

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO-Clerk (CAO)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief/Chief Building Official (FC/CBO)

The CAO was present for the entirety of the meeting. The DC was present for the public portion of the meeting. The FC/CBO was present during part of the meeting.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2026-038
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of February 26, 2026, as amended
Remove: 7.2 Live Fire Unit Agreement
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest – None noted**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
 - 4.1 Joe Lumley – Police Services Board
Resolution 2026-039
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Joe Lumley for his presentation regarding the Police Services Board; AND FURTHER THAT Council thanks Joe Lumley for being our area representative on this important board.
CARRIED
 - 4.2 Public Meeting – Bennett ZBLA
Resolution 2026-040
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recesses the Regular Meeting of Council of Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:10 pm to hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 34 (12), (13), (14) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to consider two Zoning Bylaw Applications:
 1. Application RZ-06-25 (Bennett), municipally known as 1046 Echo Ridge Road
 2. Application RZ-04-25 (Rusnak), municipally known as 112 Ostick RoadCARRIED

Resolution 2026-041
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the report from EcoVue Consulting in regard to the Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment RZ-06-25; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 2022-20 which will rezone a portion of the subject lands from the Tourist Commercial (CT) Zone to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone, a portion to the Rural (RU) Zone, and a portion to the Hazard Lands (HZ) Zones, as a condition of the SEPSDPB Consent Files B-04/25, B-041/25

AND FURTHER THAT a bylaw to this effect will be passed at the next Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED

4.3 Public Meeting – Rusnak ZBLA

Resolution 2026-042

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the report from EcoVue Consulting in regard to the Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment RZ-04-25; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the proposed amendment to Zoning Bylaw 2022-20 which will rezone a portion of the subject lands from the Residential Waterfront (RWF) Zone to the Residential Waterfront Exception XX (RWF-XX); AND FURTHER THAT a bylaw to this effect will be passed at the next Regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-43

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Meeting of Council pursuant to Section 34 (12), (13), (14) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, held Thursday, February 26, 2026, be adjourned at 6:25 pm and Council returns to the Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

5. Consent List

Resolution 2026-044

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2026, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council except for items:

5.1 February 5, 2026, Minutes

Which shall be referred to 6. Items Referred from the Consent List on the agenda.

CARRIED

6. Items Referred from the Consent List

Resolution 2026-045

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to obtain a legal opinion on whether Council is required to pass a resolution to approve the delegation of duties under such section, AND FURTHER in relation to delegation of duties, if the presence of the Deputy Clerk at the meeting will suffice.

Recorded Vote Requested by Keven Beaucage:

Councillor Beaucage:	For
Councillor Pateman:	Opposed
Mayor Philip:	For
Deputy Mayor Rickward:	For
Councillor Sharer	For

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-046

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the Draft February 5, 2026, minutes as circulated.

Recorded Vote Requested by Keven Beaucage:

Councillor Beaucage:	Opposed
Councillor Pateman:	For
Mayor Philip:	For
Deputy Mayor Rickward:	For
Councillor Sharer:	For

CARRIED

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Support in Principle boundary adjustment – Peace Valley Dr.

Resolution 2026-047

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recommend

approval of Consent to Sever Application B-004/24 to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board, with the following conditions:

1. That all Municipal taxes to date shall be paid in full.
2. That all Town fees and disbursements (legal, engineering, planning), if any incurred by the Town with respect to this application shall be paid for by the owner.
3. An updated Draft Reference Plan of Survey be provided to the Town of Kearney for review prior to registration.
4. That the RU-16 Zone applicable to the retained Lands (i.e. Parts 2 and 6 of Plan 42R-8256) be amended through a Zoning By-law Amendment to permit the reduced lot area resulting from the proposed lot addition.

CARRIED

7.2 was removed from the Agenda

7.3 DRAFT Election Signs By-law update from By-law 2018-15
Resolution 2026-048

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

WHEREAS By-law 2018-15, being a by-law to regulate Election Signs in the Town of Kearney has become outdated due to legislative changes and case law; AND WHEREAS Sections 8,9, 10 and 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c. 25 authorize municipalities to pass by-laws respecting structures, including signs and highways over which they have jurisdiction; AND WHEREAS sections 88.3 to 88.8 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, address campaign and third party advertising, including signs and highways over which they have jurisdiction; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby supports the passing of a new By-law to Regulate Elections Signs by-law, which will take place at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 SR 2026-15 Ayres Road
Resolution 2026-049

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts SR2026-15 regarding Ayres Road; AND FURTHER that Council directs Staff to move forward to communicate with the landowners which the trespass road crosses to discuss the conveyance of these lands.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT Updated Engineering Services Agreement – Tatham Engineering
Resolution 2026-050

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the updated Engineering Services Agreement with Tatham Engineering; AND FURTHER supports the signing of an agreement to take place by Bylaw later in this meeting.

CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion - nil

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2026-051

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from February 26, 2026, for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items:

- 9.1. Letter of Support - Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
- 9.2. Letter of Support - Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children
- 9.3. Letter of Support - Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors
- 9.4. Letter of Support - Opposition to Close LifeLabs Laboratory Greater Sudbury
- 9.5. Letter of Support - Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources
- 9.6. Letter of Support - Access to Reliable High-Speed Internet
- 9.7. Letter of Support - Invest Ready Certified Site Designation

10. **By-laws**
Resolution 2026-052
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, be passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:
10.1 Bylaw 2026-09 Being a Bylaw to govern Parking
10.2 Bylaw 2026-10 being a Bylaw to enter into an Agreement with Tatham Engineering for the provision of Engineering Services
CARRIED

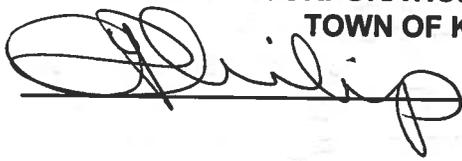
11. **Closed Session**
Resolution 2026-053
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:30 pm, under section 239 of the Municipal Act under the following subsections:
2(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual
2(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations
CARRIED

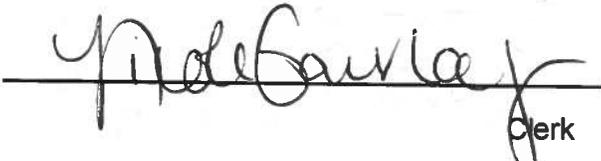
The FC/CBO left after a portion of the Closed Session. Councillor Beaucage left after a portion of the Closed session for the remainder of the meeting due to a declaration of interest a closed session matter.

Resolution 2026-54
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:31 pm
CARRIED

12. **Confirming By-law**
Resolution 2026-055
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-11 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2026, be read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book.
CARRIED

13. **Adjournment**
Resolution 2026-056
Moved by: Councillor Sharer Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 9:40 pm
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY


Mayor


Clerk