

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, April 30, 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)
Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent
Jason Newman, Bylaw Enforcement
Bryan Austin, Bylaw Enforcement

The CAO-Clerk and the FC/CBO were present for the entirety of the meeting. The PWS and DC were present for the public portion of the meeting. The Bylaw Enforcement team were present for their portion of the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was observed

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2026-089
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of April 30, 2026, as circulated
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest – None noted**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
4.1 Delegation – Austin Toth regarding the Closure of the MAHC Cancer/Oncology Clinic in Huntsville
Resolution 2026-090
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney wishes to thank Austin Toth for his delegation and presentation to Council; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer Clinic / Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the petition available to the public at the municipal office AND FURTHER THAT Council sends a letter of support to MPP Graydon Smith and appropriate members.
CARRIED
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2026-091
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, April 30, 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 MEMO: Update on Roads Project
Resolution 2026-092
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Staff Memo regarding the update of the status of the 8 Road Capital Project for information only.

CARRIED

7.2 MEMO: Flooding & Status

Resolution 2026-093

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the Staff Memo regarding 2026 Flooding Updates for information only; AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to obtain proper elevation numbers for high water related to 2026 flooding

CARRIED

7.3 DRAFT MOU for ATV Club

Resolution 2026-094

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 DRAFT MOU for the Algonquin West ATV Club; AND FURTHER THAT the amount of liability insurance remains at \$5,000,000; AND FURTHER THAT an insurance certificate be provided annually; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the passing of a bylaw to enact the MOU which will take place at the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 DRAFT Joint Compliance Audit Committee By-law with Appointments

Resolution 2026-095

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the DRAFT Bylaw to Establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and Appoint Committee Members for the 2026 Municipal Election period.

CARRIED

7.5 AMO Attendance

Resolution 2026-096

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has reviewed the AMO annual Conference dates and agenda; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the following Council members to attend the Conference: Jill Sharer and Cheryl Philip.

CARRIED

7.6 DRAFT Deeming By-law Rusnak

Resolution 2026-097

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has reviewed the DRAFT deeming bylaw regarding the Rusnak property; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the passing of this bylaw which will take place later in this meeting.

CARRIED

8. **Notice of Motion – Discussion on Encouraging Property Clean-up**

Resolution 2026-098

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has a property standards by-law that is to be enforced by the Property Standards Officer; AND WHEREAS Council has received some comments regarding properties in the Town of Kearney; AND WHEREAS Staff encourage members of the community to maintain their properties within the Town of Kearney generally, but property standard complaints are required to be in writing from an individual to be acted upon; AND WHEREAS the current direction through the Property Standards By-law is that enforcement will be done through direct complaints only; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to encourage residents to utilize the spring season to clean up their properties by having a positive community clean up blitz; AND FURTHER THAT Staff educate members of the public in our property standards by-law, diversion streams and donation options for items that may be on their properties; AND FURTHER THAT this will begin a two-month property standards education and enforcement blitz.

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-099

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff

to waive tipping fees associated with property clean up for those residences identified by the Bylaw department as needing support.

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2026-100

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from April 30, 2026, for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items:

9.3 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the correspondence list from April 30, 2025 for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items: 9.3 Support Resolution – Request from AORS

CARRIED

10. By-laws

Resolution 2026-101

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

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 2026-21 Being a By-law to Establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and Appoint Committee Members for 2026

10.2 By-law 2026-22 Being a Deeming Bylaw (Rusnak)

10.3 By-law 2026-23 Being a By-law to enact a Monetary Penalty System

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-102

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:37 p.m. under Section 230 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections: 2(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual;

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-103

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 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

12. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2026-104

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-24 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of April 30, 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

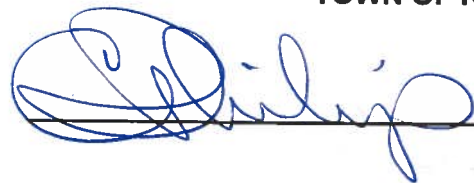
Resolution 2026-105

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

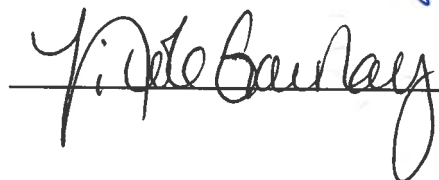
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:32 pm

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY



Mayor



Clerk

