



AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Friday, December 11th, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
4. **Delegations/Presentations**
 - (a) **Delegations**
 - (i) **Frank Palmay P. Eng., Structural Design Engineer, Tulloch Engineering**
re: Cashman Creek Bridge Replacement Update
 - (b) **Presentations**
 - (i) **Chris Bevan, Kennedy Insurance Brokers Inc. re:** Renewal Report for 2021 Municipal Insurance Company
5. **Minutes**
 - (a) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - (i) **Special Meeting, [Draft Minutes – November 5th, 2020](#)**
 - (ii) **Regular Meeting, [Draft Minutes – November 20th, 2020](#)**
 - (iii) **Special Meeting, [Draft Minutes – November 27th, 2020](#)**
 - (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) **Discussion and Resolution re: Kearney Community Centre**
 - (b) **Planning - Nil**
 - (c) **Operations**
 - (i) **Transfer Station Report – [for the period November 13, 2020 to December 2, 2020](#)**
 - (ii) **Report and Resolution re: [Engineering for Gazebo at Mirror Bay](#)**
 - (d) **Administration**
 - (i) **Resolution re: 2021 Municipal Insurance Program renewal**
 - (ii) **Information and By-law No. 2020-xx re: [Contract renewal - Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#)**
 - (iii) **Resolution re: [2021 Virtual Roma Conference Registration](#)**

- (e) **Treasury**
 - (i) **Report and Resolution re:** [Payment Register](#)
 - (ii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** [2021 Penalty and Interest](#)
- (f) **Fire and Emergency Services**
 - (i) **Report re:** [Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on December 11, 2020](#)
 - (ii) **Resolutions re:** [New Recruits](#)
- (g) **Facilities and Buildings** - Nil
- (h) **Council Presentations**
 - (i) **Mayor Ballantyne discussion re:** Public Access to Town Office; exercise class discussion

11. Correspondence

- (a) **Action Items**
 - (i) **Municipality of Marmora and Lake re:** [Request for support of Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act](#)
- (b) **Information Items**
 - (i) **Regional Fire Department re:** [Notes – November 19, 2020](#)
 - (ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** [November 2020 Newsletter](#)
 - (iii) **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare re:** [MAHV Welcomes New Obstetrical Care Providers](#)
 - (iv) **East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee re:** [2020 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

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
- (b) Labour relations or employee negotiations

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 Special Meeting held on November 27th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on December 11th, 2020.

16. Adjournment



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers Thursday, November 5th, 2020 3:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip; Liz Stermsek; and Paul Ziraldo

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

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
Res. No. 1/05/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on Thursday, November 5th, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 3:00 p.m. **CARRIED**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof – None noted.**
3. **Council Discussion re: 2020 Road Needs Study RfP**
Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.
Res. No. 3/05/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney issued a Request for Proposal for an updated Road Needs Study;
AND WHEREAS four (4) responses were received as follows:

Bidders Name	Bid Amount (excluding HST)
The Greer Galloway Group Inc.	\$16,925.00
Tatham Engineering Limited	\$22,960.00
Golder Associates Ltd.	\$24,605.00
Stantec Consulting Ltd.	\$25,684.00

AND WHEREAS the proposals have been evaluated based on four criteria as outlined in the request for proposal;
NOW IT THEREFORE BE RESLOVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts the proposal submitted by Tatham Engineering Limited at a cost of \$22,960.00 plus HST. **CARRIED**
4. **Adjournment**
Res. No. 4/05/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:06 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on November 20th, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk



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MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, November 20th, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official
Linda Moyer, Planning Technician

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on November 20th, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 1:03 p.m. **CARRIED**

Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Ross MacKay.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on October 30th, 2020 be adopted as amended.

ADD 10(f)(ii) Motion to Reconsider re: Fire Training Officer Agreement CARRIED

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

A Declaration of pecuniary interest was received from *Mayor Carol Ballantyne* with regard to the *Lions Christmas Telethon*, the reason being: *Member of Lions Club.*

A Declaration of pecuniary interest was received from *Councillor Cheryl Philip* with regard to *Further discussion after Presentation of my Severance*, the reason being: *I own the Property.*

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Cheryl Philip re: Severance of Lot 4, Con 7, Bethune Twp.**

Councillor Philip requested approval in principle to create three lots by means of Consent. Council requested a report and recommendation from Staff prior to further comment.

(ii) **Nick Ryeland, on behalf of the Park to Park Trail Association re: Update and request for support**

Mr. Ryeland approached Council on behalf of the Park to Park Trail Association requesting financial support for this organization. Council determined to consider this request during 2021 Budget discussions.

(iii) **Thomas Reidy and Marta Janik, and Nick and Daniela Canciu re: Request to purchase Road Allowance.**

Discussion of Council resulted in the following resolution.

Res. No. 4(a)(iii)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Cheryl Philip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall stop-up and close the 66-foot Road Allowance between Lot 11 Part 1 and Lot 10 in Concession 8, Township of Proudfoot.

Recorded Vote Requested by: Councillor Paul Ziraldo

PHILIP, Cheryl	Yes
STERMSEK, Liz	No
ZIRALDO, Paul	Yes
BALLANTYNE, Carol	No

DEFEATED

- (iv) **Yasmin Roshanali and Kathy Roi re: Fitness and Yoga**
Ms. Roshanali and Mrs. Roi approached Council to request a safe and modified resumption of fitness activities at the Kearney Community Centre. Council requested a staff report, prior to further discussion.

(b) **Presentations – Nil**

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

- (i) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 29th, 2020
- (ii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020
- (iii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020
- (iv) **Public Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iv)/20/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

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 – October 29th, 2020
- (ii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020
- (iii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020
- (iv) **Public Meeting**, Draft Minutes – October 30th, 2020

CARRIED

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes**

- (i) **Joint Waste Management Committee – Draft Minutes, October 28, 2020**

Res. No. 5(b)(i)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

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

- (i) **Joint Waste Management Committee re: Draft Minutes – October 28, 2020**

CARRIED

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

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

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

9. **Unfinished Business – Nil**

10. **Reports and By-laws**

(a) **Building**

- (i) **Report and Resolution re: Building Department Vehicle**

Res. No. 10(a)(i)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney requested proposals for a vehicle for use by the Building Department;

AND WHEREAS the following Proposals were received:

1. Bickley Ford	2020 Ford 150 XL Truck	\$56,525.93	HST included
2. Armstrong Dodge	2020 Ram 1500 Truck	\$43,400.00	HST included
3. Bray Motors Ltd.	2020 Chev Equinox SUV	\$34,449.00	HST included
4. Festing Toyota	2021 Tundra SR5 Truck	\$52,713.27	HST included
	2021 4 Runner Off-Road	\$59,376.10	HST included
	2021 4 Runner Trail	\$52,392.70	HST included
	2021 Tundra Off-Road	\$56,200.80	HST included

AND WHEREAS it is a concern that, although it is the lowest price, the clearance for the undercarriage of the Chev Equinox is approximately 6.5 inches lower than the trucks quoted, presenting a concern when accessing construction sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the recommendation from the Chief Building Official, accepts the Proposal from ARMSTRONG DODGE for the 2020 RAM 1500 Truck at a cost of \$43,400.00 HST included.

CARRIED

(b) **Planning**

- (i) **Report and Resolution re: Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2002-28, as amended RZ-02-20 (PRATT)**

Res. No. 10(b)(i)/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves application RZ-02-20 (PRATT) to rezone Part of Lots 19 & 20, Concession 14, in the Township of

Bethune, now in the Town of Kearney from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Tourist Commercial Exception Five (CT-5) Zone to allow for an eco-tourist operation consisting of 10 cabins, 10 tent sites, an accessory dwelling, assembly hall, accessory retail sales and outdoor recreation activities. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **By-law No. 2020-xx re:** To amend Zoning By-law No. 2002-28, as amended RZ-02-20 (PRATT)

Res. No. 10(b)(ii)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

By-Law 2020-45 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 2002-28, as amended (PRATT), be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-45 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(c) **Operations**

- (i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period October 23, 2020 to November 10, 2020 – **Report only.**

(d) **Administration**

- (i) **By-law No. 2020-xx re:** Appoint a Member to Fill the Vacancy on Council for the position of Councillor at Large

Res. No. 10(d)/20/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

By-Law 2020-51 being a By-law to appoint a Member to Fill the Vacancy on Council for the Position of Councillor at Large, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-51 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Mike Rickward re:** Declaration of Office
Mike Rickward read aloud, his Declaration of Office.

- (iii) **Information and By-law No. 2020-xx re:** Wedding Officiant

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

By-Law 2020-52 being a By-law to Delegate the Authority to Provide Civil Marriage Solemnization Services, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-52 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

- (iv) **Discussion and Resolution re:** 2020 Christmas Decorating Contest

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to proceed with a “**2020 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST**”; **AND FURTHER** Council determines to offer prizes in the following categories:

Residential Properties

1 st Prize	\$75.00
2 nd Prize	\$50.00
3 rd Prize	\$25.00

Businesses

1 st Prize	\$75.00
2 nd Prize	\$50.00
3 rd Prize	\$25.00

CARRIED

- (v) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Appointment of Judges for Decorating Contest

Res. No. 10(d)(v)/20/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appoints Councillor Stermsek and Stacey; Councillor Rickward and Heidi; and Mayor Ballantyne and Blair as judges for the “Light Up the Night” 2020 Christmas Decorating Contest (December 3rd judging). **CARRIED**

- (vi) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Christmas Holiday Office Closure

Res. No. 10(d)(vi)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the closure of the Town Office from December 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. to January 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., inclusive, in order that Staff may enjoy the Christmas holiday with family and friends. **CARRIED**

(vii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** 2021 Council Meeting dates

Res. No. 10(d)(vii)/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS Section 238 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, states that “Every council and local board shall pass a Procedure By-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings”;

AND WHEREAS Section 5.2.1 of By-law No 2020-41, the Procedure By-law for the Town of Kearney, states “Regular Meetings of Council shall be held in the Council Chambers, at 8 Main Street, Kearney, every three weeks on Fridays;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby gives notice that the Regular Council Meetings shall be held on the following dates in 2021:

January 8; January 29; February 19; March 12; April 1; April 23; May 14; June 4; June 25; July 16; August 6; August 27; September 17; October 8; October 29; November 19; and, December 10. **CARRIED**

(viii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Use of KCC Gym for LPAT Proceeding

Res. No. 10(d)(viii)/20/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall authorize the use of the Kearney Community Centre (KCC) gymnasium in 2021, by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, for the purpose of LPAT Case: PL190404 Heise v Kearney, subject to COVID-19 restrictions;

AND FURTHER only required participants to attend in person with all public wishing to attend to be accommodated by remote access. **CARRIED**

Mayor Ballantyne, in accordance with her declaration, left the Council Chambers.
Time: 3:05 p.m.

(ix) **Resolution re:** Lions Christmas Telethon

Res. No. 10(d)(ix)/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the request from the Kearney Lions Club, authorizes a donation in the amount of \$750.00 to the 2020 Lion’s Children’s Christmas Telethon, in an effort to ensure that the less fortunate in our Community can enjoy a Merry Christmas. **CARRIED**

Mayor Ballantyne resumed her position at the Council table. Time: 3:07 p.m.

(e) Treasury

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

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/20/11/2020 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 #30225 to #30258 in the total amount of \$81,908.72. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Report and Resolution re:** Christmas Turkeys for Staff

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the purchase of a Turkey for each member of Kearney Staff, as a Christmas Gift. **CARRIED**

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on November 20, 2020 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Motion to Reconsider re:** Fire Training Officer Agreement

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)(a)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney passed Resolution No. 10(f)(ii)/09/10/2020 supporting entering into an Agreement with our surrounding Municipalities subject to each participating Municipality contributing an equal share;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received to reconsider this decision;

AND WHEREAS two-thirds of Council are required to vote in favour of reconsidering a decision made by Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the By-law to Govern the Calling, Place and Proceedings of Meetings of Council and Committees, shall, due to time restrictions, reconsider the terms specified in the October 9th, 2020 Resolution at this Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)(b)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS Council has discussed their decision with regard to each participating Municipality contributing an equal share in the Joint Fire Training Officer Services Agreement;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the benefits of a shared Fire Training Officer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Mayor Ballantyne to communicate Council's reconsideration of this matter during the meeting scheduled for December 10th, 2020 in which the method of cost sharing between participating Municipalities will be finalized. **CARRIED**

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

(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.

(ii) **Councillor Philip re:** Procurement By-law; Non-emergent road closures; Cooling/Warming Centre

Discussion of Council resulted in the following:

- With regard to our Procurement By-law, Councillor Philip to submit a report outlining areas for discussion;
- A policy regarding road closures to be developed for further consideration of Council;
- Emergency Preparedness notes that everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves/their family, for a minimum of 72 hours.

11. Correspondence

(a) **Action Items**

(i) **Township of Ryerson: Township of McMurrich/Monteith re:** Resolution confirming continued participation in the Mutual Assistance Agreement

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney confirms their continued participation in the Mutual Assistance Agreement with the Municipality of Magnetawan, the Townships of Armour, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls for emergency purposes in the event whole departments are depleted as a result of COVID-19 or other major illnesses. **CARRIED**

(b) **Information Items**

(i) **Municipality of Magnetawan re:** Supplemental EMS Levy – **Information only.**

(ii) **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re:** Memorandum of Understanding for Health System Emergency Preparedness Support: Influenza Centres during COVID-19 Pandemic - **Information only.**

(iii) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re:** November 6, 2020 draft Minutes; Key Areas of Focus & Progress – November 2020 - **Information only.**

(iv) **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare re:** Important Information for Partners & Leaders - **Information only.**

(v) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re:** Monthly Report – November 2020 - **Information only.**

12. Other Business – Nil

13. Closed Session

Res. No. 13(a)/20/11/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239, (1), (2), (3) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, c. 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney will convene in Closed Session at 4:09 p.m. for discussion regarding:

(a) Labour relations or employee negotiations (x 2)

CARRIED

Res. No. 13(b)/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvene in Open Session and report on matters discussed in Closed Session. Closed Session adjourned at 4:59 p.m. **CARRIED**

14. Business Arising from Closed Session – Nil

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law 2020-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Public Meeting held on October 30th, 2020; at its Special Meeting held on November 5th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on November 20th, 2020.

Res. No. 15/20/11/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

By-law No. 2020-53, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Public Meeting held on October 30th, 2020; at its Special Meeting held on November 5th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on November 20th, 2020, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-53 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. 16/20/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 5:01 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on November 27th, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

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MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers Friday, November 27th, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip; Mike Rickward; Liz Stermsek; and Paul Ziraldo

Staff Present:

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk Administrator
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official
Marjorie Robinson, Financial Consultant

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
Res. No. 1/27/11/2020 Cheryl Philip, Paul Ziraldo
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on Friday, November 27th, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof – None noted.**
3. **Council Discussion – 2021 Draft Budget**
On a line by line basis, Council reviewed the budgets submitted by the following departments: Public Works; Building; Fire and Administration.
4. **Adjournment**
Res. No. 4/27/11/2020 Mike Rickward, Cheryl Philip
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 4:21 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on December 11th, 2020 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Brian Horsman CBCO, CBO / Kearney

DATE: December 10, 2020

RE: Proposed Kearney Municipal Office Expansion

Background: It has been one year since we began exploring the longtime pending concerns regarding municipal growing pains.

As directed by Council Resolution No. 10(h)/15/11/2019 Kearney engaged the services of Larocque Elder Architects Inc. to assist in the determination of how to resolve our current and future requirements.

A plan was developed (summary attached) which was supported by way of By-Law No. 2020-11.

We quickly learned a great deal about our building and more particularly about things we didn't know. We explored everything from renovations, to additions, to demolition/rebuild, relocation of portions of services and even a second story. We reinforced our concern and consideration to maintain the integrity of our seniors group, the Community Centre and Library as the HUB of our community.

The process has reached the point where we have a preliminary proposal that appears to meet our needs and have asked the Architect to prepare a high-level costing.

