Ontario Regulation 284/09 requires Councils, prior to approving a municipal budget, to adopt a report that shows the impact of fully covering these expenses;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the report entitled "Municipal Act, 2001 Ontario Regulation 284/09, 2020 Budget", attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(iv) **Draft By-law No. 2020-xx re: 2020 Draft Budget**

**Res. No. 10(e)(iv)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**By-law No. 2020-28**, Being a By-law to provide for the Adoption of the 2020 Budget be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-28 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**

(v) **Draft By-law No. 2020-xx re: To Set 2020 Tax Ratios and Rates**

**Res. No. 10(e)(v)/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo**

**By-law No. 2020-29**, Being a By-law to Set the 2020 Tax Ratios and 2020 Tax Rates and to further provide for Tax Collection and Penalty and Interest in Default of Payment thereof, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-29 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**

(vi) **Resolution re: Statement of Investment Policies and Goals**

**Res. No. 10(e)(vi)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with By-law No. 2015-55 (Municipal Investment Policy), acknowledges receipt of the Annual Investment Report, attached hereto, for the year ending December 31, 2019. **CARRIED**

**(f) Fire and Emergency Services**

(i) **Report re: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for regular Council meeting on June 5, 2020. – Report only.**

(ii) **Draft By-law No. 2020-xx re: To authorize cost recovery with respect to Fire Department Specific response**

**Res. No. 10(f)(ii)/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**By-law No. 2020-30**, Being a By-law to authorize Cost Recovery (FEES) with respect to Fire Department Specific Response, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-30 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. **DEFERRED**

**(g) Facilities and Buildings - Nil**

**(h) Council Presentations**

(a) **Councillor Rickward re: Cashman Creek Bridge, detour, signage**

Council discussed access to Sand Lake for emergency vehicles during the Boat Launch rehabilitation and noted that the Tender has not yet been advertised.

**11. Correspondence**

**(a) Action Items**

**(i) City of Kitchener re: Request for support – Universal basic income**

**Res. No. 11(a)(i)/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the World Health Organization (WHO), on March 11, 2020 declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to the growing number of cases of the coronavirus illness around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread;

**AND WHEREAS** in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province of Ontario declared a state of emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** Statistics Canada has reported that the unemployment rate has risen to 7.8 per cent, with 1,011,000 jobs lost in March 2020 and that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the employment of 3.1 million Canadians;

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal government has announced \$82 billion in relief funding for the COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, utilizing tax deferrals, subsidies, loans and credits to support citizens, businesses and industries;

**AND WHEREAS** according to a 2018 Parliamentary Budget Office report, a Canada-wide basic income of the type previously piloted in Ontario would have an annual net cost of \$44 billion;

**AND WHEREAS** a universal basic income would likely have many positive effects, including reducing poverty, reducing strain on health care and social assistance systems, supporting businesses and the economy, reducing crime, as well as reducing administrative complexity and creating efficiencies for those in need of financial and economic support measures;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney urges the Ontario Provincial Government to pursue a partnership with the Federal Government for the establishment of a universal basic income;

**AND FURTHER** that this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Local Members of Provincial Parliament; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) City of Brantford re: Request for support – Essential Workers Day – March 17**

**Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/05/06/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario enacted a Declaration of Emergency on March 17th, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** during the state of emergency certain services have been deemed essential services by the Government of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** citizens are asked to isolate at home to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as essential workers continue to work and provide an essential service to their community;

**AND WHEREAS** essential workers across the country are risking their lives;

**AND WHEREAS** some essential workers have been stricken with illness, suffered trauma or injury, or lost their lives as a result of providing an essential service;

**AND WHEREAS** without this dedicated workforce, essential services, including but not limited to, healthcare, police, fire, paramedics, military, social services, community services, food distribution, agriculture, postal and delivery services, education, security, transit, financial services, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, construction, maintenance and repair, waste management, sanitation services, government, and administrative services would fail to function;

**AND WHEREAS** our community owes a profound debt of gratitude to every single essential worker who ensured our community could continue to operate;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines as follows:

- A) **THAT** March 17 BE PROCLAIMED by Council, to be Essential Workers Day in the Town of Kearney; and
- B) **THAT** the Clerk be directed to provide a copy of this resolution, with a covering letter, to MPP Norm Miller and MP Scott Aitchison to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada formally declare March 17 to be Essential Workers Day to honour all of the essential workers who sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- C) **THAT** all municipalities across Ontario and Canada be invited to proclaim March 17 to be Essential Workers Day in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to AMO, FCM and ROMA for that purpose.

**CARRIED**

(iii) **Town of Oakville re: Request for support – Commercial Recovery Initiative**  
**Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the economy has been drastically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with provincially mandated business restrictions and closures, resulting in limited operations, employee lay offs and financial hardships;

**AND WHEREAS** commercial areas in any municipality form a key component necessary to ensure a complete, livable community;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province has entered into Phase One of reopening under the COVID-19 state of emergency and communities are preparing for the restoration of services;

**AND WHEREAS** public health officials advise that two metre distancing is a critical tool to slow the spread of COVID-19;

**AND WHEREAS** the reopening of commercial businesses will require interim adjustments to methods of service delivery to maintain physical distancing requirements related to COVID-19 and meet the needs of the community;

**AND WHEREAS** Council supports the reopening of commercial businesses in a practical manner that supports the safety of the community, employees and members of the public;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney is in favour of:

- Making Town lands in and adjacent to commercial areas available to enable the provision of temporary commercial services outdoors, including patios or pop-up facilities associated with existing restaurants and retail businesses, or outdoor sale or display of merchandise, subject to zoning requirements;
- Incorporating physical distancing measures in commercial areas to address safety such as dedicated queueing or pedestrian areas;
- Encouraging residents and visitors to support local businesses;
- Providing temporary exemptions from required parking under Section 40 of the *Planning Act*, to accommodate outdoor patios, or outdoor display areas on private property; and
- The use of Town land being subject to compliance with: physical distancing or other requirements applicable as a result of the COVID-19 emergency; insurance and indemnities; and any other restrictions necessary to protect public safety, meet accessibility requirements and avoid undue interference with the use of public lands by the general public or impacts on adjacent residents.

**CARRIED**

(b) **Information Items** - Nil

12. **Other Business** – Nil

13. **Closed Session** - Nil

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session** – N/A

15. **Confirming By-Law**

**By-Law 2020-xx** being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Public Meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020; at its Special Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Res. No. 15/05/06/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**By-law No. 2020-31**, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Public Meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020; at its Special Meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-31 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. 16/05/06/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:00 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

**CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF KEARNEY



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk