

TOWN OF KEARNEY

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Disclosure of Interest

[At this time, Members of Council shall declare pecuniary interest, if any, with items on the agenda.]

4. Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings - nil

5. Consent List

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| 5.1. DRAFT April 30, 2026 and May 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes | Pg.3 |
| 5.2. RFSC Minutes November 6, 2025 and April 23, 2026 | Pg.8 |
| 5.3. Payment Register | Pg.14 |
| 5.4. SEPSDPB March 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes | Pg.18 |
| 5.5. AHHC Meeting Minutes April 2, 2026 | Pg.21 |

6. Items Referred from the Consent List

7. Items for Discussion

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| 7.1. DRAFT #2 Operational Budget | Pg.23 |
| 7.2. Regional Fire – DRAFT Live Fire Unit Agreement | Pg.37 |
| 7.3. MEMO – Sweeper | Pg.43 |
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| 7.6. Mayor Memo to Council – FONOM Conference Attendance | Pg.47 |
| 7.7. Draft Community Engagement Policy | Pg.52 |
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| 7.9. Discussion on upgrading and opening of Echo Ridge Subdivision Roads | |

8. Notice of Motion

9. Correspondence for Information

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| 9.1. 2026 Swimming Lessons Poster | Pg.63 |
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9.4. Resolution Support 'Circular Materials Ontario'	Pg.70
9.5. Resolution Support 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025'	Pg.76
9.6. Support Resolution Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Resolution	Pg.84
9.7. Kids Regatta Logo Winner	Pg.86
9.8. Regatta Logo Winner	Pg.87
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10. Bylaws

10.1 Bylaw 2026- 25 Being a Bylaw to enter into an Agreement with Algonquin West ATV	Pg.92
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11. Closed Session

Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, Council will move into closed session under the following subsections:

12. Confirming Bylaw

Bylaw 2026-26, Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

13. Adjournment

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

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Thursday, May 5, 2026 – 12:30 pm.

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

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk (CAO)
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T)
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief/Chief Building Official (FC/CBO)
Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent (PW)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

Staff and Council were present for the entirety of the meeting.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2026-106

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 Tuesday, May 5, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

Councillor Beaucage recused herself from discussions regarding line 032-002 due to family being a Staff member and pulled away from the table during that discussion

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Draft 2026 Capital Budget Discussion #2

Council reviewed the presented budget documents and discussed each pertinent budget line.

During discussions of line 032-002, Councillor Beaucage removed herself from the table (Staff Christmas gift)

Resolution 2026-107

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to defer the Lions Pavilion construction until 2027; AND FURTHER THAT Council agree to one day off in lieu of a Staff Christmas gift instead of a gift card

CARRIED

Due to technical difficulties (hydro/internet interruption) a 5 minute break was observed at 2:24 pm

The meeting resumed at 2:29 pm

Further interruptions were experienced at 2:58 pm, resulting in cessation of the discussions.

5. Adjournment

Resolution 2026-108

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:00 pm

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

DRAFT

**Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee
(RFSC)**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Perry Township Council Chambers
(Sign-in sheet attached)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Norm Hofstetter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-02

Moved by: Rod Ward

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Meeting, as presented.

Carried

3. Live Fire Training Unit

The Live Fire Training Unit is working extremely well so far. Each Fire Station has cycled through it a minimum of three times. Training has been a joint effort and has been completed in the evenings due to schedules, but the department is working to schedule a weekend training. The fire simulation is as real as can be achieved. The unit has also been used for search and rescue, ladder work, as well as other training.

4. Proposed Second Training Unit for Search and Rescue

The Fire Chiefs are not sure it is the right time to focus on a second unit. With new Fire Halls being built, it is best to consider in a few years. Looking at spreading resources out in the future. The existing Live Fire Training Unit can be used for fire and rescue. The Fire Chiefs confirmed that the former Perry Municipal Office is no longer required for search and rescue training. They have a few props and materials to get out prior to demolition, but can be cleared prior to demo in 2026.

5. MOU – Live Fire Training Unit

Resolution No. 2025-03

Moved by: Dan Robertson

Seconded by: Chris Hope

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby recommends that the Councils of the 7 member municipalities hereby support that the Township of Perry forward the MOU and comments from their insurance to Russell Christie's Office for their legal opinion and update; ***And that*** the costs associated with the legal opinion be payable on a 1/7th share by each member municipality as per the Terms of Reference; ***And that*** the Final Agreement be circulated to each municipality to be adopted by By-law.