Consideration : Funding for projects is limited and the parameters are fairly restrictive, however I believe the work done to date allows us to make application for funding. Council has demonstrated support in the development of growth as well as providing services and the maintenance of services to the community.

Further Consideration : The window of opportunity to obtain funding is very narrow and we are requesting support from Council (in principle) to proceed with an application for funding. This opportunity will allow us to proceed with the established process as well as testing the waters to confirm that we have done our due diligence to meet the obligations to make a request for funding.

Council has demonstrated that Kearney is prepared to invest in their community which I believe is a pre-requisite to asking others to invest as well.

RECOMMENDATION : That Council approves , in principle , the work developed by our staff and Architect of record and further to authorize staff to make application to secure funding for the proposed expansion.

Date	Pick Up	Kearney	\$	Sand Lak	\$	Notes
13-Nov		118		21	\$20	20C
14-Nov		116		28	\$30	10F, 20C
15-Nov		112		23	\$30	5M, 25C
16-Nov	27	57		17	\$10	10C
17-Nov		54		22	\$0	
20-Nov		71		27	\$40	5M,5F,30C
21-Nov		68		12	\$0	
22-Nov		79		26	\$105	5F,50S,50C
23-Nov	28	32		6	\$20	20C
24-Nov		54		12	\$0	
27-Nov		81		14	\$20	20C
28-Nov		86		15	\$20	20C
29-Nov		105		17	\$20	10F, 10C
30-Nov	26	64		15	\$170	10F,150S,10C
01-Dec		39		14	\$5	5F
Total					\$490	

Numbers are fluctuating with the season and weather.

Martin Filmore

December 3, 2020
Project No. TBC

Ross Gattozzi
Town of Kearney
8 Main St. PO Box 38
Kearney, ON
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Subject: Engineering Fee Estimate
Design of sidewalk, ramp, and foundation for pre-designed gazebo

Dear Ross,

In response to your request we are pleased to provide a proposal for services to provide engineering design for a sidewalk, barrier free ramp, and foundation of your pre-designed gazebo structure in Town of Kearney, ON. The structure is a Home Hardware Building Centre pre-designed structure with a proposed pier foundation. TULLOCH will check the foundation requirements with local standards, design a wheelchair accessible ramp and sidewalk and provide detailed drawings for construction.

Our scope of work as we understand would include the following tasks:

- Attend the site for a preliminary inspection to review existing conditions and get an idea of the overall understanding of the project (completed).
- Return to site to determine any other relevant structural information as may be required.
- Design of sidewalk, ramp, and approve foundation.
- Provide structural drawings detailing the proposed work, these drawings will be issued at 90% for review and comment by yourself and 100% permit drawings which you will submit for building permit purposes as well as construction.
- Provide construction review support including 2 site visits at 50% and 100% complete, each site visit will be accompanied by a field review report detailing our observations and any deficiencies noted.

For the above noted scope of work we anticipate our fees to be **\$3,800** plus HST, this can be considered a lump sum upset limit and will not be exceeded without the prior written consent of yourself. Should the scope change and you wish to expand the services TULLOCH offers we would be pleased to negotiate additional fees at that time. We request a retainer in the amount of \$500 prior to the commencement of work.

Our proposal is valid for your acceptance for 30 days, after which time a review of the terms and conditions offered may be required.

TULLOCH will perform all services in accordance with the standard of care customarily

December 4, 2020
Project No. TBC

observed by professional consulting firms performing similar services at the same time and location. The standard of care will include adherence to all applicable published standards of the profession and laws, regulations, by-laws, building codes and governmental rules. In no event, however, will TULLOCH be liable for indirect or consequential damages including without limitation loss of use or production, loss of profits or business interruption.

Should the above scope of work and fees be agreeable please review and sign and return the attached engineering services agreement to our office. Based on our current schedule we anticipate that we can provide final permit drawings within 3 weeks of authorization to proceed. Thank you for considering us for this work. Please call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

TULLOCH ENGINEERING INC.



Kevin Louch
Engineer in Training
kevin.louch@tulloch.ca

THIS AGREEMENT made in duplicate this 2020.

B E T W E E N:

THE CORPORATION OF TOWN OF KEARNEY

Hereinafter called the “Town” of the FIRST PART

- and –

ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Ontario Humane Society) a Society incorporated under The Ontario S.P.C.A. Act

Hereinafter called the “Society” of the SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Society has the facilities and is prepared to act as Poundkeeper for the Town;

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnessth for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree each with the other as follows:

1. The Town agrees:
 - 1.1 to appoint and it does hereby appoint the Society as Poundkeeper for the Town with the duties of such Poundkeeper to be exercised by the Society to impound dogs in accordance with the provisions of the Town By-laws;
 - 1.2 to impound Dogs from Town of Kearney at that said shelter;
 - 1.3 to pay the Society as remuneration for its services as such Poundkeeper effective the 1st day of January 2021 a total of \$1 580 and increased each year on the anniversary date, by the annual CPI for the preceding 12 month period per the statscanada website, for the term of the contract, plus those fees per clauses 1.8, 1.9, 2.4 and 2.6, payable quarterly in advance where appropriate.
 - 1.4 to grant to the Society and the Town does hereby grant to the Society, the right to dispose of all animals impounded which become the property of the Town, subject to the minimum redemption period of three days, excluding the day on which the dog was impounded. This redemption period will be waived if the animal is so ill or injured that, in the opinion of the Society, it should be humanely destroyed;
 - 1.5 to grant to the Society and the Town does hereby grant to the Society, the right to dispose of the carcasses of all dogs lawfully impounded and lawfully destroyed;
 - 1.6 to grant to the Society and the Town does hereby grant to the Society, the right to collect all pound fees from time to time and the Society will keep all pound fees collected at the Muskoka shelter;

- 1.7 to grant to the Society and the Town does hereby grant to the Society permission to sell dog licences in accordance with fees established by the Town from time to time and the Town does hereby agree to permit the Society to retain all dog licensing fees from dog licences sold by the Muskoka shelter;
 - 1.8 to promptly transport injured dogs to a veterinarian, if the owner of the animal is unknown or cannot be located in a timely fashion. The Town will be responsible for the payment of all veterinary fees. Once the animal has been treated and released from the veterinary clinic, the animal control officer may transport the dog to the Society.
 - 1.9 to reimburse the Society the cost of any medical care and vaccinations given to a dog within the hold period to ease the dog's pain and suffering. The Society will invoice the Town after all means of identifying the owner have been exhausted.
 - 1.10 to reimburse the Society the cost of any rabies or other vaccinations mandated by Public Health Ontario under the Health Protection and Promotion Act of Ontario and Regulation 567.
 - 1.11 the contract does not cover cats, exotics, wildlife, roadkill, deadstock or deceased dogs .
 - 1.12 the contract only covers animals impounded under the authority of the bylaw and does not include (or permit) animals to be impounded that are part of a Police investigation or removed by Police from a residence or Owner. Furthermore, it does not cover or permit the Animal Control Officer of the Town to deliver or impound any animal at the Ontario SPCA Animal Centre/facilities that the Police have requested them to do so.
 - 1.13 to provide ample advanced notice prior to the delivery of any dog considered "aggressive" so the Society may prepare and staff for the additional handling requirements. The quarantining of which may not be done at the Society Animal Centre.
2. The Society agrees:
- 2.1 to provide at its expense an animal shelter capable of providing adequate accommodation for all dogs impounded from the Town geographical region and of meeting the standard requirements set for this type of building as set by the Society and the Animals for Research Act as it relates to Pounds. The Society further agrees that it will not sell or provide any animals for Research for any reason including those specific in the Animals for Research Act;
 - 2.2 to install in the animal shelter all the equipment necessary for the proper operation of the animal shelter and in particular, to supply the equipment necessary to humanely destroy unwanted and unclaimed dogs and such equipment must meet the standards set by the Society;

