



# AGENDA

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

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**NOTE:** A Closed Session will commence at the end of the meeting.

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

*Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

**4. Delegations/Presentations**

**(a) Delegations**

- (i) **Yasmin Rosh re:** [Follow up to the Recreational Vehicles use of a portion of D-Trail presentation](#)
- (ii) **Rob Taylor re:** [Food Truck Proposal](#)

**(b) Presentations - Nil**

**5. Minutes**

**(a) Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) **Regular Meeting,** [Draft Minutes – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021](#)

**(b) Receive Committee Minutes - Nil**

**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:** [Annual Report on Building Permit Fees](#)
- (ii) **Verbal Report and Resolution re:** [Request to build garage prior to principle dwelling](#)
- (iii) **Shared Service Agreement with Magnetawan Report:** [For information only](#)

**(b) Planning - Nil**

**(c) Operations**

- (i) **Transfer Station Report –** [for the period April 2, 2021 to April 20, 2021](#)

**(d) Administration**

- (i) **Report and Resolution re:** [Annual Investment Report](#)
- (ii) **Resolution re:** [Preparation of Surveys](#)
- (iii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To enter into a Shared Services Agreement for By-law Enforcement

**(e) Treasury**

- (i) **Report and Resolution re:** [Payment Register](#)
- (ii) **Resolution re:** [Purchase of KWEF water testing instrument](#)

**(f) Fire and Emergency Services**

- (i) **Report re:** [Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on April 23, 2021](#)
- (ii) **Resolution re:** Purchase of Bunker gear and helmets
- (iii) **Resolutions re:** [New Firefighters \(x3\)](#)

**(g) Facilities and Buildings**

- (i) **Resolution re:** [Request to be a member on the Kearney Community Centre Building Committee](#)

**(h) Council Presentations**

- (i) **Mayor Ballantyne discussion re:** Public Access to Town Office

**11. Correspondence**

**(a) Action Items**

- (i) **Town of Caledon, request for support re:** [Ontario Fire College Closure; Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline](#)
- (ii) **City of Sarnia, request for support re:** [Colour Coded Capacity Limits](#)
- (iii) **Township of Muskoka Lakes, request for support re:** [Decibel Coalition](#)
- (iv) **City of Kitchener, request for support re:** [Planning Act Timelines](#)

**(b) Information Items**

- (i) **District Social Services Administration Board re:** [Five Year Strategic Plan](#)
- (ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** [April 2021 Newsletter](#)

**12. Other Business - Nil**

**13. Closed Session**

Council will enter into a Closed Session for discussion regarding:

- (a)** Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (x 2 )
- (b)** Labour relations or employee negotiations
- (c)** Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency or any of them

**14. Business Arising from Closed Session**

**15. Confirming By-Law**

**By-Law 2020-xx** being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

**16. Adjournment**

**Meeting Minutes Summary: Report - Human Safety Issues due to *Recreational Vehicles* Use of Portion of D Trail (ie, Snowmobiles and All Terrain Vehicles-ATV's) - February 9 2021**

Please advise of any key edits or omissions  
Contact: (647) 291 1682. Email is currently not available.

**Virtual Meeting Date:** February 9, 2021. 1-1:30 p.m

**Presented by / Presenters:** Yasmin R (via conference call) and Tom V (via Zoom)

**Presented to:** Council Members – Carol Ballantyne, Cheryl Philip, Elizabeth Stermsek, Michael Rickward, Paul Ziraldo (and others that may have been present at this meeting, including Brenda Fraser, Keven Beaucage, Linda Moyer, Brian Horsman).

Note: It is unknown which Council members were present (round table introductions were unavailable at meeting onset – where a conference call option was used to join in). The following individuals provided input during discussions (therefore the assumption is made, that at a minimum, they were in attendance) – Carol B; Paul Z; Elizabeth S; Michael R

**Meeting Minutes – Summary:**

- The presenters provided context of the request for the formal meeting & the accompanying report/proposal. ie...
  - Identifying a small portion of the D-Trail (currently routed through Fisher Lake Road/Lane-Woodland Lane-Patton Road, also commonly referred to as a Concession Road), which has been resulting in significant Human Safety risks, with escalating occurrences starting 2015 – to-date.
  - The Request/Ask of this Council: To assist with re-routing a small portion of the D trail due to Significant Human Safety risks, from that of a “highly unsafe portion” to one that is less impactful to Human Safety.
    - starting at intersection of Emsdale Lake Road & Kearney Road OR an even smaller *section*, starting at Fisher Lake Road/Lane, onto Woodland Lane and along Patton Road
  - Obtaining acknowledgement & support from Council on the significant Human Safety risks, being faced to Users and members of the Community and to assist in leading/facilitating discussions with partners & stakeholders (all of who have the empowerment & authority) to implement the change by Season 2021 (All Terrain Vehicles April 2021; Snowmobiles December 2021). This will significantly reduce, if not eliminate the current (and foreseeable future) Human Safety Risks to Users of the said/defined portion of the road and to members of both our Community and surrounding communities.  
There are no negative impacts to town/club revenues and/or local business revenues.  
There is one key positive impact– that leadership was demonstrated by all partners & authorities – ie, input from Users on the negative (and escalating) Human Safety concerns faced was taken into consideration & a rationale, objective solution that eliminated those concerns/risks was implemented. This is critical within the fabric of small Community & what it stands for – ensuring safety & health for it's members and visitors.
  - Requesting leadership from Council, Recreational Club authorities and/or anyone else that becomes aware of this Report/Proposal – correct any 'misinformation' within Community circles and/or within social media
    - ie, The Ask is re-routing of a small portion of the D trail due to Human Safety impacts for all Users.  
NOT closing down trails; NOT complaining about trail users; NOT stifling town revenues, NOT impacting local businesses.

A large portion of the discussion time was spent on reviewing the information within the section above. Context and clarity of the specific areas and 'impacted route under discussion' was explained in detail by both presenters.

- Reference was also made to the “documents” accompanying the presentation deck, ie the 'pre-read' for Council General concurrence, that the deck had been reviewed by all, therefore due to time constraints, need to move through the remainder of the Report/Proposal efficiently – input by Carol B on behalf of Council attendees.

**Meeting Minutes – Detail:**

Presenters worked efficiently, at best, to review the key sections and points captured in the documents/pre-read:

- **Issue Summary** was reviewed – minimal questions, as content was self-explanatory and Council had reviewed in advance of meeting (thank you)
- **Impacts** – including Impact Summary & Impact Detail sections were referenced & reviewed briefly – minimal questions, as content was self explanatory and Council had reviewed in advance of the meeting (thank you)
- **The Ask** – including Ask Summary & Ask of this Council sections were reviewed and re-iterated in more detail.
  - *Question raised by Counsellor Liz S:* Whether the local recreational vehicle clubs had been contacted to identify the issue and assist with alternate options for solution(s).
  - *Response from Yasmin R:*

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- Yes, early 2019, *both* recreational vehicle club (snowmobile) leaders and members were engaged to get their input and provide direction on how the Human Safety risks could be mitigated or reduced. Due to existing relationships Yasmin had with these individuals through Community interactions (unrelated to Human Safety), starting almost 20 years ago, they were the first points of contact:  
a) out of respect for them and in the interest of being *transparent* b) with the awareness that their knowledge & experience as Community members and stakeholders, could result in alternate solutions to reduce or mitigate the Human Safety risks, sooner than later.
  - However, despite the generosity (their time & availability), excellent recommendations and input, no changes were made to reduce the (escalating) significant risks to Human Safety.
- It was also shared that prior to 2019, when the Human Safety risks & impacts to Users started increasing in magnitude, informal discussions were initiated with other key community members & authorities. However, many members were notably "uncomfortable" with these discussions or were unable to influence the appropriate authorities or assist with tactics to reduce or eliminate these risks. Therefore, as Human Safety impacts, risks and incidents of "close calls" with speeding or large volumes of recreational vehicles continued to escalate, year around for the most part starting 2016 and into 2019, it was recommended that based on the circumstances, a formal approach & methodology using due process needed to be initiated.
  - This (lengthy & time-consuming) process commenced early 2019 – formally identifying & engaging key stakeholders, authorities, partners and Community leaders. The first authority/stakeholder that was identified was the OPP, formally engaged Jan 2020. Since then other authorities & stakeholders continue to be engaged, per the due process & protocol we were advised to follow.
- **Recommendations** – including Existing Options & Alternatives and Change should be one that sections were reviewed and re-iterated. Opportunities for discussion were presented, summaries of which are captured below:
  - Input provided by Counsellor Michael R: Upon receipt of the documents for this meeting (the pre-read), he had reached out to OPP Burks Falls to obtain their input and feedback on the content of the documents. In turn he was advised that as of 2020, there had been no reported incidents or monitored occurrences related to the nature of the risks that were pointed out (in the documents submitted to Council). Therefore his conclusion was that there were no risks to Human Safety as captured in the documents.
  - Input provided by Yasmin R: Respectfully disagreed with the conclusion that Michael R had put forth. Identified that formal OPP involvement commenced Jan 2020 and since then many incidents and or occurrences have taken place and are known, based on input and experiences of multiple *Users*. In addition Yasmin R also pointed to the *User Input Summary* document that further validates that the Issue was real and that the accompanying documented Risks were true and accurate. This was based on credible feedback from multiple *Users*, including many from our Community, that warrants acknowledgement, respect and trust.

*Note:* Out of respect for the nature of his role in the Community – ie as a key member of the local snowmobile community and based on input from other stakeholders, Yasmin R contacted Counsellor Michael R several times starting 2019, requesting phone or in person meeting(s) based on his availability. The purpose of these meetings was to share the Issue and obtain input /advice on assisting with Issue resolution. Unfortunately, these meetings and/or meeting requests were not acknowledged. Starting March 2020, the COVID situation & other priorities made it more challenging to follow up further with Counsellor Michael R.
  - Input provided by Mayor Carol B:
    - a) Many of the proposed alternate routes are sold (railway beds) or have been bought by private individuals.
    - b) Highlighted for discussion was one of the recommended alternate routes (hand-drawn map provided by a Community User) – where this recommended alternative was along Kearney Road.... Carol B identified that this would pose a risk to *Users*, as the D-trail had been moved from that route (along Kearney Road) to the current alternate (Emsdale Lake Road-Fisher Lake Road-Woodland Road-Patton Road) to avoid similar risks.
  - Input provided by Yasmin R:
    - a) Based on input provided by some key Community members, Club members and authorities – they acknowledged that discussions with the appropriate partners (CN, private owners) would need to be had in order to find workarounds. This included the availability of lease terms that could be revisited (with CN for example). An appropriate, alternate route or solution is possible, considering the existing relationships with many of these groups and individuals, albeit requiring time & resources to negotiate & facilitate changes. This was a positive message that was shared by many of these individuals at the time of engagement starting 2019. In addition, Yasmin has volunteered personal time (or personal time from other select *Users*) to assist in this process, and as shared with these partners during those discussions.

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As part of the **Ask** within this presentation, Yasmin further requested Mayor Carol B and members of Council and their associates to please reach out to the appropriate partners to facilitate alternate change options (if those submitted through the Recommendations documentation were not viable).

It was reiterated that as leaders and influencers of our Community, Mayor Carol B and her associates at the Township were better positioned to partner with the appropriate resources and make this timely change. This would yield results versus having individuals from the Community, who currently do not have the existing knowledge of alternate routes or alternate resources to get involved in identifying the various parties and route options, negotiate with them and execute a timely resolution. Instead these individuals from the community would be willing to partner with Township resources, to assist them in an appropriate capacity, so as to facilitate the change to a safer alternate. It is critical that this is done sooner than later, as the risks have continued to escalate since 2015.

- *Input provided by Yasmin R and Tom V:*

**b)** Yasmin R identified that this was *just one of the many options that exist and this one in particular* was provided by a User, with knowledge of the recreational vehicle trails (snowmobile in particular).

With minimal knowledge of the trails due to inability to use them in the recent years, Yasmin was unable to comment on the specifics of the proposed alternative hand-drawn up. However based on the hand-drawn diagram, it appears intuitive that the alternate is to go along Kearney Road.

Also, based on input provided by some key Community members, Club members and authorities – they acknowledged that discussions with the appropriate partners and home owners along Kearney Road could be had – ie, a possible re-route option that could be made safe. At that time, Yasmin had advised she would be happy to partner with the appropriate folks to approach these private land owners, requesting their permission, so as to avoid the significant risks that are presented on the current portion of the route.

**b)** Tom V reiterated that if the Kearney Road option was a concern for officials at that time (from a risk perspective), moving a portion of the D-trail to the current route (along Fisher Lake Road-Woodland Lane-Patton Road) has put this small section at great risk as well. As an avid rider of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles, Tom V expressed his concern for the current risks that are present along Fisher Lake Road-Woodland Lane-Patton Road. Therefore reiterating the support from Council to facilitate & execute the change that is being requested.