Carried

6. Updates on Recruitment and Retention

Online portion of the Recruitment Class starts December 4, 2025. There are 18-20 recruits.

7. Regional Training – Update and Discussion

This item came up for discussion as a reminder that the contract expires in 2027 and the RTO has mentioned potential retirement. The Chiefs outlined that this has been a discussion with consideration of hiring someone in the area that would work 5 days a week rotating within the 5 stations and also would respond to calls.

8. Shared Equipment

RDC was purchased and in service as of May 2025. In addition, the department acquired an additional one by donation that has been incorporated into the training.

9. DZ Driver Training Program

The DZ Driver Training Program has begun. Perry hosted the one-day training and opened it to all stations. The 10 firefighters within the region attended the one-day training session covering off the requirements for daily checks, including but not limited to testing air brakes, low pressure sensors, etc. Each firefighter is required to complete the driving practice within their own stations. November 27 and 28 has been blocked off at MTO in Huntsville for drive test.

10. Other Business

Rod Ward requested an update on reporting. Chiefs outlined with the new FirePro program reporting will be made simpler and Chiefs will be able to report on training, response hours, response times, number of calls for service, etc. Most stations have or are getting the program.

Burk's Falls, Armour and Ryerson together and Magnetawan are in the process of building new halls. Kearney is looking at a new hall, planned in approximately 3 years.

The Chiefs outlined that drones are being used within the department and have already had success using them in various situations, including assisting in search and rescue of a lost person.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in February 2026.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2026.

original signed by Rod Ward

Rod Ward, Acting Chair

**Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee
(RFSC)**

MINUTES

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Perry Township Council Chambers
(see Sign-in sheet)

1. Call to Order

Rod Ward, Mayor of Armour Township was Acting Chair and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Terms of Reference was reviewed for Quorum and confirmed.

2. Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-01

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Mike Rickward

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the November 6, 2025 Meeting as presented.

Carried

3. Live Fire Training Unit Agreement

The RFSC reviewed the comments provided by the Fire Chiefs, Clerks and Treasurers, along with those Councils that submitted their comments. There was discussion on capital and operating expenditures, as well as the terms for withdrawal (reimbursement and other costs). The majority supported including a buyout with schedule and a clause to address if Perry were to withdraw from the agreement.

\$1,500 reserves to be established for each of the five fire departments to cover maintenance of the Live Fire Unit. Perry will manage the maintenance costs and bill out annually to each of the five fire departments.

It was requested that a clause be placed into the agreement that there be no new parties included into the agreement.

The unit was purchased at a deep discount. It is recommended that municipalities consider placing money into their capital reserves for future replacement of the unit in 25-30 years.

4. Updates on Recruitment and Retention

The recruit class is now completed. The class started with 21, and as of today they are at 19, with 2 on-board and 17 testing on April 27, 2026. This number is spread evenly across the 5 fire departments.

5. Regional Training – Update and Discussion

The Regional Training Officer (RTO) provided an update on current training being provided. They are focusing on Instructor Level 2 course and creating curriculum, NFPA 1001 and 1002 and Level 1 and 2 Pump Ops. Also 1006 Water Rescue training.

6. New FirePro program, management of training records

The FirePro program cannot import documents as they had originally been advised. The RTO provides hard copy in company training folder and sends Adobe document as well to the Fire Chiefs. RTO has a secure back-up process in place to protect records. Should there ever be an investigation by Ministry of Labour, RTO can ensure that the Fire Chief is provided required electronic documents within their usual 72 hour requirement. RTO contract is specific that RTO manages the records. Joe Readman, Fire Chief for Burk's Falls/Armour/Ryerson is looking into a new electronic system "First Due". It is more costly than FirePro so the other Fire Chiefs are going to wait until he has tested the program and its capabilities before looking further into changing from FirePro.

7. GPS / camera systems on Fire Vehicles

The GPS / camera systems are very successful for Public Works and other municipal departments, however it is not recommended for Fire Services. There are concerns for privacy when attending medical calls and there are also liability concerns around their use in the Fire Department. Returning from a call, firefighters will 'debrief' and that discussion should not be recorded. It was also noted that when a responder is debriefing following a call, when recorded, they may not always let go of everything they need to. Debriefing is very important for firefighter mental health.