- 2.3 to receive, impound and hold for claiming by the owners, any dog delivered to the Society's animal shelter by animal control officers or other duly authorized persons, not covered under section 2.4, 2.5 or 2.6, and to dispose of unclaimed animals by sale or destruction;
- 2.4 to receive, impound and hold for quarantine any dog delivered to the Society's animal shelter by animal control officers or other duly authorized persons for bite quarantine that do not have a known owner and shall attract additional fees above the set annual contract amount at a rate of \$100/day plus any necessary veterinarian expenses incurred by the society.
- 2.5 If an owner has been identified or, on their own brings in a dangerous dog after a bite, requiring quarantine for Public Health reasons, the branch will not provide that service as part of the standard contract and would address the situation and any additional fees on a case by case basis. . It is the responsibility of the current owner to provide housing under the local direction of Public Health Department.
- 2.6 In the event Police impound animals, as described in 1.12, in contravention to this agreement, the Town shall be responsible for all fees associated with these animals as outlined below:
- \$355 impound fee, plus
 - \$50/ Day Boarding for each day held (no maximum) *
 - All Veterinarian expenses
- *Please note, if these animals are part of an investigation, they could be required to be held for a period in excess of one year.
- 2.7 to charge and collect such pound and other fees as may be approved from time to time by the Town;
- 2.8 to keep the shelter open and in operation on such days and at such hours as shall from time to time be agreed upon between the parties to ensure that the owners of impounded dogs have a reasonable opportunity to reclaim such animals, and to advise the Town of any change of hours of operation;
- 2.9 to deliver to the Town on an annual basis a written statement of the operations of the shelter, showing the number of impounded animals received at the shelter and the disposal of the animals.
- 2.10 to indemnify and save harmless the Town in respect to all charges, costs, expenses and claims whatsoever, in connection with the operation of the shelter;
- 2.11 to keep the Society and the Town properly insured in respect to public liability and property damage, including claims in respect to injury and loss and/or death of any animal in the following amounts:

Public Liability	\$2,000,000.00
Property Damage	\$ 25,000.00

Both Parties agree:

3.0 this Agreement shall commence on the 1st day of January, 2021 and shall continue in full force and effect until the 31th day of December 2023. However, it is further agreed that this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 60 (sixty) days written notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto affixed their respective corporate seals under the hands of their respective proper officers duly authorized in that behalf.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED

THE CORPORATION OF TOWN OF
KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

ONTARIO SOCIETY FOR THE
PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO
ANIMALS (Ontario Humane Society)
A Society incorporated under the
Ontario S.P.C.A. Act

Chief Financial Officer

2021 VIRTUAL ROMA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

ROMA: Connecting Rural Ontario

EARLY BIRD RATE (UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 4:30 PM, 2020)

	Member	Non Member
Full Registration	\$400	\$500

REGULAR RATE (UNTIL JANUARY 22, 2021)

	Member	Non Member
Full Registration	\$450	\$550

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Rates listed do not include HST. Please ensure to include HST when submitting your payment.
- Confirmation will be sent after each registration, modifications or cancellation. Review your confirmation carefully for accuracy.
- All cancellations must be submitted in writing to ROMA via e-mail at events@roma.on.ca. Cancellations received prior to November 30, 4:30 pm ET, will be eligible for a refund less \$95.00 (plus HST for members) or \$100.00 (plus HST for non-members) administration fee. Cancellations made after 4:30 pm are non-refundable. An alternate attendee name may be substituted at any time.

> 2021 ROMA Conference

REGISTER ONLINE

If you require login information to register online, please email amo@amo.on.ca.

CONTACT

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Town of Kearney
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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
Bank Code: AP - GENERAL AP				
Computer Cheques:				
30259	2020-11-13	Russell Christie LLP	Island Lake Parking Lot	73,440.16
30260	2020-11-19	ACI-Accelerated Connections	Nov/20 Internet	375.58
30261	2020-11-19	Annex Pub. & Printing Inc	1 yr subscription FFIC + CFF <i>FD</i>	31.08
30262	2020-11-19	Bowman Fuels Ltd.	Oct/20 vehicle fuel <i>P/W</i>	2,158.67
30263	2020-11-19	Mike Brown	Oct 16/20 <i>P/W w/BOOTS</i>	222.66
30264	2020-11-19	Allan Bruce	Diff in price of w/boots <i>P/W</i>	51.00
30265	2020-11-19	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	KCC hooks	462.79
30266	2020-11-19	Currie Truck Centre	P/W hydraulic oil	294.25
30267	2020-11-19	Caitlin Deevey	Oct 30/20 kms <i>BYLAW EXFAR</i>	515.80
30268	2020-11-19	Joshua Desilva	FD-glow sticks	20.20
30269	2020-11-19	Eastholme	2020 4th Q levy Eastholme	28,118.75
30270	2020-11-19	GIN-COR	P/W truck chain	500.10
30271	2020-11-19	Glen Martin Ltd.	KCC disinfectant wipes <i>!SUPPLIES</i>	94.67
30272	2020-11-19	Brian Horsman	July-Oct 23/20 kms <i>BLDG DEPT</i>	466.32
30273	2020-11-19	Huntsville Truck Repair	Excavator hose <i>P/W</i>	3,211.89
30274	2020-11-19	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Nov/20 hydro	2,273.43
30275	2020-11-19	Jones Motor Lines	Parks-service portables <i>!TRANS STNS</i>	983.10
30276	2020-11-19	Lakeland Energy Ltd.	Street light repairs	1,578.72
30277	2020-11-19	Leggett Propane & Natural Gas	KCC propane	100.01
30278	2020-11-19	M&L Supply, Fire & Safety	FD hose washers	325.31
30279	2020-11-19	Scott McKay	P/W w/boot- S McKay	212.42
30280	2020-11-19	Minister of Finance	Tax sale Ad-Gazette	254.25
30281	2020-11-19	Moore Propane Ltd.	P/W propane	275.36
30282	2020-11-19	Muskoka Auto Parts	P/W Ford sander chute	221.99
30283	2020-11-19	North Bay/Parry Sound District	Dec/20 Levy	76.25
30284	2020-11-19	Township Of Perry	FD-public educ material	288.18
30285	2020-11-19	Praxair	P/W Praxair lease	251.93
30286	2020-11-19	Purolator Inc.	Admin courier chgs	17.88
30287	2020-11-19	Reeder Web Design	D/sled website maint.	465.96
30288	2020-11-19	Royal Bank Visa	<i>ALL DEPTS</i>	3,022.07
30289	2020-11-19	Russell Christie LLP	Legal fees-Bldg/SRA	68.14
30290	2020-11-19	Schaefer Paul	Capital exp-Lights/batteries <i>FD</i>	1,158.25
30291	2020-11-19	SPCA-Ontario	Animal control Oct 1-Dec 31/20	391.68
30292	2020-11-19	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	FD-internet <i>PERMISEY RENT & REPAIRS</i>	757.04
30293	2020-11-19	Telequip Systems Limited	P/W Nov/20 airtime	169.50
30294	2020-11-19	Telizon Inc	Nov/20 phone long dist.	9.83
30295	2020-11-19	Waste Connections of Canada	Oct/20 metal	14,300.26
30296	2020-11-19	D.M. Wills Assoc.Ltd	Closed dump monitoring	4,737.53
30297	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30298	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30299	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30300	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30301	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30302	2020-12-02	Void during printing		0.00
30303	2020-12-02	Keven Beaucage	Kms-Banking K Beaucage	38.28
30304	2020-12-02	Bell Mobility Inc.	Nov/20 cell phones <i>PARKS/KCC & P/W</i>	155.35