- *Input provided by Deputy Mayor Paul Ziraldo:*

During the course of discussions, Deputy Mayor advised that based on the information presented and discussed, he believed the Issue at hand needed to be reviewed further.

- *Input provided by Carol B:*

**a)** Advised that both time and resources would be required to consider the request captured in this proposal. That would also involve additional costs to make changes to existing roads or areas that need to be modified to support re-routing of this small portion.

**b)** Considering the said route falls under both Kearney and Perry Townships, the advice was to have a discussion with the Perry Township and obtain their input.

*Input provided by Yasmin R* (unable to provide as line had been muted by township due to time constraints)

**a)** Based on research & discussions held with partners starting 2019, the understanding is that funding is available for development and or extension of trails to support Provincial and Municipal Tourism mandates – to create greater opportunities for Tourism to our areas and positively impact revenue streams of local municipalities (among other mandates). Also available is funding for trail maintenance and rework (due to changes that maybe required). Our request is to encourage the appropriate partners to leverage the appropriate funds to ensure the Change Recommendation contained within our Report-Proposal is executed at the earliest. This will ensure the immediate reduction of and mitigation of the significantly high risks to Human Safety on the said section of the D-Trail (captured under **Issue Summary** in the submitted documentation)

**b)** A similar Proposal / Report was shared with the Township of Perry in February 2020 (at first with the Mayor and then distributed by the Township to the Counsellors). A follow up meeting was on schedule with the Mayor for Mar 2020, to work together on finding & executing on an alternative route in time for 2020 Seasons. However due to the COVID situation and other prioritizations at that time, further discussions with the Mayor were unable to be completed in 2020.

As a follow up, a discussion was held with Perry Township early February and a meeting is scheduled for a similar presentation to the Township Council on March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

This was done to ensure *transparency* on all fronts – as we engage *both* Townships formally, requesting their assistance with a timely resolution of these Human Safety risks. A resolution that we are requesting you to implement by Season 2021 (All Terrain Vehicles April 2021; Snowmobiles December 2021) – in order to prevent any of the existing (or new) Human Safety risks from being realized.



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**Key Decisions & Actions:**

The following are the key Decisions and Actions. Based on the discussions held, the following decisions and actions are assumed. Due to *muting* meeting presenters as we exceeded the allocated time, the opportunity to confirm these was not available. IF there are edits to below, please advise by leaving a message at 647-291-1682. Thank you.

	<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Next Steps/When</b>
<b><u>Decision</u></b>	Acknowledgement by Council on the Issue and Risks as presented in the documentation shared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No objections from Council members relative to the request for their support to facilitate a change. Thank you</li> <li>No objections from (majority) Council members questioning the integrity of the information presented in the documentation. Thank you.</li> <li>Decision on Next Steps after Perry Township has provided their input (see Action 1 below)</li> </ul>	Council Members	NA
<b><u>Action 1</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request/Schedule Meeting with Perry Township and present same documentation to them. Rationale - They are also involved in discussions and decisions relative to the routes (that which currently presents a risk and any alternates that need consideration)</li> </ul>	Yasmin	COMPLETE Meeting - Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm
<b><u>Action 2</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request/Schedule Follow up meeting with Kearney Township Council to: a) discuss outcome /input from Perry Township Meeting b) decision next steps with Kearney Township Council on moving forward</li> </ul>	Yasmin	TO FOLLOW w/o Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> March or April 2021
<b><u>Action 3</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Flow Detailed User Input (Documentary) continues in progress and will be available for distribution to both Kearney and Perry Councils w/o Mar 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021</li> </ul>	Yasmin	IN PROGRESS w/o Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> 2021
<b><u>Edits</u></b>	There were 2 inadvertent typing errors within the main Presentation – apologies for the inconvenience. They stand corrected as follows using strikeout and replace: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Section <i>User Impact</i>, last bullet....  <i>Motorized Recreational Vehicle Traffic (Snowmobiles and ATV's) from our surrounding communities – Users who have used these routes prior to the decision to run the D trail through the impacted roads. Many of these ride with children/families. Note: This group often follow the posted signs (stop and/or speed limits) and are NOT a deterrent. However they are at risk due to the – They often follow the signs and speed limits and are not a deterrent – this group is also at risk.</i></li> <li>Section <i>The Ask, the Ask of this Council</i>, last paragraph.....  <i>It is in the best interest of our Community and all Users, to evaluate and make this change at the earliest (ie, prior to the next season for ATV's – 2021 Spring and Snowmobiles – 2022 2021 Winter). This will mitigate the current and ongoing "high probability" and growing human safety risks, which are documented &amp; acknowledged by key partners. Thank you.</i></li> </ol>		

**Acknowledgement and Thanks:**

- Thank you to all those who attended the presentation of our proposal and provided your input/support – including Elizabeth and Michael.
- Paul – Thank you for your availability and input during our preliminary meeting February 2021 and your input and support during the meeting Feb 9<sup>th</sup>
- Carol – Thanks for your availability and input during our preliminary meeting Spring 2020 and for your input and support during the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Tom (and Caroline) – Thank you for making the time to attend the meeting on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and providing your input, despite your current schedule and work priorities.
- Last but not the least, thanks to those who assisted with meeting scheduling & set up, including set up and facilitation for conference call & Zoom (Brenda, Leslie & Cindy).

- End of document -



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COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 23 2021

GENERAL NATURE OF DELEGATION: Food Truck Proposal.

WRITTEN PRESENTATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CLERK

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[Signature]  
(Initials)

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: April 21 2021

## Cindy Filmore

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**From:** Rob Taylor <robtaylorsemail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** April 21, 2021 9:24 AM  
**To:** Cindy Filmore  
**Subject:** Outdoor Dining business

Thank you for your time and assistance yesterday. As per our conversation, I will briefly describe our operation, experience and our intent for the delegation to council.

In April 2020 as a response to covid 19 and other circumstances I opened Picnic Bistros to go, a food & beverage company providing outdoor dining establishments in 2 Huntsville locations. After a short but successful season we have decided to invest in building a third truck specifically designed for year round operation. I'm excited to be expanding my business and investing in the areas I grew up in.

Picnic Bistros benefits from a management team with a combined 80 years of professional hospitality experience including many years at some of Canada's top awarded restaurants. Part of my 20 plus year experience includes opening my own establishment which was recognized as one of Canada best new restaurants by enroute magazine.

Each of our locations is a unique concept designed to best suit the area. We see a wonderful opportunity to become a beneficial year round establishment here in the beautiful town of Kearney at 71 Main St.

In the past few weeks I've been able to connect with the property owner next door who is supportive as well as Harmony United Church. I've spoken with Reverend Woodall and if given the opportunity we would cooperate with each other, the church allowing us to draw power and our facilities being used by the church for their outdoor worship services as required by current covid 19 measurements.

In this delegation to council I hope to gain councils support for our business and location including discussions of leasing 71 Main St (I believe this is a town property) We are also open to other suitable locations if necessary, however 71 Main St would be our first choice.

Kind regards,

Rob Taylor  
Picnic Bistros to go  
705.788.4786 (c)

## Cindy Filmore

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**From:** Rob Taylor <robtaylorsemail@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** April 21, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** Cindy Filmore  
**Subject:** Outdoor dining establishments attachments...  
**Attachments:** FB\_IMG\_1616522114527.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1616522127742.jpg; FB\_IMG\_1616521812446.jpg;  
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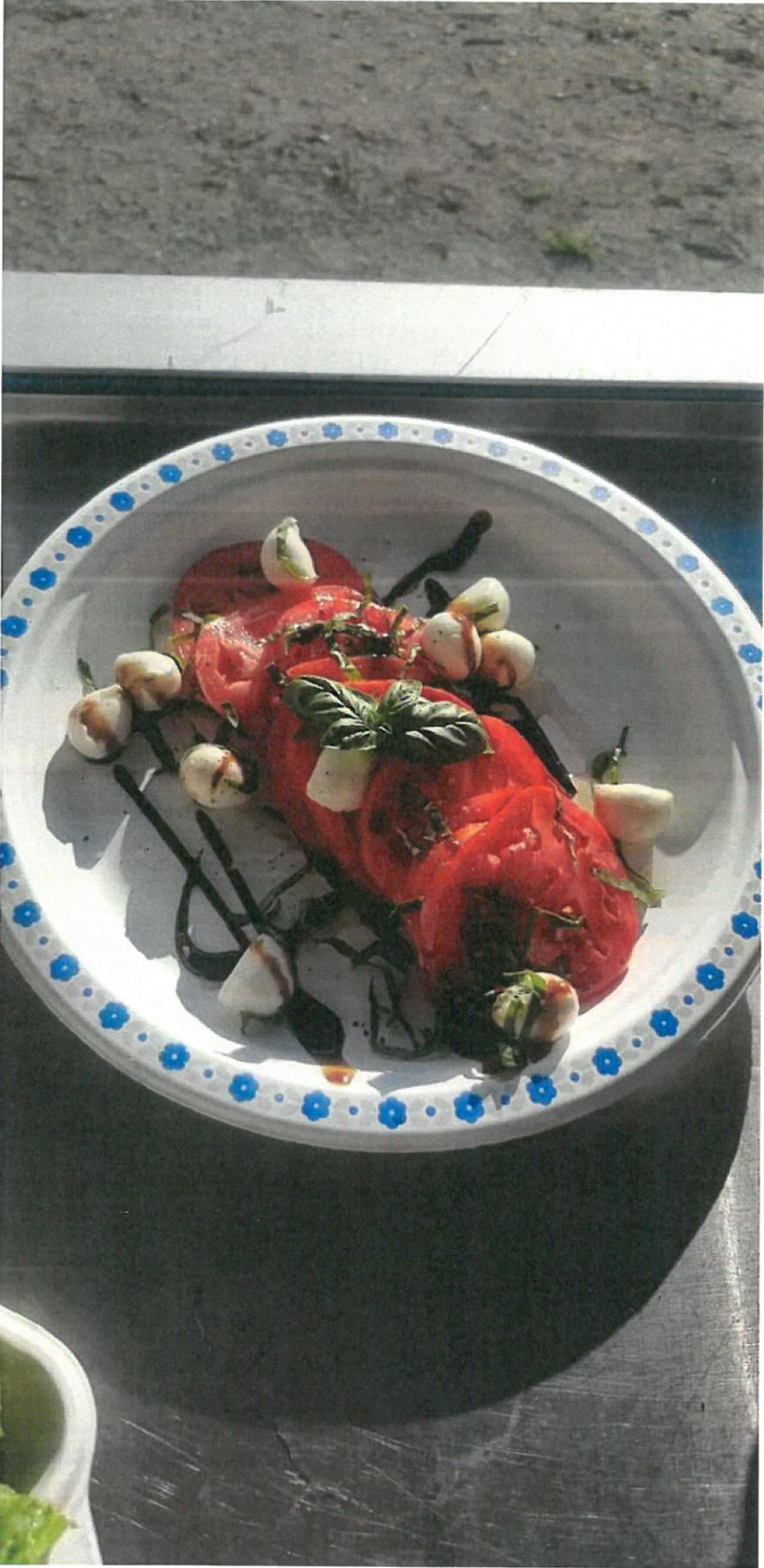
Attached are some images from our social media last season. We grow much of our own produce and support local products whenever we can.

Thanks again

Rob Taylor  
Picnic















# The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

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## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

1:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Carol Ballantyne  
Councillors: Cheryl Philip (Virtual), Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo (Virtual)

**Staff Present:** Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer  
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer  
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official  
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager (Virtual)  
Cindy Filmore, Administrative Services Co-ordinator (Virtual)

**Regrets:** Councillor Mike Rickward

**1. Call the Meeting to Order**

**Res. No. 1/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:02 p.m. **CARRIED**

*Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Marilyn Pudsey.*

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Res. No. 2/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 be adopted as amended.

**DEFER 10(d)(iii) By-law to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for By-law Enforcement **CARRIED****

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

**4. Delegations/Presentations**

**(a) Delegations**

- (i) Yasmin Rosh re:** Follow up to the Recreational Vehicles use of a portion of D-Trail presentation  
Ms. Rosh was unable to connect virtually due to technical difficulties.

**(b) Presentations**

- (i) Ryan Mannings, CET, Project Manager, Tatham Engineering Limited re:** Roads Needs Study  
Mr. Mannings provided an overview of the 2020 Roads Needs Study prepared by Tatham Engineering Limited.