8. Other Business

The Committee would like to coordinate a meeting in September so that they may discuss a succession plan for regional training for the future. RTO Agreement will expire one year after new Council is in place.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date in September 2026.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Rod Ward, *Acting Chair*

Town of Kearney
A/P Batch Report (Period April 8 - 30)
Batch: 2026-00029 to 2026-00037

Bank Code - AP - GENERAL AP

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
35525	4/21/2026	Abell Pest Control	A7877709	May Pest Control	62.15	
			A7913761	May Pest Control	65.61	
			A7921352	May Pest Control	178.47	306.23
35526	4/21/2026	Bay Press	14670	Annual Fire Permits	755.97	755.97
35527	4/21/2026	Bell Canada	Apr 7/26	April Telephone	83.88	83.88
35528	4/21/2026	CRA - Receiver General	Mar 16-31/26	Source Deductions (Mar 16-31)	16,410.48	16,410.48
35529	4/21/2026	CRA - Receiver General	Mar1-15/26	Source Deductions (March 1-15)	17,870.38	17,870.38
35530	4/21/2026	Eastholme	EH/26 Q1 Levy	1st qtr levy payment	37,067.25	37,067.25
35531	4/21/2026	Minister Of Finance (EHT)	2025 Annual	2025 Annual Return (April - Dec)	18,666.46	18,666.46
35532	4/21/2026	REV - Fetterley's Gas & Convenience c				
35533	4/21/2026	Grenier, Jason	JG/26 - FDsup	Reimbursement for supplies	45.20	45.20
35534	4/21/2026	Noveltymann	1096	Shirts with logos	1,221.53	1,221.53
35535	4/29/2026	Active Lock & Safe	24540	New Switch for Exterior	330.53	330.53
35536	4/29/2026	Almaguin Minor Softball Association	C.R. 2026-080	Council Donation	500.00	500.00
35537	4/29/2026	Bell Mobility Inc.	April 11/26 PW	April Cell Phones x 2	78.32	
			Apr. 11/26 FD	April Cell Phone	44.35	
			Apr.11/26 BD	March Data Flex Plan	154.73	277.40
35538	4/29/2026	Bell Canada (Internet)	April 19, 2026	April Internet Service	180.68	180.68
35539	4/29/2026	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	2271670	Maintenance Supplies	41.18	
			2271774	Water line repair parts	335.95	377.13
35540	4/29/2026	ClayMar Electric	5296	Diagnose & service air compressor	2,584.88	2,584.88
35541	4/29/2026	CRA - Receiver General	April 1-15/26	April Source Deductions (April 1-15)	13,887.18	13,887.18
35542	4/29/2026	CRA - Receiver General	April 16-30/26	April Source Deductions (Apr 16-31)	28,473.11	28,473.11
35543	4/29/2026	CUPE Local 1813	Apr/26 Dues	April Union Dues	1,117.34	1,117.34
35544	4/29/2026	D.P.S.M.A	SprMtg -Council	Council Delegates - Spring Meetin	250.00	
			Spr Mtg - Staff	Staff Delegates - Spring Meeting	100.00	350.00
35545	4/29/2026	Doucette, Terry	TD - G1580426	Reimburse Vol FF - Police Record:	131.00	131.00
35546	4/29/2026	Glen Martin Ltd.				

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Town of Kearney
A/P Batch Report (Period April 8 - 30)
Batch: 2026-00029 to 2026-00037