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30305	2020-12-02	Bell Canada	Nov/20 telephone	716.16
30306	2020-12-02	Allan Bruce	Balance of 2020 Employee Exp	62.56
30307	2020-12-02	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	Parks-Christmas lights <i>P/W SUPPLIES</i>	252.27
30308	2020-12-02	Canadian Safety Equipment Ltd	FD-helmets & ice picks	413.02
30309	2020-12-02	CRA - Receiver General	Nov/20 CRA remittance	28,734.72
30310	2020-12-02	Cash	Replenish Petty cash <i>\$300. CHRISTMAS DEC CONTEST</i>	362.83
30311	2020-12-02	Cedar Signs	P/W signs	5,056.00
30312	2020-12-02	Matthew Clouthier	Bldg-M Clouthier 2427 kms	1,407.66
30313	2020-12-02	Cottage Classic Floating Docks	T/dock repairs-Insurance	2,649.17
30314	2020-12-02	Cupe Local 1813	CUPE Nov/20 union dues	960.01
30315	2020-12-02	Currie Truck Centre	P/W non warranty work <i>2020 FREIGHTLINER-P/W</i>	257.47
30316	2020-12-02	Caitlin Deevey	Nov/20 300.1 kms <i>BYLAW ENFOR.</i>	174.06
30317	2020-12-02	East Parry Sound Vet. Unit	2020 fees	90.00
30318	2020-12-02	Minister Of Finance (EHT)	Nov/20 EHT remittance	2,294.55
30319	2020-12-02	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience	Veh fuel <i>ALL DEPTS</i>	1,301.85
30320	2020-12-02	Martin Filmore	Kms Oct 23-Nov 10/20 <i>TRANS STN</i>	95.70
30321	2020-12-02	Fisher's Regalia	FD Uniform bars	45.20
30322	2020-12-02	Ross Gattozzi	Kms Nov 17 & 18/20 <i>ROS NEEDS STUDY</i>	196.04
30323	2020-12-02	GIN-COR	P/W main chain	3,794.72
30324	2020-12-02	Green Shield Canada	Dec/20 Green Shield	5,987.39
30325	2020-12-02	Douglas or Cheryl Kramer	Property tax overpymt	228.03
30326	2020-12-02	LAS-Local Authority Services	Copier paper	314.08
30327	2020-12-02	Lions Children's Christmas	Childrens Christmas Telethon	750.00
30328	2020-12-02	Manulife Financial	Dec/20 Manulife	2,165.37
30329	2020-12-02	Moore Propane Ltd.	Propane	1,419.32
30330	2020-12-02	Muskoka Auto Parts	P/W roller chain	43.39
30331	2020-12-02	Near North Business Machines	Copier maint Dec/20 <i>ADMIN & LIBRARY</i>	406.12
30332	2020-12-02	OMERS	Nov/20 OMERS remittance	18,802.52
30333	2020-12-02	PROFleetCare	FD vehicles undercoating	983.10
30334	2020-12-02	Purolator Inc.	Admin courier chgs	15.27
30335	2020-12-02	Russell Christie LLP	LPAT legal fees Heise	1,217.25
30336	2020-12-02	Jamie Smith	Work boots 2020 expense <i>P/W</i>	300.00
30337	2020-12-02	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	FD dec tower rent <i>INTERNET</i>	310.69
30338	2020-12-02	Telequip Systems Limited	P/W truck radio repair	194.36
30339	2020-12-02	Township Of Ryerson	FD 4th Q 2020 Trg budget	4,418.80
30340	2020-12-02	Tulloch Engineering Inc	Engineer fees-Cashman <i>BRIDGE</i>	17,835.52
Total for AP:				246,351.84

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that Council has received and have no objections to be noted for Cheque #30259 - # 30340 in the amount of \$ 246,351.84.

Mayor

Clerk/CAO/Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

SUBJECT: Information Report – Circumstances created by COVID-19

DATE: April 3, 2020

At the Special Council Meeting and Budget Meeting on March 23, 2020, Council requested staff prepare a taxation report regarding the interest penalty applied to outstanding property taxes and the Interim Tax installment due date of April 30.

Munisoft is the Town's provider of our Taxation and Financial software and have provided a procedural guide to assist with changes in the program. Staff can change the interest penalty rate from 0 to 1.25% monthly which is applied to the unpaid tax balance only. The program allows the changes to be made not only to the rate but also the option of applying the change to only Current taxes (2020) or Arrears (2019 & prior) property tax accounts or both.

Council may provide relief to the ratepayers during the circumstances created by COVID-19 by waiving the interest penalty or setting a lower monthly penalty rate. Council may also consider delaying the due date of the 2nd Interim Installment due date from April 30.

On March 25, 2020 staff received an AMO circulation "March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update". This update highlighted several municipal topics:

Property Taxation – Postponing of the assessment update for 2021. Assessed values for 2021 will be based on the same valuation date they are for 2020. This has no financial impact.

Education Property Tax Remittance Deferral - Deferring the municipal remittance of education tax by 90 days. March 31 levy is unchanged but the quarterly remittance for June 30 will now be due September 30 and the September 30 levy will be due December 30, 2020. This will leave the original December 30 4th quarter levy due in 2021. The province is deferring these payments to support Council decisions should they choose to defer property taxes and the waiving or reduction of the property tax interest penalties.

WSIB – The Province is providing financial relief by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) by allowing employers to defer payments for up to six months. The Town remits WSIB payments quarterly.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Keven Beaucage
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



Town of Kearney

8 Main Street PO Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: CHERYL

SECONDED BY: MIKE

WHEREAS Council deferred consideration of tax relief options pending a Staff report;

AND WHEREAS a number of considerations are available;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in an effort to provide tax reprieve for Kearney ratepayers, directs that,

DURING THE DECLARED COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Tax Installment due dates of April 30, 2020; August 31, 2020 and October 30, 2020 shall remain in effect

or

Change Installment due dates to _____, _____, and _____;

Effective April 1, 2020, until DEC 31 2020 Late Payment Penalty shall be calculated at the rate per month of:

0% .5% 1% 1.25%;

Late payment Penalty % as determined above, shall be applied to:

all outstanding taxes

current taxes (2020)

taxes in arrears (2019 and prior);

Individual approved payment plans for properties two years in arrears with penalty and interest calculated at 1.25% monthly.

DEFERRED

WITHDRAWN

DEFEATED

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE Requested by:

Member	Yes	No	Absent
PHILIP, Cheryl			
RICKWARD, Mike			
STERMSEK, Liz			
ZIRALDO, Paul			
BALLANTYNE, Carol <i>Mayor</i>			

Mayor: C Ballantyne

Date: April 3, 2020

Res No: 10(ii)/03/04/2020

CHIEFS REPORT

December 6th,2020.

Training

We have had a truck check night, hazmat practice and food drive. Following all precautions possible during training.

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

All equipment is running well at this time. I have booked the ATV for its annual service and track installation. I have had to pick up batteries for our First Response along with other supplies. All equipment is in service.

We are having water filtration issues at the firehall.

I have been working on the budget, as well attended a budget meeting.

We have had a chiefs meeting.

I have been interviewing new recruits, there are reports for this meeting.

There were concerns over the Firefighter pay that had to be sorted out.

The prolonged power outage caused issues at the Pevensey tower site. I met Spectrum on site twice during the outage. I am still following up with Spectrum and hope to talk to someone this week. I have received an email.

I am working on the SIR reports for the Fire Marshall.

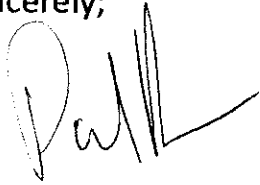
We have had three medical calls, one of those was not attended due to the communication issues and the power outage.

I am participating on COVID 19 information calls, when available.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Schaefer

Fire Chief, Town of Kearney

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Dec 7th, 2020.

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

Overview: The Town of Kearney has received an application from Matti Anja for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. Matti has recently relocated to Kearney. Matti has been to the Firehall a few times and helped on the food drive. Matti has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Recommendation: That Council accept the application from Matti 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

Dec 5th, 2020, 2020.

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

Overview: The Town of Kearney has received an application from Timothy Brown for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. Tim has recently relocated to Kearney and works in the area. Tim has been to the Firehall and has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Recommendation: That Council accept the application from Tim 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

Dec 7th, 2020.

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

Overview: The Town of Kearney has received an application from Matthew Ferrier for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. Matthew is currently on Burks Falls Fire. Matts expressed a desire to help as he often works in Kearney, as well his parents and in laws reside in Kearney. So, he spends a considerable amount of time in Kearney and feels he can assist when numbers are down. Matt has been to the Firehall and has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Recommendation: That Council accept the application from Matthew 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

Dec 5th, 2020, 2020.