**5. Minutes**

**(a) Adoption of Minutes**

**Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iii)/01/04/2021 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) Special Meeting, Draft Minutes – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**(ii) Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**(iii) Special Meeting, Draft Minutes – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**CARRIED**

**(b) Receive Committee Minutes – Nil**

**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) **Resolution re: Authorization for Credit Card for Building Department  
Res. No. 10(a)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to obtain a Visa Credit Card from the Kawartha Credit Union with a maximum limit of \$5,000.00, for use by our Building Department. **CARRIED**

(b) **Planning**

(i) **By-law No. 2021-xx re: To authorize a property to be a Site Plan Control Area  
Res. No. 10(b)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**By-law No. 2021-11**, Being a By-law to authorize Part Lots 12, 13 & 14 Concession 14, geographic Township of Bethune, Roll Numbers 4918 020 007 30500, 4918 020 007 30700 and 4918 020 007 30800 respectively, to be designated as a Site Plan Control Area, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-11 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**

(ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re: To authorize a property to be a Site Plan Control Area  
Res. No. 10(b)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**By-law No. 2021-12**, Being a By-law to authorize Concession 6, Part Lots 14 & 15, RP42R11933 Parts 4 & 6 PCL 24581, geographic Township of Proudfoot, Roll Number 4918 030 001 44350, to be designated as a Site Plan Control Area, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-12 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**

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report – for the period March 5, 2021 to March 23, 2021 –  
Report only.**

(ii) **Resolution re: Hazardous Waste Day  
Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby directs Staff to engage the services of Brendar Environmental Inc. for the Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Day Event on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 149 King William Street, Kearney, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

**AND FURTHER** that Staff are authorized to enter into the necessary agreements in this regard. **CARRIED**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Resolution re: Accept Resignation from Regatta Committee  
Res. No. 10(d)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with his letter, accepts the resignation of Dan Desbiens as Chair of the Regatta Festival Committee;

**AND FURTHER**, Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for his past commitment as Chair and to also thank him for his interest in continuing as a volunteer to assist on the day of our Regatta event. **CARRIED**

(ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re: To enter into an Agreement with the Office of the Fire  
Marshal**

**Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**By-law No. 2021-13**, Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-13 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**

(iii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To enter into a Shared Services Agreement for By-law Enforcement - **DEFERRED**

(iv) **Resolution re:** ICON Letter of support for broadband funding

**Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**WHEREAS** Internet connectivity for our residents, businesses and visitors is a strategic priority;

**AND WHEREAS** our area has historically been underserved for affordable, fast and reliable broadband infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** Cogeco has submitted an application to the 'Improving Connectivity for Ontario' program;

**AND WHEREAS** this project would provide access for approximately 621 premises in and around our Town Centre;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports Cogeco's Application to the 'Improving Connectivity for Ontario' program. **CARRIED**

(e) **Treasury**

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

**Res. No. 10(e)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, 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 #30614 to #30632 in the total amount of \$37,695.02. **CARRIED**

(f) **Fire and Emergency Services**

(i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on April 1, 2021 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Resolution re:** New Fire Fighter

**Res. No. 10(f)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Michael Ballantine 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**

(g) **Facilities and Buildings**

(i) **Resolution re:** Appointment of Members from the public for the KCC Building Committee

**Res. No. 10(g)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appoints: Timothy Brown and Cathy Hare as members from the public, on the Kearney Community Centre Building Committee. **CARRIED**

(h) **Council Presentations**

(i) **Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re:** Public Access to Town Office

Discussion of Council resulted in the decision for Municipal Buildings to continue to remain closed to the public at this time.

**11. Correspondence**

(a) **Action Items**

(i) **Almaguin Community Economic Development re:** Almaguin Staycation Proposal

**Res. No. 11(a)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**WHEREAS** Council has received and reviewed the **Staycation Almaguin Proposal** circulated by Dave Gray, Ec.D, Director of Economic Development, Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED);

**AND WHEREAS** this proposal outlines a collaborative approach to encouraging community connectedness through the promotion and development of COVID-safe recreation, culture, arts and community based activities;

**AND WHEREAS** ACED is seeking a financial contribution of \$1,900.00 in support of this proposal;

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

does not want to participate at this time.

**CARRIED**

(ii) **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: Vaccine allocation**

**Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/01/04/2021 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Kearney is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit);

**AND WHEREAS** the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions;

**AND WHEREAS** vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation;

**AND WHEREAS** COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers  $R_{(t)}$ , are among the highest in the province;

**AND WHEREAS** due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in Phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2;

**AND WHEREAS** 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census);

**AND WHEREAS** the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics;

**AND WHEREAS** due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa;

**AND FURTHER** that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health; Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing; Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka; Ontario Boards of Health; and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

**CARRIED**

(iii) **Township of Perry re: Support for repurposing of Project D.A.R.E.**

**Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**WHEREAS** the Township of Perry has declared their support to the Government of Ontario for continuing to fund the facility and programs that are operated by Wendigo Lake Expeditions (WLE) which is located near the Village of South River;

**AND WHEREAS** WLE provides programming to improve social determinants of health for a variety of marginalized populations which includes child welfare, addictions, mental health and rehabilitation services that are in demand regionally;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney also supports WLE efforts to collaborate with various stakeholders while allowing the continuation of world-renowned services that addresses gaps in social and health services;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound Muskoka.

**CARRIED**

(iv) **Town of Kingsville re: Support for Resolution - Firearms**

**Res. No. 11(a)(iv)/01/04/2021 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** law abiding residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the DFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

**AND WHEREAS** illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

**AND WHEREAS** if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of By-laws;

**AND WHEREAS** a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is OPPOSED to the adoption of any local By-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

**AND FURTHER** that this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition.

**CARRIED**

(b) **Information Items**

(i) **District Social Services Administration Board re: March 2021 Report - For information only.**

(ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re: March 2021 Newsletter –  
For information only.**

12. **Other Business – Nil**

13. **Closed Session – Nil**

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session - Nil**

15. **Confirming By-Law**

**Res. No. 15/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip**

**By-law No. 2021-14**, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and at its Regular Meeting held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-14 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. 16/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 2:10 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

**CARRIED**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

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Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

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Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk



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**TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Brian Horsman CBO  
**RE:** Annual Report on Building Permit Fees  
**DATE:** April 18, 2021.

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**BACKGROUND:** Subsequent to Section 1.9 of Part 1 Division C of the Building Code ( attached --- which requires an annual report on permit fees to be provided to Council ) please find enclosed the information and recommendations for Council's consideration.

**CONSIDERATION:** Please refer to the year end report on Building Activity for 2020. Our intention to grow the department has been well established and growth this year will be through the implementation of the Policy Manual and our advancement of the Succession Plan Strategy which has and will increase our expenditures.

We continue to strive to bring permit fees closer to a User Fee, however, as we anticipate growing pains and with fluctuation in the construction industry activities, our obligations to provide service levels remain constant. As we enhance our service level we must be considerate of the cost to provide the service.

I have reviewed the fee schedule of Building By-Law 20-15 and suggest that we increase the values shown in the Construction Cost Guidelines. Con't on Page 2

Said guidelines is a reflection of a more realistic base to determine permit fees while leaving the Cost Guidelines as is for this year.

The cost of construction guidelines are primarily used to determine building permit fees, however they are also used to provide a more accurate building activity for Stats Canada Reporting and an indicator of our local economy. A number of ministries, agencies, financial institutions, investment groups, etc. use our information to plan , predict and determine growth and variations in local, provincial and national economics.

The purpose of this report is to determine whether to increase, decrease or to leave the fees as they are for 2021. In 2020 we issued 48 permits through a Shared Service Agreement. Our year end Building Activity Report indicates we generated \$185,230.00 ( scewed by a one time Commercial Permit Fee of \$62,000.00 ) which exceeded our projected revenue of \$75,340.00. We continue to utilize a three year rolling average to predict building activities and revenues. The cost to operate the Building Department for 2020 was approximately \$133,800.00. We had a good year for 2020 and our expectation for 2021 are the same as 2020 or better. The projection for 2021 indicates a permit fee revenue of approximately \$101,367.00 based on 54 permits and our expenditures are estimated to be \$182,800.00. Expenditures have increased largely due to our development of the Succession Plan and implementation of our Administrative and Operational Policy obligations. ( additional expenditures for 2021 --- 25% of a Building Inspectors salary plus 50% shared salary of an administrative assistant ). I am recommending an increase in the Construction Cost Guidelines and a revision to the Special Inspection Fee to include those inspections to determine the status of Dormant Files.

**FURTHER CONSIDERATION:** I am proposing the following options for Council consideration:

- 1) Revise Schedule "B" to By-Law 2020-15 to increase Construction Cost Guidelines as shown on the attached revised schedule, also a revision to Special Inspections category under Cost Guidelines by adding to the end of the sentence " OR to determine the status of Dormant Files "
- 2) No changes to Schedule "B" to By-Law 2020-15 Cont'd on Page 3

- 3) Change the Cost Guidelines by increasing the Base Cost to \$200.00 , non-refundable, plus \$17.00 per thousand.
- 4) Revise Schedule "D" of By-Law 2020-15 by revising sentence (2) to read " Application filed, 50% refund maximum where plans have been reviewed and/or permit is issued "
- 5) Revise Schedule "D" of By-Law 2020-15 by adding sentence (3) ' Application deemed to be abandoned, 50% refund maximum ' Also add definition of abandoned application to sentence (2) Definitions to read " Abandoned means where an incomplete application remains incomplete for 3 months ( 90 days ) without any attempt to complete the application.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) That Council select Option No.(1) , (4) and (5)

2) That Council pass Building By-Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ and repeal Building By-Law 2020-15

3) That Council accepts the report from the Chief Building Official.

## Section 1.9. Fees

### 1.9.1. Fees

#### 1.9.1.1. Annual Report

- (1) The report referred to in subsection 7(4) of the Act shall contain the following information in respect of fees authorized under clause 7(1)(c) of the Act:
  - (a) total fees collected in the 12-month period ending no earlier than three months before the release of the report,
  - (b) the direct and indirect costs of delivering services related to the administration and enforcement of the Act in the area of jurisdiction of the *principal authority* in the 12-month period referred to in Clause (a),
  - (c) a breakdown of the costs described in Clause (b) into at least the following categories:
    - (i) direct costs of administration and enforcement of the Act, including the review of applications for permits and inspection of *buildings*, and
    - (ii) indirect costs of administration and enforcement of the Act, including support and overhead costs, and
  - (d) if a reserve fund has been established for any purpose relating to the administration or enforcement of the Act, the amount of the fund at the end of the 12-month period referred to in Clause (a).
- (2) The *principal authority* shall give notice of the preparation of a report under subsection 7(4) of the Act to every person and organization that has requested that the *principal authority* provide the person or organization with such notice and has provided an address for the notice.

#### 1.9.1.2. Change of Fees

- (1) Before passing a by-law or resolution or making a regulation under clause 7(1)(c) of the Act to introduce or change a fee imposed for applications for a permit, for the issuance of a permit or for a maintenance inspection, a *principal authority* shall,
  - (a) hold the public meeting required under subsection 7(6) of the Act,
  - (b) ensure that a minimum of 21 days notice of the public meeting is given in accordance with Clause (c), including giving 21 days notice to every person and organization that has, within five years before the day of the public meeting, requested that the *principal authority* provide the person or organization with such notice and has provided an address for the notice,
  - (c) ensure that the notice under Clause (b),
    - (i) sets out the intention of the *principal authority* to pass the by-law or resolution or make a regulation under section 7 of the Act and whether the by-law, resolution or regulation would impose any fee that was not in effect on the day the notice is given or would change any fee that was in force on the day the notice is given,
    - (ii) is sent by regular mail to the last address provided by the person or organization that requested the notice in accordance with Clause (b), and
    - (iii) sets out the information described in Clause (d) or states that the information will be made available at no cost to any member of the public upon request, and
  - (d) make the following information available to the public:
    - (i) an estimate of the costs of administering and enforcing the Act by the *principal authority*,
    - (ii) the amount of the fee or of the change to the existing fee, and
    - (iii) the rationale for imposing or changing the fee.



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TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Matthew Clouthier CBCO, Acting Chief Building Official

RE: Building Activity Report for 2020

DATE: February 09, 2021

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OPTION NO. 1 IN REPORT TO COUNCIL  
FROM CBO DATED APRIL 18, 2021.