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
			433176-1	Ultra Hypo Dish Wash	36.40	
			433176	Cleaning Supplies	207.38	243.78
35547	4/29/2026	McKay, Scott	SM/26 C.A.	Personal Safety Vest	45.19	45.19
35548	4/29/2026	Moore Propane Ltd.	151014555	Liquid Propane (Furnace) - Apr 14	568.41	568.41
35549	4/29/2026	Muskoka Springs Inc	264618	Water Jugs	44.72	
			264618 Office	Water Jugs	44.72	
			264617	Summer Supplies	533.19	622.63
35550	4/29/2026	Noveltymann	1110	Navy T & Long sleeved shirts	797.78	797.78
35551	4/29/2026	OMERS	Apr/26 Pension	April Pension Contributions	20,135.96	20,135.96
35552	4/29/2026	Purolator Inc.	565231999	Courier Charges	6.28	6.28
35553	4/29/2026	Ransome Well Drilling Ltd	794744	Carbon Filters - water system	255.38	
			794475	Carbon Filters & Sensor - Water S	1,058.81	1,314.19
35554	4/29/2026	The Space Upstairs	April 10 2026	Kid's Dance Class - Instructor Fee:	761.25	761.25
35555	4/29/2026	Three Mile Truck & Trailer Repair	3082	Repair leaking air line	299.17	
			3078	Fix air leak at tank	268.79	567.96
35556	4/29/2026	United Rotary Brush Corporation Canada	C153641	Poly Conv Wafer / Wire Conv Wafer	2,291.38	2,291.38
35557	4/29/2026	Waites, Scott	SW Reg/25	Reimburse Regatta Expenses	131.15	131.15
Total Computer Cheque:						168,122.59

EFT

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
310	4/22/2026	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience c/o	Apr1-13/26 PK	Department Vehicle Fuel	125.00	
			Apr1-13/26 PK/s	New Flag	24.48	
			Apr1-13/26 FD/b	Salt for water system	33.88	183.36
311	4/22/2026	Fowler Construction Company Limited	93323-HST	HST owed on inv. 93323 (EFT 294	449.73	
			93323-HST.	HST owed on inv. 93323 (EFT 294	2,871.76	3,321.49
312	4/22/2026	Lake Country Office Solutions	118824	April fax service	33.90	33.90
313	4/22/2026	SDB Truck & Equipment Repairs	13945	Oil change and service inspection	301.71	
			14171	Truck 310 Safety & Oil Change	2,944.22	3,245.93
314	4/22/2026	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience c/o	Apr1-13/26 FD.	Department Vehicle Fuel (pt of \$61	329.85	
			Apr1-13/26 BD.	Department Vehicle Fuel (pt of \$61	106.00	435.85
315	4/22/2026	REV - Fetterley's Gas & Convenience c				

Voided (error)

Town of Kearney
A/P Batch Report (Period April 8 - 30)
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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
316	4/29/2026	Agriculture Forestry Construction Inc.				
			8863	Service & Repair	320.36	
			8897	Inspection & repair	640.71	
			8896	Inspection & repair	160.18	1,121.25
317	4/29/2026	1001204734 Ontario Inc.				
			44	New Truck Graphics	1,017.00	1,017.00
318	4/29/2026	Bowman Fuels Ltd.				
			844511	Vehicle Fuel April 15	204.04	
			844514	Vehicle Fuel April 15	1,438.09	1,642.13
319	4/29/2026	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc				
			26-2095-502	Planning Consultation (011-667)	353.13	
			25-2095-1504	Planning Consultation (011-672)	528.28	
			26-2095-303	Planning Consultation (011-751)	211.88	
			25-2095-1303	Pre-Consultation (011-748)	329.11	
			25-2095-804	ROW Consent (011-749)	631.39	
			25-2095-1103	ZBA (011-721)	129.95	
			25-2095-903	Pre-Consultation (011-746)	759.94	
			26-2095-202	Lot Addition (011-750)	1,847.55	
			26-2095-102-S	Prepare & attend meeting (011-667)	364.43	
			26-2095-102-A	Severance (011-667)	35.31	
			26-2095-402	ZBA (011-750)	1,765.63	6,956.60
320	4/29/2026	Harvie, Kent				
			KH Mar/Apr CP	March & April Cell Phone Usage	60.00	60.00
321	4/29/2026	Harvie, Leslie				
			LH Jan-Apr KMS	Jan - April KMS for bank deposits	20.30	20.30
322	4/29/2026	Leblond, Jenny				
			JL Mar-Apr C.P	March & April Cell Phone Usage	60.00	
			JL Exps Reimb	Fitness Supplies	28.24	
			JL Fish Dinn	Fish Dinner Beverages Reimburse	131.37	219.61
323	4/29/2026	REV - Logan, Becky				
				<i>voided (error)</i>		
324	4/29/2026	Muskoka Rent-All Huntsville				
			506089	Vehicle parts	51.12	51.12
325	4/29/2026	Netspectrum				
			120786	May Internet	79.04	79.04
326	4/29/2026	Novexco Inc				
			94611483	Office Supplies	27.30	
			94663731	Office Administration Supplies	366.03	393.33
327	4/29/2026	Pro Mac Equipment Ltd				
			002052	Cutting Tooth	1,204.99	1,204.99
328	4/29/2026	Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 276				
			INV.Snow Blow	Snow clearing in vendor area	508.50	
			EasterBreakfast	Easter Bunny Breakfast - Shared E	300.00	808.50
329	4/29/2026	Russell Christie LLP				
			52097458 Apr 7	Tax Arrears Registration (09104)	1,149.28	
			52097463 Apr 7	Tax Arrears Registration (09114)	1,055.02	
			52097462 Apr 7	Tax Arrears Registration (09158)	1,249.42	
			52097461 Apr 7	Tax Arrears Registration (09152)	1,297.74	
			52097460 Apr 7	Tax Arrears Registration (09169)	1,120.79	5,872.25
330	4/29/2026	Tatham Engineering Ltd				
			106115	Various Services (Project 0226006	1,875.80	1,875.80