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

Overview: The Town of Kearney has received an application from John Perisic for a position on Kearney Fire and Emergency Services. John has recently relocated to Kearney and is building a new home. John has been to the Firehall a few times and helped on the food drive. John has expressed an interest to join Kearney Fire and Emergency Services.

Recommendation: That Council accept the application from John 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.



City of Belleville
Corporate Services Department
169 Front Street, Belleville ON
K8N 2Y8

SENT BY EMAIL

November 25, 2020

Re: Council Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
– Website support

Further to the Meeting of Council on November 17, 2020 Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motion:

MOTION2020NOV17-260

Moved by Councillor Bernie Donaldson
Seconded by Councillor Ron Derry

WHEREAS Section 14(4) of O. Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS the City remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services; and

WHEREAS the City provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

WHEREAS the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the City; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards; and



THAT this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of the Province of Ontario, Prince Edward-Hastings M.P.P., Todd Smith, Hastings -Lennox & Addington M.P.P., Daryl Kramp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

FURTHER THAT the Municipality of Marmora and Lake supports the resolution passed by the City of Belleville.

Carried

I trust this is the information you require, however, should additional information or clarification be required do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bennett,
Deputy Clerk
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REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES

November 19, 2020

The meeting was held at the Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena on November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bob MacPhail, Township of Armour
Rod Ward, Township of Armour
Norm Hofstetter, Township of Perry
Margaret-Ann MacPhail, Township of Perry
George Sterling, Township of Ryerson
Delynne Patterson, Township of Ryerson
Sam Dunnnett , Municipality of Magnetawan
Tim Brunton, Municipality of Magnetawan
Brad Kneller, Municipality of Magnetawan
Angela Friesen, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Carol Ballantyne, Town of Kearney
Cathy Still, Village of Burk's Falls
John Wilson, Village of Burk's Falls

Staff: John Theriault, Township of Armour
Gary Courtice, Training Officer
Beth Morton, Township of Perry
Melinda Torrance, Township of Perry
Dan Marshall, Township of Perry
Brayden Robinson, Township of Ryerson
Dave McNay, Township of Ryerson
Ken Stevenson, Township of Ryerson
Joe Cremer, Township of Ryerson
John Ross, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Joe Readman, Municipality of Magnetawan
Paul Schaefer, Town of Kearney
Josh Desilva, Town of Kearney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reeve MacPhail welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating. This is an informal meeting to discuss options for the creation of a Regional Fire Department and the continuation of the Regional Fire Training Program and no decisions will be made here. Some members of Council are here as interested parties and not taking part in the discussions. Therefore, no Council meetings are taking place.

Reeve MacPhail gave a history of the discussions which have been going with the Regional Training Program and the Regional Fire Department. He explained that the politicians now have to catch up to what our fire departments are presently doing. The Training Officer explained that the Fire Departments are presently working together in the same manner as a Regional Fire Department. All we really need now is to put it down on paper and approve it.

Business:

Regional Fire Training Program

To begin with, all the municipalities present confirmed that they were very satisfied with the training program and the leadership that the Training Officer is offering the 5 fire departments. It was reiterated that none of the municipalities are looking to change the training program, just the formula on how to pay for it.

The relationship between Training and Automatic Aid was discussed. The general consensus is that they go hand in hand. The municipalities cannot have Automatic Aid without Regional Fire Training. If a municipality decides to have a different training program than the others, they will not be able to be included in Automatic Aid anymore.

The Committee discussed the three proposed options for sharing the cost of the Regional Fire Training Program. The basis of why this program is presently shared equally between the fire departments was explained.

The first option discussed was sharing the cost based on assessment. This option was discussed at length when the program was first initiated and there was no support for it.

The second option discussed was that since there are 7 municipalities involved, it would make more sense if the cost was split evenly between the municipalities. On the other side, the point was made that some municipalities are the amalgamation of three municipalities, the only difference is that Armour, Ryerson and Burk's Falls decided to share a fire department instead of amalgamating.

The third option is to keep the costing formula the same as it presently is.

The Training Officer advised that if the agreement was not ratified, he would be willing to contract his services to each municipality for the same amount he is presently charging per fire department. The problem with this way of doing things is that if one department decided to use someone else for their training it would adversely affect the Automatic Aid Agreement.

The Training Officer also advised the committee that if the contract was not ratified by the end of December he would be willing to continue training the fire departments for a couple of months until a decision was made.

It was decided that representatives would go back to their Councils to discuss the options again and come back to our next meeting with a decision.

Regional Fire Department

Based on what the Training Officer and the Fire Chiefs are saying they are presently working as a region, what we need is to set the parameters on paper. There are three sides needed to be included in the agreement:

1. Minimum Standards – Each municipality would have to agree that their fire department would follow all the minimum standards for equipment, training and levels of firefighters. The Training Officer pointed out that based on the regulations this needs to be done by each department anyway, so putting it on paper would only confirm that each fire department is willing to follow the regulations.
2. Standardization of Equipment – Each municipality would agree that the equipment used in each fire station would be interchangeable so that every firefighter would have the training to use the equipment no matter what fire station the firefighter was from. The Training Officer pointed out that this was already started and that the fire departments had started purchasing the same brand of equipment.
3. Making Equipment Purchases Based on Regional Needs – Each municipality would agree that before their fire department purchases or replaces a piece of equipment they would meet with all of the other fire departments and decide together what was needed as a region so that the region would have the adequate amount of equipment in the right fire station to be the most efficient. Again, the Training Officer pointed out that this is something that the fire departments are presently trying to do.

If all the municipalities signed on to this agreement it would be easier for each fire department to defend the purchases they want to make and would give them the tools to plan for the future without thinking that every time a new Council was elected everything would change again.

Each representative will discuss this plan with their Council and will advise the committee of their Council's decision.

It was requested that as Councils pass resolutions on either subject, to please send a copy to Armour so they can be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena.



Welcome to our November, 2020 Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- Calcium in the lake: Where have all the crayfish gone?
- Eco-Tip: De-Icer

Where Have All the Crayfish Gone?

By Carol Adamthwaite, KWEF Vice-Chair

When my husband and I purchased our waterfront lot in the 70's, we were surrounded by forest--including the shoreline all around the lake. Where there were other cottages, there were just small openings on the lakefront. There were also mussels, crayfish, snails and frogs in abundance in the shallow waters. Sadly, this is no longer the case.

Why the crayfish have disappeared

The lack of crayfish is an indicator that calcium levels have been dropping in our lakes; this is a result of depleted calcium levels in the surrounding soil. Aquatic life needs calcium. Crayfish, snails, mussels and a tiny creature called daphnia require adequate calcium levels in the water to survive. They are all a part of the balanced ecology of the lake. Daphnia provide food for many different fish and themselves feed on algae. A 2008 study of 770 lakes by Queen's and York Universities revealed that 60% of our lakes had calcium amounts that were near or below that which is harmful to aquatic life. More recently, Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (FMW), discovered that 1/3 of 100 surveyed lakes had lost all their crayfish!

The impact of low calcium levels on aquatic life is troubling. Calcium enters our lakes as overland flow in the watershed and flows out of the lake as water moves down the watershed. Good calcium levels depend on a balanced input and output.

Why we have reduced calcium levels

- Land clearing, logging, reforestation and acid rain have all reduced the amount of calcium in runoff from the forests entering the lakes.
- Granite on the Canadian Shield does not contribute the same levels of calcium through erosion that is contributed by the southern Ontario limestone.
- Climate change has been discovered to be a contributing factor to lower calcium levels, due to the reduced stream flow.
- The long-term effect of acid rain from industrial sources has leached calcium out of our land and lake environments. While this emission source has been reduced in recent years, it is important to maintain these lower emission levels.

How it works

A natural forest floor contributes calcium that promotes the growth of healthy trees. Trees in calcium-stressed environments have less resistance to pests, grow slower and have a reduced canopy size. Land clearing and commercial logging should be well back from lakes and streams.



What homeowners and cottagers can do

The group Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (FMW) <https://fotmw.org>, is presently involved in a pilot project called Ash Muskoka which looks at the effect of adding clean wood ash to maple forests. Dr. Norman Yan (Chair of FMW, and researcher for Dept. of Biology, U. of T.) who is leading the Ash Muskoka project, suggests that we consider ourselves “Gardeners of the Forest.”