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
By-law 2020 - 15  
**PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

**Cost Guidelines**

\$100.00	+ \$16.00 per Thousand
\$100.00	Change of Use Permit – Inspection fee only with no Building Permit Issued
\$100.00	Transfer Permit
\$100.00	Searching of Records (Building and Zoning compliance letters)
\$100.00	Re-inspection
\$50.00	Per page for review of revised plans or plans submitted with application and no permit issued and/or an amendment to a current permit
\$100.00	+\$50.00 per page for review of revised plans and/or documents to amend an existing Building Permit
\$200.00	Application fee for Alternative Solution Design by an Architect and/or Engineer
\$200.00	Special Inspection Fee to inspect buildings or structures where a request has been made for a final inspection or occupancy/use where the permit has been inactive for more than one year. <i>OR to determine status of Dormant Files.</i>
FEE DOUBLED	Building without a Permit

**CONSTRUCTION COST GUIDELINES – cost per square foot of floor area**

**Residential Unit:**

Single Storey House	<del>\$175.00</del> minimum per square foot – <sup>\$</sup> 200.00
Two Storey House (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	<del>\$150.00</del> minimum per square foot – 175.00
Each Additional Storey	<del>\$ 75.00</del> minimum per square foot – 100.00
Attached Garage	<del>\$ 40.00</del> minimum per square foot – 50.00

**Cottage / Recreational Dwelling:**

Dwelling with Basement	<del>\$175.00</del> minimum per square foot – <sup>\$</sup> 200.00
Dwelling on Piers / Frost Wall	<del>\$125.00</del> minimum per square foot – 150.00
Dwellings on Slab	<del>\$125.00</del> minimum per square foot – 150.00
Each Additional Storey	\$ 75.00 minimum per square foot

**Garage / Farm Buildings:**

Garage / Shed on Slab	<del>\$40.00</del> minimum per square foot – 50.00
Garage / Shed no floor	<del>\$30.00</del> minimum per square foot – 40.00
Barns / Outbuildings located on Assessed Farm Lands	\$25.00 minimum per square foot

**Commercial – Industrial:**

Based on cost price.....or \$95.00 minimum per square foot

**Renovations:**

Based on cost price estimates

**Decks / Porches / Additions:** \$50.00 per square foot

**Demolition Permits:**

\$15.00 minimum per square foot

The cost construction guidelines are only a guideline. The Chief Building Official may place a valuation on the cost of the proposed work as per Section 5 of this Building By-law.

No permit is required for...  
No permit is required for...  
No permit is required for...

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**Mr. & Mrs. Lou Arnone**

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4 April 2021

**Town Council**

Township of Kearney  
8 Main Street PO Box 38  
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Dear Brian Horsman,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider our request for approval to build a garage on our property at Lot 62 PL 277 Lawson Dr.

We are beyond excited to have recently purchased this lot and look forward to becoming a resident of the Town of Kearney and to be able to call the little town our home.

Since the first day, we rode our ATVs through Kearney we knew we wanted to live there. We want to become part of the active little community. As members of the Algonquin West ATV club, we look forward to riding with them again when the COVID restrictions allow us to. Our family of two kids and a dog, love all that Kearney allows us to explore fishing, walking, Atving, swimming, outdoor hockey rinks, meeting new people, and becoming Legion members. We feel so privileged to have finally been able to purchase and look forward to building our dreams and family there.

Moving forward we would like to ask for permission to allow us to erect a 7.6m by 9.1 m straight wall metal garage and a Bunkie (for shelter when needed or stay on site when needed) on the site so we may store our tools and building materials to build our primary home. Having 35 years, experience as a construction Handyman I am eager to build our home. Our vision for our property is to include a straight wall steel garage, a family dwelling of approximately 1200-1500 sq. ft. and a 108 sq. ft. Bunkie.

We are currently campers at Lili Kup Kamp in Katrine and have been for 6 years this will also allow us to go back and forth.

Please feel free to contact us if you require any further details regarding our request, at 705-627-8935.

Sincerely,

Lou and Jackie Arnone



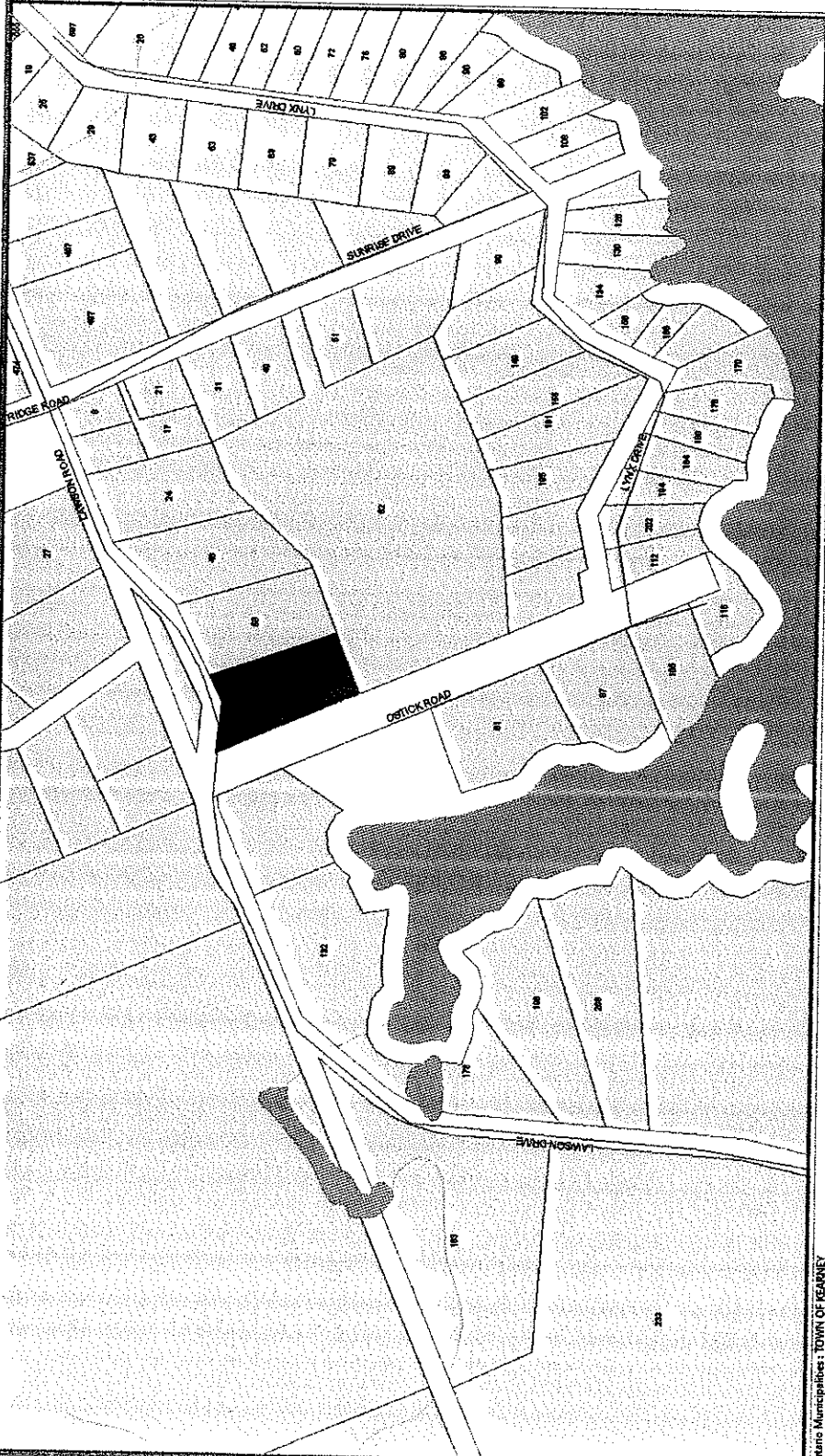
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- Land Information
- Building Permit
- By Law
- Dog Tags
- Imagery

SCOP Inquiry: 2017-2019  
 FNI Inquiry: 2017-2019  
 2017 Year 1 Data  
 Parcel Features, etc.

- Lakes
- MPAC Property Codes
- Property Files
- River

- Sewage Inspection
- Trailer Licenses
- Wetland
- Zoning - 2020 - DRAFT

CR - Bar of Government  
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 CR - Environmental Protection  
 CR - Health & Safety  
 CR - Inspection





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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Brian Horsman CBCO, CBO/Kearney

DATE: 2021-04-20

RE: Shared Service Agreement with Magnetawan

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**BACKGROUND:** After a review of our fifth year of operation and in consideration of the 2021 permit fee change proposals, we will provide council with a brief review of our progress as a department and our goal to provide a more consistent service level.

While 2020 and early 2021 has provided some unprecedented challenges due to an ongoing global pandemic, our department has become busier than ever. For the first couple months at the beginning of 2020 and intermediately throughout the year the province has created stay at home orders and put halts on non-essential construction. While applications continued to come in, as a department we have placed a hold on issuing permits until the province began re-opening. While this created periodic halts in permit issuances, minor issues with upset rate payers, the permit issuances and inspections continued without any issue. We also had an unprecedented year due to the increase in the amount/quality of the permits coming into the office. More people are building full time dwellings and moving into the area full time.

Succession Planning, and implementation of our Policy and Procedures Manual has steadily moved forward with the Hiring of Cindy Filmore as the front-line staff for the building department. Cindy has shown tremendous knowledge when it comes to implementation of the Policy Manual, and recently passed her Building Qualification "General Legal," obtaining her BCIN number. With the hiring of

Cindy, we hope to gradually move towards a more digital record keeping, implementation of the CGIS CBO module program and provide the department with better record keeping that was missed due to the overwhelming schedule and required due diligence taking priority for both the CBO/DCBO.

Again, the Magnetawan Council/staff has chosen to utilize existing staff to assist the Building Department in the implementation of Section 5 of the Policy and Procedure Manual, Internal plans have slowed this process, limiting its implementation until later in the year or possibly next year. Kearney is already ahead of the game with the implementation process.

We have also started the hiring process for a third, full time inspector. This was started by putting an ad in the paper and on the OBOA website. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the year with COVID-19, an extremely competitive job market for inspectors, pay differences within the industry, headhunters for other municipalities poaching employees and lack of experienced inspectors in the work force due to many retirements, we have not had many qualified individuals make an application. Unfortunately, upon reference checks of those qualified inspectors who applied, did not meet the vision of the Town. We are currently drafting up a proposal to hiring a fresh, out of school graduate, to train from the ground up.

In order to improve our level of service during COVID times we have budgeted for a printer/scanner/copier to improve our ability to accept applications electronically. This will also improve our ability to communicate more effectively with out clients.

#### CONSIDERATION:

Attached is a copy of the Building Activity Report to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, you will note the number of permits issued, while lower than last year at 42. Has a higher revenue vs 2019 due to the quality, type of permits issued at \$183,967.00 with a construction Value of \$7,262,523.00.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

We are creating this same report for the Council of Magnetawan

RECOMMENDATION:

1) That Council Accepts this report from the Chief Building Official.



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Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Acting Chief Building Official.

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Date	Pick Up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lak	\$	Notes
29-Jan		90		16	\$10	10C
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31-Jan		96		51	\$5	5C
01-Feb	37	76		29	\$15	15C
02-Feb		88		33	\$10	10C
05-Feb		42		16		
06-Feb		36		8		
07-Feb		54		15		
08-Feb	32	58		19	\$20	20C
09-Feb		66		22		
12-Feb		96		8		
13-Feb		74		12		
14-Feb		81		26		
15-Feb	20	29		9	\$10	10C
16-Feb		54		14	\$0	
Total					\$80	

Weekly garbage pick up numbers continue to be higher (double) over last year.

*Martin Filmore*

Date	Pick Up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lak	\$	Notes
19-Feb		88		24		
20-Feb		93		23		
21-Feb		90		56	35	35C
Feb-21	39	92		18	30	30C
23-Feb		88		30	60	20F,40C
26-Feb		64		34		
27-Feb		63		33		
28-Feb		138		44	25	10F,15C
01-Mar	41	84		31	5	5C
02-Mar		102		46		
05-Mar		94		42	60	5M,55C
06-Mar		62		29		
07-Mar		112		58		
08-Mar	36	90		28		
09-Mar		102		60	35	5F,30C
Total					250	

Number of patrons seems to be increasing.  
Number of garbage pick-ups is also on the rise.  
Construction/renovation season beginning.

*Martin Filmore*

Date	Pick Up	Kearney \$	Sand Lak \$	Notes
12-Mar		107	34	10 10C
13-Mar		96	39	35 35C
14-Mar		110	44	5 5C
15-Mar	34	100	38	25 20C,5F
16-Mar		100	53	0
19-Mar		108	30	10 10C
20-Mar		113	45	35 15F,10C
21-Mar		115	54	10 10B
22-Mar	31	91	19	10 10C
23-Mar		96	55	5 5C
26-Mar		56	24	30 30C
27-Mar		73	32	0
28-Mar		103	38	15 10C, 5F
29-Mar	31	87	28	10 5C,5F
30-Mar		87	58	105 75S, 30C
Total				305

Construction/renovation season is beginning.

*Martin Filmore*

Date	Pick Up	Kearney \$	Sand Lak \$	Notes
02-Apr		closed	--	closed
03-Apr		157	62	70 5M,15F,50C
04-Apr		closed		closed
05-Apr	26	124	55	50 10f,40C
06-Apr		132	93	50 5M,40C
09-Apr		124	51	30 5F,25C
10-Apr		96	82	85 15M,60C
11-Apr		98	59	10 10C
12-Apr	31	97	75	40 40C
13-Apr		105	61	60 60C
16-Apr		129	61	65 10F,55C
17-Apr		127	83	140 30M,30F,80C
18-Apr		149	84	130 5M,75S,50C
19-Apr	31	89	44	20 5M,15C
20-Apr		107	75	40 10M,30C
Total				790

Numbers of patrons are approaching "summer" numbers, and vehicles appear to be from out-of-town.

