

**The Corporation of the Town of Kearney**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Staff Present:** Nicole Gourlay, CAO-Clerk (CAO)  
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer  
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)  
Jason Newman, Bylaw Enforcement  
Austin Wade, Bylaw Enforcement (Co-op Student)

The CAO and the Treasurer were present for the entirety of the meeting. The DC was present for the public portion of the meeting. The Bylaw Enforcement team were present for their portion 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 2026-075  
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of April 9, 2026, as circulated  
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest – None noted**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
  - 4.1 Zoning By-law Amendment – Peace Valley Drive (Schaefer)  
Resolution 2026-076  
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recesses the Regular Meeting of Council of Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:04 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 one Zoning Bylaw Application:
    1. Application RZ-01-26 (Schaefer), municipally known as 82 Peace Valley Drive  
CARRIED
  - Resolution 2026-077  
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; 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, April 9, 2026, be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. and Council returns to the Regular Council Meeting.  
CARRIED
  - Resolution 2026-078  
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward  
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-01-26; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the proposed amendment to Zoning Bylaw 2022-20 which will rezone a portion of the subject lands from the Rural Exception -16 (RU-16) to a new site-specific Rural Exception-XX (RU-XX) Zone, as a condition of SEPSDPB Consent File B-004/26; AND FURTHER THAT a bylaw to this effect will be passed at this Council meeting.  
CARRIED

**5. Consent List**

Resolution 2026-079

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, April 9, 2026, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

**6. Items Referred from the Consent List**

**7. Items for Discussion**

**7.1 Almaguin Minor Softball Association In-Kind Request**

Resolution 2026-080

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney received a request from the Almaguin Minor Softball Association for both a cash donation and an in-kind donation; AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the extent of volunteerism required of the organizers, the financial burden to carry the league forward, in providing adequate insurance coverage and incidentals as well as the need for access to facilities and equipment; NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines to donate a total of \$500 to the Almaguin Minor Softball Association; AND FURTHER that Council directs Staff to provide access to the Ball Diamond and the storage building at the Ball Diamond as well as the ball equipment contained within to the Almaguin Minor Softball Association.

CARRIED

**7.2 DRAFT Bylaw to Regulate Dogs**

Resolution 2026-081

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts the DRAFT Bylaw to Regulate Dogs; AND FURTHER that Council supports the passing of this bylaw which will take place later in this meeting.

CARRIED

**7.3 DRAFT Administrative Monetary Penalties System Bylaw**

Resolution 2026-082

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the DRAFT Administrative Monetary Penalties System Bylaw; AND FURTHER THAT Council requests the following changes: delete item #13 within Schedule A regarding Pit Bulls

CARRIED

**7.4 Staff Report 2026-24 Regarding Council Committee Structure**

Resolution 2026-083

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts SR2026-24 from the Treasurer regarding Committees of Council Structure; AND FURTHER that Council directs that the process of moving forward with the transitioning of the current Committees of Council structure to a Volunteer Advisory Councils structure to compliment the newly initiated role of Community Engagement and Recreation Coordinator shall proceed

CARRIED

**7.5 MEMO: Legal Opinion on Section 228(4) of the Municipal Act**

Resolution 2026-084

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 the Memo regarding a Legal Opinion received regarding Section 228.4 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended.

CARRIED

**8. Notice of Motion - Nil**

**9. Correspondence for Information**

Resolution 2026-085

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 April 9, 2026, for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items:  
9.2 FONOM – key northern investments in Ontario and NORDS Extension  
9.6 Support Resolution – Ontario Property Tax Reform  
9.7 Support Resolution – Motion to Reassess – Unfreeze Ontario  
CARRIED

**10. By-laws**

Resolution 2026-086

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

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 By-law 2026-17 being a By-law to Amend Zoning By-law 2022 – 20 (Schaefer)

10.2 By-law 2026-18 being a By-law to Adopt an Investment Policy

10.3 By-law 2026 -19 being a By-law to Regulate Dogs in the Town of Kearney

CARRIED

**11. Closed Session**

Resolution 2026-087

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 6:37 p.m. under Section 230 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections: 2(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual; 2(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations.

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-088

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 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED

**12. Confirming By-law**

Resolution 2026-089

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-20 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 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 2026-074

Moved by: Councillor Sharer Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 7:48 pm

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

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Mayor

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Clerk