Town of Kearney
A/P Batch Report (Period April 8 - 30)
 Batch: 2026-00029 to 2026-00037

EFT

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
		Invoice #			
331	4/29/2026	Corporation of the Township Of Armou ARM-26-46	March Hours / Milerage / Expense:	6,403.02	6,403.02
				Total EFT:	34,945.47
				Total AP:	203,068.06

Report Prepared for Council Meeting of May 21, 2026

SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
VIA ZOOM

Attending Members: R. Ward
D. O’Halloran
N. Hofstetter
C. Philip
C. Hope
G. Miller (alternate)

Attending Staff: L. Moyer
J. Ross

MINUTES:

The meeting opened at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was chaired by R. Ward. The administrative portion of the meeting was held after the hearings.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION 20/26 **Moved by:** **C. Hope**
Seconded by: **C. Philip**

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 25, 2026 Minutes be approved as presented.” – CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Administrative

There were no administrative items.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Status of Applications

L. Moyer reported that there are 5 consent applications in progress, 2 consent applications in stages of completion and 1 consent application that has not been reviewed.

Complete application requirement – Hydrogeological Assessment

Members discussed the complete application requirement of a hydrogeological assessment for a proposed subdivision application. A resolution was presented at the February 25, 2026 Board Meeting and was tabled until the Township of McMurrich/Monteith provided comment.

(6.) **Financial Report cont'd.**

MOTION 23/26

Moved by: C. Hope
Seconded by: G. Miller

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT we pay the bills as presented and approve cheque no. 282 to L. Moyer for \$5,316.65 (RRSP); cheque no. 283 to L. Moyer for \$3,358.15; payment (online) to Receiver General for \$2,418.99; cheque no. 1730 to LannyD.Planning for \$1,017.00; payment (online) to Virgin Plus for \$54.25; payment (online) to Township of Perry for \$35.00." – CARRIED

7. **Other Business**

There was no other business

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. until the next regular meeting on April 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

MOTION 24/26

Moved by: C. Hope
Seconded by: D. O'Halloran

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn at 7:41 p.m. until the next regular meeting on April 22, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or at the call of the Chair." – CARRIED

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer



705-382-2900
www.almaguin-health.org

Minutes: April 2, 2026, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, Deb Duce (Secretary), Sandy Zurbrigg, Cheryl Harrison, David Gray, Joel Baylis, Courtney Metcalf.

Regrets: Dr. Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Raynard, David Gravelle.

Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair R. Ward

1. 2026-08 Moved by Brad Kneller - Seconded by Jim Ronholm
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of March 5, 2026, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:** None
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
 - a) **150 Houston Building Deficits**

Discussion of challenges with the report and options for the future to ensure accuracy and to prepare for the new Councils in plan following fall elections. Township of Armour CAO provided recommendations.
 - b) **Update on AHHC Progress Infographics Report**

C. Metcalf shared that the report will be ready for review in the next week.
 - c) **Updates**
 - a. **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare**

C. Harrison shared information on a recent meeting with municipal leadership, Hospital fundraising, and capital development status.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2029-09 Moved by Vickey Roeder-Martin - Seconded by Norm Hofstetter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 10:56 a.m. to meet again on May 7, 2026, at 10:00 am at Perry Township.