Barriers are back up in an effort to control social distancing (patrons were ignoring guidelines)

Construction bins are filling quickly, as are recycling bins

What used to last 2 weeks is now full before 1 week is finished.

*Martin Filmore*

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY  
ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
Pursuant to By-Law No. 2015 – 55 (Municipal Investment Policy)**

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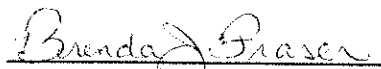
At the end of 2020, the Town of Kearney's cash and investment balances were as follows:

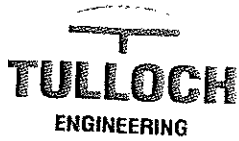
General operating bank accounts	\$3,328,994
Bank accounts earmarked for specific purposes	504,630
Fixed term and convertible GICs	<u>532,284</u>
Total cash and investments	\$4,365,908

During the year, \$24,035 of interest income was recorded from the investments in GICs, which earned interest at rates ranging from 2.0% to 3.3% and have maturity dates between August 25, 2020 and September 28, 2021.

An additional \$48,241 of interest income was recorded from the general operating bank accounts in the year. The rate on the Town's primary bank account is tied to the Kawartha Credit Unit prime rate, and for 2020 funds in this account earned interest at a rates ranging from 2.75% to 1.75%.

In my opinion, all investments were made in accordance with the investment policies and goals adopted by the Town.

  
Brenda Fraser  
CAO Clerk Treasurer



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Cindy Filmore  
Town of Kearney

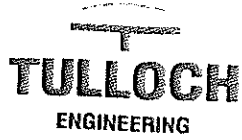
Sent via email to [cindy.filmore@townofkearney.ca](mailto:cindy.filmore@townofkearney.ca)

**RE: Survey Services for Preparation of a Surveyor's Real Property Report for the Kearney Community Center located at 8 Main Street and a Sketch depicting the "Granny White's Farm" property, both in the Town of Kearney**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a price for our assistance in preparing a Surveyor's Real Property Report for the Kearney Community Center (PINs 52159-0042&0043) and a Sketch for the 'Granny White' Property (PIN 52160-0173), both located in the Town of Kearney, Ontario.

The anticipated scope of work you have requested is as follows:

- Prepare a Surveyor's Real Property Report of the Kearney Community Center:
  - Complete fieldwork to locate sufficient boundary evidence to determine the relevant property boundaries relating to the above noted land.
  - Replace any missing or destroyed survey monuments relating to the subject property.
  - Each survey monument will be marked with a 2" by 2" wood stake painted red.
  - Complete fieldwork to survey the location of all improvements made to the site.
  - Prepare a Plan of Survey depicting the collected survey details.
  - The cost to complete this scope of work is **\$4,600.00 + HST**
- Prepare a Sketch for Illustrative Purposes of the 'Granny White's Farm' Property:
  - It is anticipated that the area of interest for the 'Granny White's Farm' property is the lands lying South of the Hazard Lands located on the property.
  - Complete fieldwork to locate sufficient boundary evidence to compile the boundary for the subject property for the area of interest.
  - Complete survey measurements to map the South limit of the Hazard lands and the route of a hiking trail located on the property within the area of interest.
  - Prepare a Sketch for Illustrative Purposes depicting the collected survey details.
  - Provide an AutoCAD 2013 compatible DWG file for planning purposes (file excludes title block and proprietary information)
  - The cost to complete this scope of work is **\$4,475.00 + HST**



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The total cost to complete the entire requested scope of work will be **\$9,075.00 + HST**. This quote is valid for **thirty (30) days**.

We anticipate commencing the field work within 6 weeks of receiving your instruction to proceed. If you have any questions or concerns, or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kelsall', is written over the typed name.

Jason Kelsall, OLS  
Project Surveyor

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
<b>Bank Code: AP - GENERAL AP</b>				
Computer Cheques:				
30633	2021-03-12	CRA - Receiver General	Revised Oct 1-Dec 31/20 GST	35,149.21
30634	2021-03-31	Abell Pest Control	KCC pest control-Feb	135.70
30635	2021-03-31	Arnstein Industrial Equipment	Excavator head repair	2,940.42
30636	2021-03-31	Bell Mobility Inc.	P/W cell phones	91.63
30637	2021-03-31	Bell Canada	March telephone - ALL DEPTS	714.57
30638	2021-03-31	Ignatius Bene	Shore Rd Allow excess deposit	303.25
30639	2021-03-31	CRA - Receiver General	CRA PAYROLL REMITTANCE MAR/21	22,908.85
30640	2021-03-31	Cupe Local 1813	Mar/21 CUPE Union dues	578.16
30641	2021-03-31	Currie Truck Centre	P/W Veh Def fluid	260.35
30642	2021-03-31	Dawson's Glass & Mirror	Seniors - 6 plexi-glass - SPECIAL GRANT	1,752.15
30643	2021-03-31	D C Westrop	Emerg 911 numbers	75.00
30644	2021-03-31	Eastholme	2021 1st Q levy	42,019.25
30645	2021-03-31	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc	Plan.Consult -Zoning B/L	1,921.00
30646	2021-03-31	Eddycrest Company	Seniors-Sewing cabinet SPECIAL GRANT	4,576.50
30647	2021-03-31	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience	P/W bulb	1,112.52
30648	2021-03-31	Martin Filmore	Work boots -TRANS STN	259.90
30649	2021-03-31	Ross Gattozzi	Work boots -OPERATIONS MER	141.24
30650	2021-03-31	Glen Martin Ltd.	Seniors COVID supplies - SPECIAL GRANT	1,843.93
30651	2021-03-31	Green Shield Canada	Greenshield Apr/21	6,493.36
30652	2021-03-31	Huntsville Truck Repair	P/W truck-R&R brake pod	296.63
30653	2021-03-31	Huronian Alarm & Fire Security	KCC-alarm monit-Apr-June	67.80
30654	2021-03-31	Kearney/Perry Waste Management	2021 JWMC Levy	21,767.73
30655	2021-03-31	Lakeland Energy Ltd.	Street light repairs	921.61
30656	2021-03-31	Manulife Financial	Manulife Apr/21	2,113.77
30657	2021-03-31	Min Of Fin-Ontario	OPP Feb/21	26,378.00
30658	2021-03-31	Moore Propane Ltd.	Propane NW KCC	1,408.71
30659	2021-03-31	Munisoft	Munisoft A/P trg-Leslie	246.34
30660	2021-03-31	Near North Business Machines	Apr/21 copier maint ADMIN & LIBRARY	205.41
30661	2021-03-31	North Bay/Parry Sound District	Health Unit Apr/21 levy	2,077.35
30662	2021-03-31	Novexco Inc	Admin office binders	63.17
30663	2021-03-31	OMERS	March/21 remittance	11,786.18
30664	2021-03-31	Bryan Pearce or C. Doherty	Road Allowance refund	1,096.00
30665	2021-03-31	Gaston Pouliot	Postage refund - FD	21.46
30666	2021-03-31	Schaefer Paul	Recruit Trg lunch Mar 21/21- FD	120.91
30667	2021-03-31	Tatham Engineering Ltd	Roads Needs Study	5,724.87
30668	2021-03-31	Telizon Inc	Mar/21 long dist phone ALL DEPTS	6.42
30669	2021-03-31	Town Of Parry Sound-Ambulance	EMS COVID-19 Levy	11,898.96
Total for AP:				209,478.31



## Brenda Fraser

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**From:** S Walker <stan.kwef@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** March 29, 2021 10:21 AM  
**To:** Brenda Fraser  
**Subject:** Town purchase of water testing instrument for KWEF  
**Attachments:** KWEFquote001.pdf

Hi Brenda,

Enclosed is the quotation from Hoskin Scientific in Oakville Ontario for the YSI ProSolo ODO/T handheld unit with ODO/T probe and 20 meter cable

They are items 1 & 2 in the quote. I was dealing with Natalia Lecki in sales

Her email is [nlecki@hoskin.ca](mailto:nlecki@hoskin.ca) - 905-333-5510

I would pick the unit up rather than have it shipped.

I assume you would issue a PO to them

Any questions you can contact me at 705-636-9530 (w)

or email [stan.kwef@gmail.com](mailto:stan.kwef@gmail.com)

Many thanks

Stan Walker

KWEF



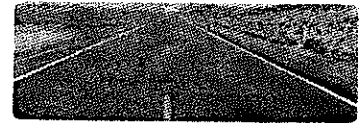
# HOSKIN SCIENTIFIC LIMITED



ENVIRONMENTAL Monitoring



TEST & MEASUREMENT Instrumentation



GEOTECHNICAL & MATERIALS Testing

**Quote : 227880-02**

Contact : Stan Walker  
(705) 636-9530 - stan.kwef@gmail.com

Date : 2021-03-26

Bill to : Kearney Watershed Enviro  
Foundation  
306 Lawson Drive  
PO Box 165  
Kearney, ON P0A 1M0

Ship to : Kearney Watershed Enviro  
Foundation  
306 Lawson Drive  
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Attn: Stan Walker

Here is the quote you requested:

#	Item	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Extended
<b>YSI ProSolo ODO/T</b>					
1.	101074 E528-626650	YSI ProSolo Handheld Display Includes: IP67 fully waterproof, rubber over molded case, >100,000 data set memory, rechargeable lithium-ion battery, colour LCD screen, 3 Year warranty (field cables/sensors sold separately)	1	\$1,165.00	\$1,165.00
2.	101107 E528-627200-20	YSI ODO/T Probe/Cable Assembly (for ProSolo), 20m cable, 2 year warranty	1	\$1,097.00	\$1,097.00
<del>6.</del>	<del>101405 E528-627180</del>	<del>Replacement ProDigital ODO Extended Warranty Service Cap / Used With: 627150-X ODO/CT and 627200-X ODO/T used with ProDigital Handhelds</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$997.00</del>	<del>\$997.00</del>
<del>4.</del>	<del>100674 E443-HI 7031L</del>	<del>1442 uS/cm solution (500 ml)</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$17.00</del>	<del>\$17.00</del>
<del>1.</del>	<del>FREIGHT ZHOS-FREIGHT</del>	<del>Estimated Freight</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>\$15.00</del>	<del>\$15.00</del>
<b>SubTotal</b>					<b>\$2,621.00</b>
<b>HST 13 %</b>					<b>\$340.73</b>
<b>Total with Taxes</b>					<b>\$2,961.73</b>

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Leasing options available - please contact us for details.

Unless otherwise stated :

1. All items quoted in Canadian Dollars.
2. Quote valid for 30 days.
3. Taxes extra - if applicable.
4. F.O.B. Hoskin Scientific Ltd. Oakville, ON
5. Terms net 30 days O.A.C.

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S Walker <stan.kwef@gmail.com>

**ProSolo**

2 messages

Natalia Lecki <nlecki@hoskin.ca>

To: "stan.kwef@gmail.com" <stan.kwef@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 26, 2021 at 1:50 PM

Hi Stan,

Sorry I missed your call, its hectic in March! I updated the quote and added on the conductivity solution. Do you want to buy the spare ODO probe? The cable comes with one already.

Cheers,

**Natalia Lecki, M.Sc.**

**Environmental Sales**

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## CHIEFS REPORT

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Training

Our training is ongoing following all COVID protocols, fire training is exempt following proper guidelines (see attached). We have had a ladder training, knots and hoisting and for medical an assessment practice. Recruit practice is also ongoing as well as officer training online. Extra Sunday afternoon training is also underway.

As well I am keeping Firefighters up to date on the ever changing COVID19 updates.

### Fire Prevention

We are keeping our Facebook page as current as possible. As well as answering public inquiries.

### Equipment

The pumper and tanker have been saftied. Next will be our first response in a few months. All equipment is in service at this time.

I would like to ask for a resolution to purchase the required bunker gear and helmets that are in my capital budget.

We are still having our Chiefs meetings.

We have had five medical calls and two fire complaints.

We have had to conduct another Critical Incident Stress meeting with firefighters. I am currently researching setting training and setting up our own Peer Support Group. The automatic aid departments will be invited to send a few for the training.

Updating files in the office.

We are also setting up a gym area for the Firefighters, this was one suggestion from the debriefing. I have secured some equipment and it has been brought to the firehall. Some surplus equipment will be sold and the proceeds will be used to purchase additional equipment. I will discuss at the next budget meeting for the addition of a good elliptical machine for the hall.

Preparing practice tests for those writing in May.

I can be reached on my cell at 705 571 3761 or at the Firehall or via email.