- Bark and twigs contain 3% calcium. Wood ash and eggshells contains 30% calcium. Leaving leaves, bark, twigs and mulched leaves to decompose in place and spreading clean wood ash in the forest, gardens and lawn surrounding your home or cottage will help to replenish calcium in the soil, which will then find its way into the lakes and streams.
- One of the easiest ways of adding calcium to your soil is to crush eggshells and scatter them in your garden.
- Composting your non-animal food scraps and then adding that compost to your garden soil adds calcium to the soil.
- First results from the Ash Muskoka project are promising. You might also consider joining the project and saving wood ash for them.
- Reducing the clearing of land near lakeshores is *crucial*. The most ecological shoreline is a mostly natural shoreline.

Community involvement

Researchers looking at the calcium problem found that some municipalities may be unintentionally improving the calcium situation by applying dust suppressant (calcium carbonate) to gravel roads! Dickie Lake returned to normal levels after the municipality had treated the road with dust suppressant once a year for 3 years.

The Ontario Lake Partner Program report has been including Calcium data for the past few years. Lakes with calcium levels of 1.5 - 2 mg/L are considered *Vulnerable*. Those with < 1.5 mg/L are labelled *Stressed*. Here is a link to the Lake Partners Program Calcium data 2019, for the lakes in our area:
http://bit.ly/LPP_calcium2019.

Calcium restoration in soil is a long-term project, much like tackling acid rain once was, but every little bit helps.

Referenced Articles or for Further Reading

1. Friends of the Muskoka Watershed report: “Calcium Decline in Muskoka: What is the problem? What is its cause? How might we solve it?” by Norman Yan, chair FMW: <http://bit.ly/CaDecline>
2. Muskoka Watershed Council: Muskoka Watershed Report Card, 2018: http://bit.ly/MWC_Report
3. Friends of the Muskoka Watershed’s pilot project, Ash Muskoka: <https://ashmuskoka.ca/>
4. “Calcium Decline, Impacts, and Potential Mitigation Efforts in Kawagama Lake”, a report prepared for the Kawagama Lake Cottagers’ Association (KLCA): http://bit.ly/KLCA_Report

Eco-Tip: De-Icer

As we prepare for winter, we need to think about how to deal with icy driveways and pathways in an environmentally friendly manner. A thin layer of sand, limestone, kitty litter, sawdust or ashes sprinkled in two tracks down the driveway or on the walkway will provide traction and prevent falls. If you must use a de-icer, use environmentally friendly ones containing calcium magnesium acetate or potassium acetate, not chloride-based ones. Ask for it at your local hardware store.



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



MAHC Welcomes New Obstetrical Care Providers

(Thursday, November 26, 2020, Muskoka, ON) – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is pleased to welcome three new obstetrical care providers – two family medicine providers and one midwife – who are offering community prenatal care in Muskoka and obstetrical care services at MAHC.

“Recruiting new providers with an obstetrics focus helps to sustain our local obstetrical programs,” says Dr. Sheena Branigan, Chief of Obstetrics at MAHC. “It is our goal to ensure families can continue to have their babies in their communities where they can receive safe, high-quality care centred around the needs of the parents to be. A strong medical community and team approach by all providers is key to the best birthing experience close to home. We are delighted to introduce new providers who have joined our team.”

Dr. Erin Fennell (pictured, left) completed medical school at McMaster University and recently graduated from Family Medicine Residency at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Dr. Fennell is a familiar face in Huntsville, having completed the majority of her training locally, and joins the Huntsville Maternity Care Clinic.

Dr. Christopher LaJeunesse (pictured, centre) graduated with a medical doctorate from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2015. He completed a Family Medicine Residency at Beaumont Wayne Hospital followed by a Maternal and Newborn Health Fellowship. Dr. LaJeunesse has joined the Cottage Country Family Health Team as a family doctor, and is also providing obstetrical services as a participating practitioner at the South Muskoka Prenatal Clinic located at the Family Doctors on Hiram (Archdekin building) in Bracebridge.

Registered Midwife Jocelyn Latter (pictured, right) joins the Midwives of Muskoka with hospital privileges at both sites. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences/Midwifery from Ryerson University, obtained in 2018. She brings recent midwifery experience with prenatal,

labour and delivery and postpartum care from Quinte Midwives, including hospital privileges at Quinte Health Care's Belleville General Hospital and Northumberland Hills in Cobourg.

At MAHC, obstetrical services are provided to low-risk women and their families at our Level I hospital sites in Bracebridge and Huntsville. An exceptional group of family physicians, midwives and nurses bring a team approach to care and a family-friendly approach to the birthing experience, while also ensuring individual needs are met through well-developed links to other specialty health professionals.

MAHC is proud to play a key role in delivering #Muskokaborn babies. More information about obstetrical services is available at www.mahc.ca/muskokaborn.

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Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is a multi-site health care organization accredited with exemplary standing that provides acute care services at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge. Find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting www.mahc.ca.

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East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee
ANNUAL MEETING
A Teleconference Call
7:00 p.m. Wednesday March 25, 2020

Please Note: This Annual General Meeting (AGM) was done in a very different format –by a teleconference call as all public gatherings were shut down because of the coronavirus that was sweeping through our country. A package of meeting papers was personally delivered to the homes of all directors and guests by secretary Gord Mitchell on the Saturday March 21st to be certain that each director would have time to review the meeting papers before the teleconference call. Melanie Aitkens and Doug Weddel received their package by email.

Opening: Chairman Wayne Fetterley- Called the annual meeting to order at 7:02 pm, as he welcomed the township representatives: Wayne Fetterley, Keith Miller, Dick Gibb, Jeff McLaren, Rex Smith, Doug Weddel, Ron McLaren, Grant Crozier, Penny Brandt & secretary Gord Mitchell and Guests: Melanie Aitkens of the Ministry of Energy and Northern Development and Mines and our contract veterinarians Dr Kelli Drost and Dr. Norma de Rose.

Annual Minutes of the 2019: Chairman Wayne asked that the minutes of the 2019 be reviewed. Since those annual meeting minutes were part of the package that Gord Mitchell delivered to the directors on Saturday March 21st, it was decided to go directly to acceptance of them. Penny Brandt requested a recorded vote on the motion. Motion moved by Jeff McLaren to accept the minutes as delivered, seconded by Rex Smith. There was no discussion. Those directors in favour – Keith Miller, Dick Gibb, Jeff McLaren, Rex Smith, Doug Weddel, Ron McLaren. Directors not in favour – Penny Brandt. The motion carried.

Approval of the Financial Statement for 2019: Wayne Fetterley had agreed to audit the books and commented that he had reviewed the statements that were provided and that he found all was in order. Gord Mitchell the treasurer reviewed the report. A motion was moved by Grant Crozier seconded by Rex Smith to accept the financial statement as presented. Carried.

Business arising from the Annual Minutes: All motions that were made, were completed.

Correspondence review:

- 1) Machar Township had sent a letter to our committee wondering why the livestock owners of their township could not get veterinarian service to come to their livestock locations. Dr Norma deRose and Dr Frits Verzijlenberg were not taking on any new clients as we learned in the AGM of 2019. They understood that Dr Kelli Drost had been given 25% of the East Parry Sound Vet Contract and wondered why they could not get her to come to their locations

Dr Kelli Drost had been given 25% of Dr de Rose contract for 2019 – but she said that since she had such a large area to cover with 600 clients that she could not do any more distances. She told the meeting that she has taken on 40 new clients in 2019 – a few were beef clients who needed a vet to buy drugs. She did say that veterinarian service is moving to haul-in service like has been done in western Canada for a long time; she has facilities at her clinic in Magnetawan where she can treat haul-in animals now. She'll charge clients

a Barn Fee of \$25.00 for the treatment facilities clean-up needs which makes the haul-in treatment cheaper than making a location call. Kelli told the meeting that clients from Trout Creek are now hauling their animals to her treatment facility in Magnetawan. Kelli said that for regular clients she sometimes accepts a cell phone call with a photo to make an assessment with a follow up visit later. She said she has hired a Vet Technician to help her with her business and that that person will be able to make calls to do certain things to help her out with client load. She took a poultry treatment program in 2019 to be better able to deal with the back-yard poultry clients. She said that she was planning to purchase a digital X-Ray machine, but that idea is on hold as our Canadian dollar value is not right to make a large purchase like that.