Stay Safe

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Schaefer', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Schaefer

Fire Chief, Town of Kearney

below is the excerpt from the regulation that indicates that fire (and others) are exempt. That being said, they should still be following the protocols that we put in place and they should also be respecting any direction that their public health unit may have made. <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200263>

We also had a communique that spoke to this as well - <http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/OfficeFireMarshal/FireServiceResources/Communique%C3%A9s/AmendmentsOReg26320RulesAreasStage2andOReg36420RulesAreasStage3.html>

### **In-person teaching and instruction**

**6.** (1) Subject to subsection (3), the person responsible for a business or place that is open and that provides in-person teaching or instruction shall ensure that every instructional space complies with the following conditions:

1. The instructional space must be operated to enable students to maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the instructional space, except where necessary for teaching and instruction that cannot be effectively provided if physical distancing is maintained.

2. The total number of students permitted to be in each instructional space at any one time must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the business or place, and in any event cannot exceed,

- i. 10 persons, if the instructional space is indoors, or
- ii. 25 persons, if the instructional space is outdoors.

(2) Paragraph 2 of subsection (1) does not apply to a post-secondary institution, and instead the total number of students permitted to be in each instructional space in the institution at any one time must be limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person in the space, and in any event cannot exceed,

- (a) 50 persons, if the instructional space is indoors; or
- (b) 100 persons, if the instructional space is outdoors.

(3) If the teaching or instruction involves singing or the playing of brass or wind instruments,

(a) every person who is singing or playing must be separated from every other person by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier; and

(b) the exception in paragraph 1 of subsection (1) that allows persons to be closer than two metres where necessary for teaching and instruction does not apply.

(4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply to,

(a) a school or private school within the meaning of the *Education Act* that is operated in accordance with a return to school direction issued by the Ministry of Education and approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health;

(b) a school operated by,

(i) a band, a council of a band or the Crown in right of Canada,

(ii) an education authority that is authorized by a band, a council of a band or the Crown in right of Canada, or

(iii) an entity that participates in the Anishinabek Education System; and

(c) the Ontario Police College, training facilities operated by a police force or fire department, the Correctional Services Recruitment and Training Centre and the Ontario Fire College.

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Members of Council  
From: Paul Schaefer Fire Chief  
Re: New Firefighter

**Overview:** The Town of Kearney has received an application from Joseph Hunt for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. Joseph lives in Kearney and has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

**Recommendation:** That Council accept the application from Joseph Hunt as a Firefighter/ First Responder for the Town of Kearney and pass the appropriate resolution of council accepting him as a new member to Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Submitted for your consideration.

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Members of Council  
From: Paul Schaefer Fire Chief  
Re: New Firefighter

**Overview:** The Town of Kearney has received an application from William Jessop for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. William lives in Kearney and has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

**Recommendation:** That Council accept the application from William Jessop as a Firefighter/ First Responder for the Town of Kearney and pass the appropriate resolution of council accepting him as a new member to Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Submitted for your consideration.

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

To: Members of Council

From: Paul Schaefer Fire Chief

Re: New Firefighter

**Overview:** The Town of Kearney has received an application from Jacob Middaugh for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. Jacob lives in the Emsdale area and has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

**Recommendation:** That Council accept the application from Jacob Middaugh as a Firefighter/ First Responder for the Town of Kearney and pass the appropriate resolution of council accepting him as a new member to Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Submitted for your consideration.

## Brenda Fraser

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**From:** James Maclean <jim.maclean@bell.net>  
**Sent:** April 7, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** Cindy Filmore  
**Cc:** Brenda Fraser; Paul Ziraldo  
**Subject:** Re: Building Condition Assessment

Hi again Cindy:

Councillor Ziraldo indicated that a volunteer committee is being put together to consider proposals regarding the Kearney Community Centre and that I should let you know that I would be interested in serving on such a committee.

My residence is at 1017 Echo Ridge Road and you can reach me via this email or at my mobile phone: 416 919 4319.

Regards  
Jim Maclean

On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:39 PM, Cindy Filmore <[cindy.filmore@townofkearney.ca](mailto:cindy.filmore@townofkearney.ca)> wrote:

Hello!

Here is a link to the Building Condition Assessment:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qzmLrnvN0iS2cVGLPBbCvsxKlcDB\\_ria/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qzmLrnvN0iS2cVGLPBbCvsxKlcDB_ria/view?usp=sharing)

Cindy

*Cindy Filmore*

Administrative Services Co ordinator  
Town of Kearney  
Ph# (705) 636-7752  
Fax (705) 636-0527

March 31, 2021

Sent via E-Mail: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

**RE: ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE CLOSURE**

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution to support the request made by the Township Augusta for the Province of Ontario to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College.

The resolution reads as follows:

*That the Province be requested to consider recognizing the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) as the principle stakeholder to guide, direct, develop and deliver the long-term 'Modernization of Fire Services Training in Ontario';*

*That staff be directed to explore the opportunity for the Town of Caledon to become a Regional Training Centre to be able to deliver fire services training that is accessible, affordable and attainable; and*

*That a copy of this motion be provided to The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General and MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), and municipalities in Ontario.*

For more information regarding this request, please contact Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief by email to [darryl.bailey@caledon.ca](mailto:darryl.bailey@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4330.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Allan Thompson  
Mayor

cc: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General / MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), [richard.boyes@oafc.on.ca](mailto:richard.boyes@oafc.on.ca)  
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal, [ofm@ontario.ca](mailto:ofm@ontario.ca)  
Darryl Bailey, Director, Fire and Emergency Services / Fire Chief, Town of Caledon, [darryl.bailey@caledon.ca](mailto:darryl.bailey@caledon.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



*Allan Thompson*  
Mayor

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Sent via E-Mail to: [Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

**RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE**

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

*Whereas the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;*

*Whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;*

*Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;*

*Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and*

*That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seebach, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.*

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

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*Allan Thompson*  
*Mayor*

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Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson  
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, [Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca)  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and  
Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), [iscott@telesat.com](mailto:iscott@telesat.com)  
All Ontario Municipalities

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March 4, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits**

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

***That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.***

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart  
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities  
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton  
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton



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April 7, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

Safe Quiet Lakes  
The Decibel Coalition

Attention: Rob Bosomworth, Safe Quiet Lakes Director and the Decibel Coalition Chair

Re: The Decibel Coalition

Dear Mr. Bosomworth

Please be advised that at the regular meeting of Council held on March 10, 2021, Resolution Number C-1-10/03/21 was passed.

For your reference, please find attached a copy of the above noted resolution. As per point 2 in the resolution, please consult with Corey Moore, Communications & Economic Development Specialist for approval regarding the use of the Township name and Logo, and reference to the Township's membership in any communication.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl Mortimer".

Cheryl Mortimer, Clerk

Encl.

cc. Corey Moore, Communications & Economic Development Specialist  
District of Muskoka, Muskoka Lower Tier  
Parry Sound, Haliburton, Peterborough, Renfrew, Kawartha Lakes, Leeds Grenville, Lanark and Frontenac Municipalities

Encl  
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**COUNCIL MEETING**

Agenda Item 7.a.

Date: March 10, 2021

C-   1   -10/03/21

**MOVED BY: Councillor Bridgeman**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Mazan**

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Whereas Safe Quiet Lakes has established the national "Decibel Coalition" of like-minded stakeholders called the "the Decibel Coalition";

And Whereas the objective of the Decibel Coalition is to have the Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures;

And Whereas the key to success of the Decibel Coalition is being able to share with various levels of government and their agencies the use of the Township of Muskoka Lakes' name and logo in their communications;

And Whereas excessive noise from boat motor noise on our waterways is a pervasive, persistent and growing problem in the Township of Muskoka Lakes;

And Whereas jurisdiction of Canadian waterways is with the Federal Government and as such, municipalities cannot make by-laws for our lakes and rivers;

And Whereas the current legislation requires boat motors to have a working muffler but has no performance requirements for sound emissions measured in decibels limits;

And Whereas police are reluctant to lay charges with regard to the muffler law;

And Whereas Transport Canada has recently opened the opportunity to discuss and receive comments on possible options for changes to the Small Vessels Regulation with regard to boat muffler and sound emissions;

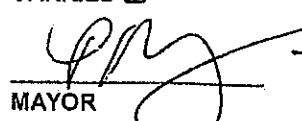
And Whereas the Township of Muskoka Lakes would welcome enactment of these improved regulations in the interests of our community;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Muskoka Lakes will;

1. Officially and publicly join as a member and support the Decibel Coalition, and

2. Allow the Decibel Coalition to use the Township of Muskoka Lakes name and logo and reference the Township's membership in any of their communications with other levels of government, government agencies and committees, other Decibel Coalition members and promotion of the Decibel Coalition's objectives in social media and the press, subject to the prior approval of the Township, and
3. Communicate about the Decibel Coalition with the Township community and encourage their support of the Decibel Coalition, and
4. Encourage other municipalities to join the Decibel Coalition.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS	
COUNCILLOR BRIDGEMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR EDWARDS (Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR HAYES (Acting Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR JAGLOWITZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR KELLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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COUNCILLOR ZAVITZ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAYOR HARDING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TOTALS			
Recorded Vote Requested by: _____			

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 MAYOR



CHRISTINE TARLING  
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk  
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March 31, 2021

Honourable Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto ON M5G 2E5

Dear Mr. Clark:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 22, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding Planning Act Timelines:

“WHEREAS the City of Kitchener, like many Ontario municipalities, is experiencing significant growth; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has conducted extensive work through its Development Services Review to remove red tape and improve public engagement; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario's Planning Act provides a legislative framework for processing development applications including established timeframes which permit applicants to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal if a Council fails to make a decision within a prescribed timeline; and,

WHEREAS the passing of Bill 108 in 2019 reduced the timelines for processing development applications before they can be appealed to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT) for a non-decision from those outlined in Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017 as follows:

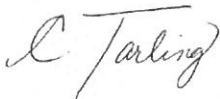
- from seven months (210 days) to four months (120 days) for Official Plan amendments;
- from five months (150 days) to three months (90 days) for Zoning By-law amendments; and
- from six months (180 days) to four months (120 days) for Plans of Subdivision; and

WHEREAS the shortened timeframes create unreasonable pressures on municipalities, even outside the context of navigating city business in a global pandemic, and result in reduced opportunities for meaningful public engagement and limited time for the public to provide written submissions on a development application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reconsider the current timelines established for review of Planning Act applications before an appeal is permitted to the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal and to return to the timelines that were in effect under Bill 139, the Building Better Communities and Conserving Watersheds Act, 2017;

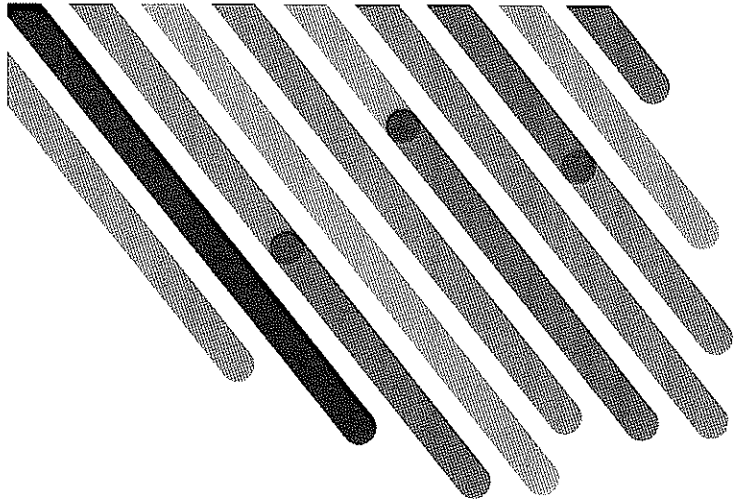
THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to the local MP's and MPP's, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling  
Director of Legislated Services  
& City Clerk

c: Honourable Tim Louis, M.P.  
Honourable Raj Saini, M.P.  
Honourable Marwan Tabbara, M. P.  
Honourable Bardish Chagger, M.P.  
Honourable Bryan May, M.P.  
Honourable Amy Fee, M.P.P.  
Honourable Catherine Fife, M.P.P.  
Honourable Belinda Karahalios, M.P.P.  
Honourable Mike Harris, M.P.P.  
Honourable Laura Mae Lindo, M.P.P.  
Bill Karsten, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Rosa Bustamante, Director, Planning, City of Kitchener  
Ontario Municipalities



# Five Year Strategic Plan

Project Introduction & Engagement Strategy

April 8, 2021



# Outline

1. Introductions- HSC
2. Scope of Work
3. Engagement Strategy
4. Timelines



STRATEGIC PLANNING  
ROADMAP

# Introductions

# Housing Services Corporation

- Established in **2002** by the Province
- Serves **1,400+ providers** and **47 service managers**
- **Power of the Group**
- **Non-profit, No government funding**
- **Ontario stakeholder Board**

## **Business Model:**

- No government funding
- Fee-for-service revenue
- All providers → equal, affordable access to HSC services

# HSC Services

## Power of the Group

- Economies of scale
- Controls costs, maximizes dollars
- Programs driven by Service Manager & provider needs, advisory groups
- Value-adds not available elsewhere

## Group Insurance

- Insured Assets: **\$28.3B**
- 617 providers, 170,000 units

## Natural Gas Purchasing

- \$21M/year (~90M m<sup>3</sup> gas)
- 44 providers, 94,000 units

## Investments

- \$520M AUM
- >800 providers in Ontario

## Strategic Support

# Our Clients



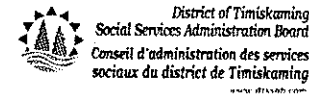
WINDSOR ESSEX



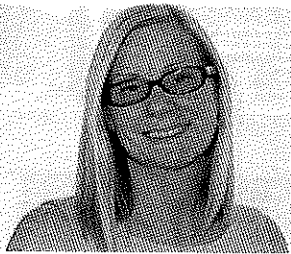
COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION



Opportunity made here.