Dr Norma de Rose - commented that she has taken on a few new clients in 2019. For newer people in the area – that they need to set up a vet relationship before they need to call the vet.

Dr. Frits Verzijlenberg: the meeting was told that Dr. Frits has just hired a new large animal vet – so coverage of large animal calls can be better covered. All vets can make calls in a 70 kilometers radius from their clinic bases and the Veterinary Assistance Program will pay the current \$1.20 per kilometer to visit the livestock of their clients. Dr Frits' client base is Sundridge – so the new vet can service clients from Sundridge to Powassen, to past McKellar and south to past Huntsville.

2) Letters were sent to financial contributors for the assessments in 2019.

3) NPAHN requested the 2019 VSC fee to stay qualified with the Veterinarian Assistance Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Report from the NPAHN, AGM in Thunder Bay Oct 23 & 24th 2019: Doug Weddel and Gord Mitchell attended.

The 2019 AGM of NPAHN was held in Thunder Bay, as their local VSC had invited the AGM to come to their area of the program area, like other VSC's had invited the AGM to their locations in recent years.

October 23rd was a travel day. After check in the meeting convened for a group supper followed by a welcome from the Mayor of Thunder Bay as he outlined the city's growth and his support to the agricultural community. The guest speaker for the evening was Andy Livingstone, owner and manager of the Highway 17 Livestock Rest Stop for livestock travelling east and west. It was interesting to learn how he runs the rest stop as our NPAHN organization had supported the NOFIA's pilot project to educate 1st responders from Thunder Bay to North Bay – to know how to deal with livestock truck roll-overs in 2019.

October 24th – at 8:00 AM the group boarded a yellow school bus – the tour went to a Buffalo farm; to Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park; to Slate River Cheese Plant; to a dairy processing facility and finally to a 4th generation dairy operation that had 2 robotic milking machines. Little time was lost as we had to get back to the hotel to start the AGM by 2:30 pm.

The AGM started on time – broke for supper and was over by 8:15 pm.

In the New Business section of the AGM meeting a motion was approved with the idea of having the past president remain on the executive committee in an advisory role to the new executive so as not to lose their experience as a president. Another objective was to set-up a framework for VSC committees and members of the program livestock community to use in sorting out conflicts that arise from time to time.

Elect NPAHN Annual Meeting Delegates for 2020 meeting: NPAHN has not announced the location of their AGM – this item will be dealt with later.

Veterinary Contract update with East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee:

Dr Norma de Rose held the contract for fiscal year April 1st, 2018- to March 31st, 2019 – Call numbers 104 with \$11,115.60 earned from the program.

For the current fiscal year April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2020. As of the end of January in this contract year Dr Norma de Rose held 75% of the \$40,000.00 of the contract – did 94 calls and earned \$10,500. Dr Kelli Drost using the reminder 25% or \$10,000.00 of the contract – did 81 calls and earned \$4846.00

Approve Veterinarian Contract for East Parry Sound Designated Area for 2020 – 2021:

Motion moved by Jeff McLaren, seconded by Rex Smith that our veterinarian contract be split 50% to Dr Norma de Rose and 50% to Dr Kelli Drost. Carried. In the discussion leading to this motion – the fact that there is a new large animal vet in the area, but we do not know where she will be working. To split our contract – we know that we are using the benefit of our contract here is East Parry Sound area.

Approve Payment to NPAHN of \$1,000.00 Veterinarian Contract for East Parry Sound Designated Area:

Motion moved by Grant Crozier, seconded by Jeff McLaren. Carried.

Confirm Vet Service Committee Representatives: Current reps remain for 2020.

Machar: Ron McLaren

Strong: Jeff McLaren

Village Burks Falls: Rex Smith

Joly: Vacant

Township of Magnetawan: Keith Miller

Armour: Grant Crozier

Town Kearney: Wayne Fetterley

Ryerson: Penny Brandt

McMurrich: Dick Gibb

Perry: Doug Weddel

There was discussion to get a representative for the Township of Joly. Doug Weddel will approach the township about this question.

Motion to accept these Township representatives moved by Jeff McLean seconded by Grant Crozier. Carried.

Township assessment fees for 2020: Motion moved by Dick Gibb, seconded by Keith Miller that the assessment fees remain the same for the 2019. Carried.

Machar Township: \$ 160.00

Village of Burks Falls: \$ 100.00

Perry Township \$ 180.00

Ryerson: Township \$ 250.00

Armour Township \$210.00

Strong Township: \$ 310.00

Joly Township \$ 110.00

Town of Kearney: \$ 90.00

McMurrich/Monteith Township: \$ 90.00

Township of Magnetawan: \$ 385.00

Review and update the Constitution: In the package the Gord Mitchell delivered to the directors and guests prior to the AGM – was the constitution that had been updated in 2015. Gord had gone through it and updated terms that are in current use. As we were running late and there were a couple of concerns it was decided to do the revising later. Committee members can now have more time to reflect on changes or updates that they would like to see included in the revised constitution.

Election of Executive: Gord Mitchell conducted the election. After nominations and closing off on

nominations along with acceptances, Wayne Fetterley is the new President: and the Vice President will be Doug Weddel.

Secretary/treasurer account for 2020: Motion moved by Rex Smith seconded by Doug Weddel to name Gord Mitchell as secretary/treasurer. Carried. Gord Accepted.

Appoint auditor for 2020 Yearly review: Motion moved by Doug Weddel, seconded by Rex Smith to nominate Wayne Fetterley to review the books for 2020. Carried. Wayne accepted.

Open Agenda:

Doug Weddel spoke to the East Parry Sound Vet Committee at their AGM.

Having been a member of this committee for some 10 years I found working with committee members very interesting and encouraging. Having come from southern Ontario I was initially unaware of the value of a VSC or how it was structured certainly not for \$1000.00 paid by our Municipalities we as farmers would get \$40,000.00 toward cost of Vet Services {UNBELIEVEABLE}. I understand now this has gone on for some number of years. WHAT A DEAL THAT CAN NOT FAIL

This volunteer committee representation is made up of appointed members from each of the supporting town or townships. On May 02 2019 a member of this committee advised by email and I quote (It is so apparent that those sitting on this committee have absolutely no idea what this committee is about and what is available through NPAHN to producers) end of quote. This email was directed to our Secretary. This emailed included several other concerns of the committee member which were reviewed by the secretary and replied to.

Again, on March 25th 2020 our secretary and the entire committee received another email from this committee member which also included other concerns. The following comment I have taken concern with and I quote (sadly that is what a good majority of the members sitting on our committee are they show up yearly for the coffee and donuts) end of quote.

2019 was the return to our committee by a representative from Ryerson Township after being on this committee previously for several years before losing in a Township re-election. Possibly in her mind things have changed, I certainly disagree.

Being so negative and condescending with her remarks this year I must strongly object. I truly believe my fellow volunteer committee members are fully aware or comfortably aware of what they are voting for or would ask for a further explanation from the table.

I look around this table at our volunteer members and realize we are all doing our best and are all aware of matters through length on committee or are actual FARMERS.

Sadly, I believe having a constant source of negative thoughts will bring this committee to its knees. We can all learn which will result in positive outcomes for the success of the committee's operation.

Melanie Atkins guest from the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines: Spoke briefly on the role of the Ministry. She said that there is a help group from the ministry working in the area to help organizations work through issues and help them expand on their efforts going forward.

- 1) She sent the direct web link for the Veterinary Assistance Guidelines:
https://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/sites/default/files/vap_4000e_program_guidelines_2.pdf
- 2) Attached to the minutes a working outline of services of the local OMENDM office in North Bay in 2020

Adjournment was declared by Wayne at 8:50 pm to end the teleconference call. He thanked everyone for attending and participating.