# HSC Project Team



Judy Lightbound  
Managing Director



Lisa Oliveira  
Senior Housing  
Consultant



Jennifer McMahon  
Project Manager



Jeff Herrle  
Manager, Marketing &  
Communications

# Scope of Work

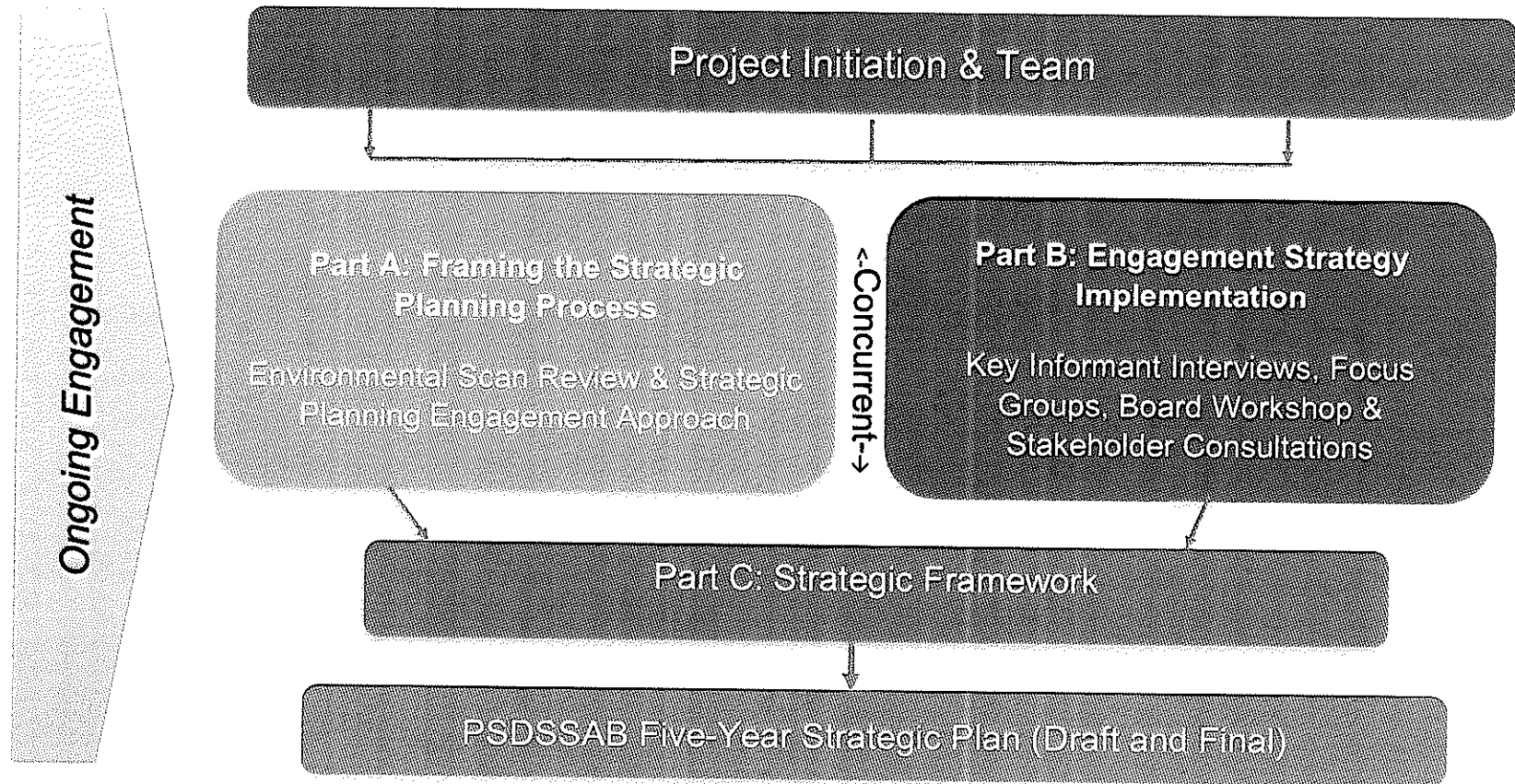
# Strategic Plan Objectives

- **Create a foundational document** which grounds the organization's identity, profile and brand,
  - **Establish a framework** upon which departmental and program priorities can be aligned to the PSDSSAB's core vision and mission,
  - Establish focus areas and **long-range and short-term priorities**,
  - Assist with local decision making - **prioritizing and allocating new program and/or funding** dollars as may be announced by federal or provincial governments,
  - **Support and manage change** within the organization and in response to social services modernization, changes in the local economy and regulatory environment, and
  - Demonstrate effective **stewardship and public accountability** in the District.
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## Strategic Plan Process Outcomes

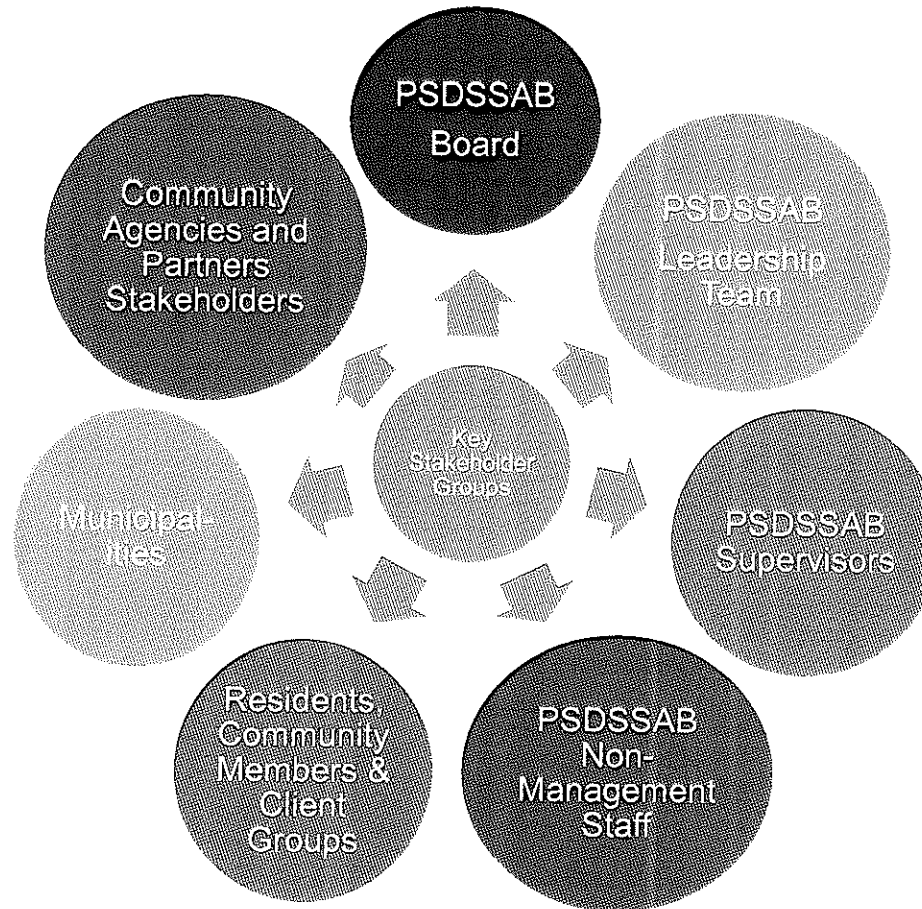
- A **comprehensive five-year strategic plan** that establishes the organization's mission, vision, values and service principles, and its long-term direction and aspirations for all service areas.
  - Through a comprehensive **engagement strategy**, ensure a shared understanding of the PSDSSAB's vision, mission, values and guiding service principles;
  - An **implementation framework** that provides a guide for the day-to-day operations of programs and services, including prioritizing investments and opportunities to pursue; and
  - A **performance measurement matrix** to achieve the Plan's goals and to gauge the progress of each objective in the Strategic Plan.
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# Project Approach



# Engagement Strategy

# Stakeholder Engagement



# Stakeholder Engagement- PSDSSAB Board

Key Informant Interviews

- Individual PSDSSAB Board Member Interviews (Teleconference or Zoom)

Virtual Session

- Group PSDSSAB Board Session (Facilitated Consultation)

Finalizing the Plan

- Strategic Plan Presentation
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# Stakeholder Engagement- Community Agencies and Partner Stakeholders

East Side  
of the  
District

- Stakeholder Consultation
- *Virtual Engagement Session*

West Side  
of the  
District

- Stakeholder Consultation
  - *Virtual Engagement Session*
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# Stakeholder Engagement- Municipalities

## Municipalities

• Online Survey (including Townships without Municipal Organization)

- Township of Nipissing
  - Municipality of Callander
  - Municipality of Powassan
  - Township of Machar
  - Township of Joly
  - Town of Kearney
  - Township of Perry
  - Township of McKellar
  - Township of Carling
  - Township of Strong
  - Township of Armour
  - Township of Archipelago
  - Municipality of Whitestone
  - Municipality of Magnetawan
  - Township of Ryerson
  - Township of McMurrich/Monteith
  - Municipality of McDougall
  - Township of Seguin
  - Town of Parry Sound
  - Village of Burk's Falls
  - Village of South River
  - Village of Sundridge
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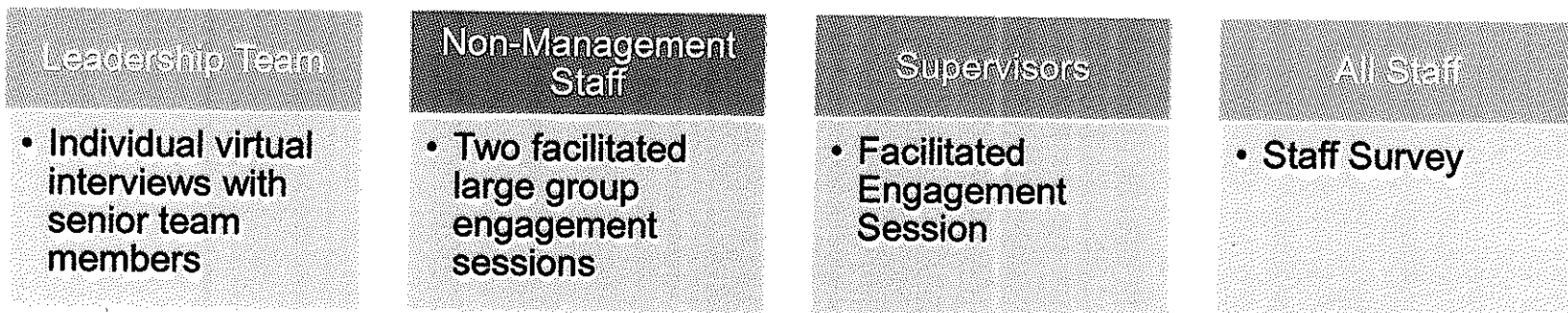
# Stakeholder Engagement- Community

Residents  
of the  
District &  
Client  
Groups

- *Community Member Survey (includes client groups such as tenants, clients of the District, community resident)*

*Broad outreach- Online & mailout surveys, program apps, newsletter, promoted through municipalities, social media, local media, news outlets*

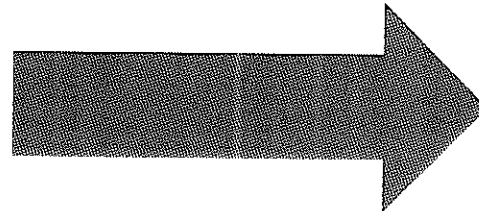
# Stakeholder Engagement- PSDSSAB Employees



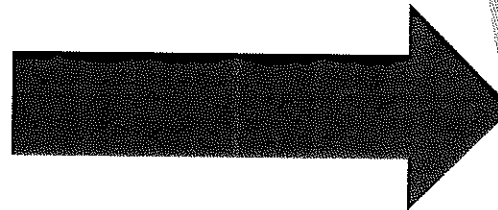
Goal to engage all 185 employees across the organization

## Output from Part A & B

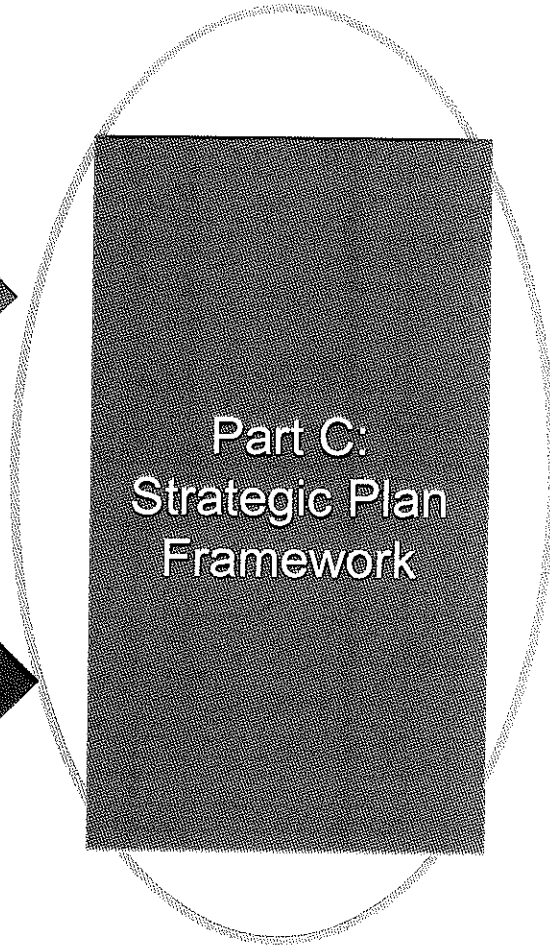
**Part A: Framing the  
Strategic Planning**  
(Documentation Review)



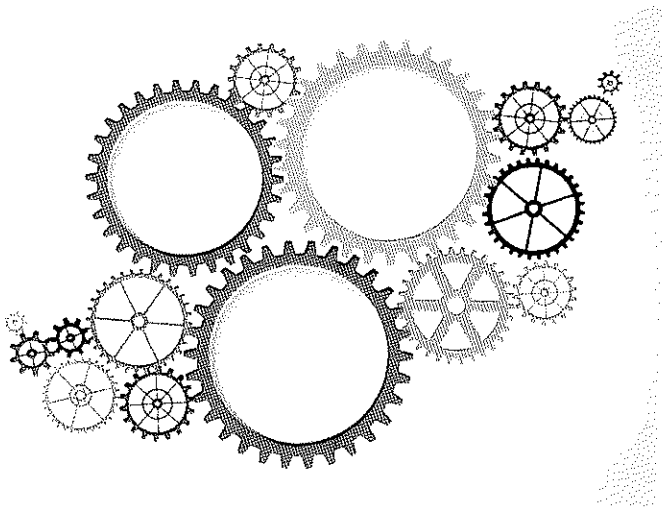
**Part B: Engagement  
Implementation**



**Part C:  
Strategic Plan  
Framework**



## Part C: Strategic Plan Framework



### Frames **Strategic Plan** elements:

- Vision, mission, values statements
- Framing principles
- Strategic priorities by theme and program
- Key objectives, activities and timelines.

### **Implementation Plan**

- Activities, timelines, leads, and partners

### **Evaluation Plan**

- Metrics and indicators to measure progress
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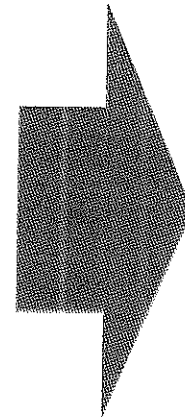
## Public Information Webinar

Once the Strategic Plan is drafted, HSC to host an open public forum webinar to share the key elements of the Plan.



## Finalizing the Strategic Plan

- Preparation of Final Plan Document  
(including design layout and branding)
- Communication and dissemination  
strategy for Strategic Plan  
Dissemination to all District  
stakeholders
- Final draft Strategic Plan elements  
presented to the Board

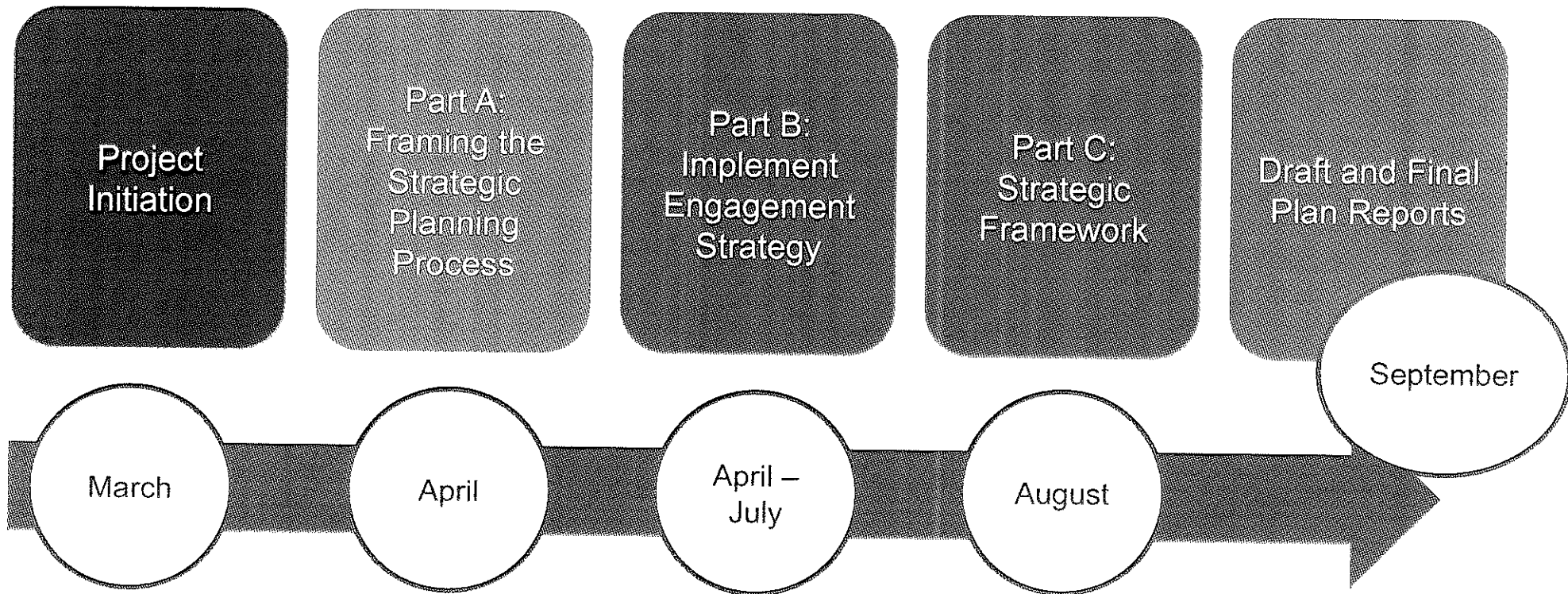


Launch of the  
PSDSSAB Five Year  
Strategic Plan

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# Timelines

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Thank You!



## Welcome to our April 2021 Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- Saturday May 1: Kearney Lions Club Adopt-a-Highway
- April 22 is Earth Day
- Ways to Manage Runoff Water
- Lake Partners Program: Spring 2021 Reminder

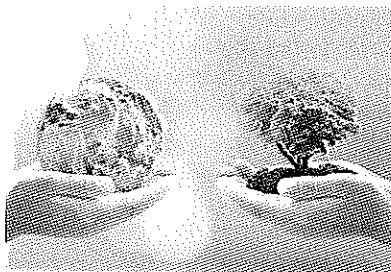


### **Saturday May 1: Kearney Lions Club Adopt-a-Highway**

Join us for this important community event! We meet at **9:00 a.m.** at the Kearney Community Centre. Clear bags, grabbers, and safety vests are provided, as well as water for refreshment. It is recommended that you bring your own gloves and a 5-gallon pail. **Note:** The Community Centre is not open to the public, so there is no access to washrooms. For further info call Lion Rick Flavelle @ 705-636-5438.

If you can't make it, please make a point of cleaning up litter in your area; when you take a walk, take a bag and a pick-up stick.\* Litter is literally trashing the environment. Most of the litter found in or adjacent to our waterways is washed, blown or dumped there from land. Six-pack rings, rope, and discarded fishing line can wrap around fins, flippers and limbs of fish, birds or other animals in the water. Plastic bags, straws, deflated balloons, pop can tabs and other items can be mistaken for food and swallowed, blocking an animal's digestive tract. Chemicals found in plastics and other litter leaches into the water, polluting it further. Show you care and pick up litter whenever you can.

\*Stan Walker has spare pick-up sticks and garbage bags for anyone who cannot attend the May 1 clean-up, or would like to start early. Please contact Stan at [stan.kwef@gmail.com](mailto:stan.kwef@gmail.com) or (705) 636-9530



### **Help celebrate Earth Day, April 22, 2021!**

This year the theme is **Restore Our Earth.**

Earth Day is focused on informing and engaging people to help protect the environment and its natural resources. It is celebrated annually on April 22nd and observed in over 190 countries.

#### **Earth Day Things to Do**

- ✓ Try to go the day without creating any unnecessary garbage by avoiding excessive packaging or bags when you make purchases.
- ✓ Try not to use your car for the day. If you can, walk or ride your bicycle.
- ✓ Organize a group of volunteers to help clean up and restore a green space.
- ✓ Make your own green space and include plants to help endangered pollinators or butterflies. In the past year alone, monarch butterfly populations have dropped by 26%.
- ✓ <https://www.earthday.org/what-we-can-do-to-protect-monarch-butterflies/>
- ✓ Read one of many books or watch a documentary or movie that relate to environmental issues.

This year from April 20-22 Earth Day organizers are holding a virtual summit that among other things will include participation of teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>



## Ways to Manage Rainwater Runoff

In our March 2021 Newsletter, we talked about how to keep our watershed clean and healthy. One of the ways was to improve drainage and to landscape your property to reduce rainwater runoff into the lake. We thought we would expand this, to give a bit more detail.

When rain hits hard surfaces such as roofs, streets and driveways in our area, not only does it not soak into the soil to recharge our groundwater, the rain gathers sediments and pollutants from the hard surfaces. This runoff, along with the sediments and pollutants, will end up in our waterways.

To manage rainwater runoff, we need to decrease the volume and minimize the pollutants: *Slow it down, spread it out and let it soak in.* Here are some solutions to do just that:

- ✓ Add native plants; when runoff soaks into the soil, plant roots help to absorb and filter out pollutants
- ✓ Plant and protect trees. As well as absorbing and filtering pollutants, tree canopies also slow rainfall and spread it over a larger area.
- ✓ Catch runoff. Install a rain barrel or cistern to catch stormwater runoff from roofs. Use this water to irrigate garden plants.
- ✓ Go permeable. Choose a permeable material for a path, patio, or driveway. Less expensive options include aggregate base, gravel, mulch, or crushed shells.
- ✓ Cover soil. Bare soil can be like concrete in terms of its ability to absorb water. Cover bare soil with mulch or a ground cover to slow stormwater runoff.
- ✓ Remove parts (or all) of your lawn; trade it for native plants, which are adapted to local growing conditions and require fewer additives than turf.

Remember to always direct runoff away from your home's foundation!

## Lake Partners Program: Spring 2021 Reminder

By Stan Walker

A reminder to all our readers who are part of the Lake Partner Program run by DESC, (Dorset Environmental Science Centre), which is part of MECP (Ministry of the Environment Conservation & Parks).

The testing program has been reactivated after last years' hiatus due to Covid-19. My 2021 test kit arrived yesterday in the mail. **If you are expecting a kit this spring and don't receive it, be sure to contact DESC immediately as they may have accidentally dropped you from their list. Please let me know as well.**

**If you decide to retire from the program and haven't recruited someone to take your place, please let me know, so that KWEF can find a replacement.** Having an uninterrupted set of readings for each lake is very important when watching for trends. In the fall, I would also like to get a copy of the individual secchi disk readings you took during the summer for our records, *so please keep a copy before sending the readings to DESC.*

DESC just reports the average and we are interested in the actual variations over the summer. *We would also like to hear of any increases in algae growth and their location that you might see.* As usual, we will extract the TP (Total Phosphorous) Calcium and average Secchi Depth results for the lakes in the Kearney Watershed from the huge DESC Database and report this information in our WQM (Water Quality Monitoring) Report which you can access via our website, Newsletter or our soon to be set up Facebook page.

My email is [stan.kwef@gmail.com](mailto:stan.kwef@gmail.com) and my work number is (705) 636-9530, if you need to contact me directly.

**Thank you for all your help with this valuable program!**

***All the best to all of you from KWEF. Please remember to take good care of our lakes!***