Carried.



MEMO

Date: May 21st, 2026
 To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
 From: Jenny Leblond, Treasurer
 Subject: 2026 Operating Budget Highlights – Second Draft

Please find attached the following documents as part of the second draft of the operating budget.

- Second Draft 2026 Operating Budget
- Amended 2026 Capital Budget
- Summary of Reserves
- Summary of Tax Rates and Assessment Values

The second draft has reduced the % tax change from 6.92% to 4.93%. This equates to a change in the tax levy for an average single-family dwelling from \$118.27 to \$84.15 (based on an average CVA of \$144,000) from the first draft. See figure 1.

Figure 1:
Tax Tools, 2026 Tax Impact on Median/Typical Property

Using Actual rates on May 15, 2026 1:11PM EST.

Kearney Town, 4918

Select Tax Purpose: Total Taxes

Include Special Area Levies

OK

User Parameters Close Export to Excel

Rollnum	RTC	RTQ	Description	Prop Code	Prop Count	2025 CVA	2026 CVA	% CVA Change	2025 Total CVA Taxes	2026 Total CVA Taxes	\$ Tax Change	% Tax Change
4918010001142000000	R	T	Single Family Home	301	216	144,000	144,000	0.00%	1,708.33	1,792.48	84.15	4.93%
4918030001118010000	R	T	Seasonal Recreational Dwelling	391	850	262,000	262,000	0.00%	3,108.21	3,261.32	153.11	4.93%
4918030001083050000	R	T	Farm House	211	7	124,300	124,300	0.00%	1,474.62	1,547.26	72.64	4.93%
4918030005078009801	F	T	Farmland	211	4	34,100	34,100	0.00%	101.13	106.11	4.98	4.92%
4918020005066000000	T	T	Managed Forest	240	114	55,000	55,000	0.00%	163.12	171.16	8.04	4.93%
4918030001398059801	C	T	Small Retail Commercial Property	410	2	325,000	325,000	0.00%	5,653.27	5,862.19	208.92	3.70%
4918010001120409801	I	T	Standard Industrial Property	520	1	163,000	163,000	0.00%	2,770.17	2,854.05	83.88	3.03%

Please note that Figure 1 does not include all the property codes/counts, just the typical, more common ones.

Figure 2 on the next page breaks down the number of residential properties and how each would see a similar average increase.

Figure 2:

Tax Tools, 2026 Frequency Distribution of Tax Impact by Prop

Using Actual rates on May 15, 2026 1:20PM EST.

Kearney Town, 4918

Residential

Click on any range to see property listing.

Properties with Increases

Dollar Increase	Number of Properties	% of Total	% of Grand Total	Average Change	Total Dollar Increase
0 -100	1090	53.67	53.67	41	44,865
100 -200	565	27.82	27.82	142	80,455
200 -300	261	12.85	12.85	242	63,250
300 -500	102	5.02	5.02	364	37,120
500 -700	9	0.44	0.44	585	5,261
700 -1,000	4	0.20	0.20	877	3,508
1,000 -1,500	0	0.00	0.00		0
1,500 -2,000	0	0.00	0.00		0
2,000 -3,000	0	0.00	0.00		0
3,000 -Over	0	0.00	0.00		0
Total	2031	100	100.00	115	234,458
Grand Total	2031			115	234,458

The first draft had just under half of the residential properties in Kearney seeing an average increase of \$43. The second draft has over 53% with an average of \$41.

Changes Noted:

- Largest change to note is that the Lions Park Pavilion construction will be pushed to start spring of 2027. The project will start in 2026 with professional services such as planning, drawings, permits and tendering. This created a reduction in the levy of \$123,000.
- Increased Recycling Revenues by \$1000 to account for electronics diversion
- Increased Gym Rentals to \$3000 as actuals are up to \$1225 as of May 15, 2026
- Increased Council Training, Dues and Mileage to account for two members of Council attending AMO
- Increased volunteer fire fighter pay/training by \$6500 to include a wellness benefit
- Created a new account for Bunker Gear testing and repairs of \$3400
- Reduced Building office supplies and training by \$6500
- Reduced Sweeper expense to \$1000 if Council makes decision to purchase used one
- Increased winter salt and sand to \$95,000 as to purchase an additional 500 tonnes
- Increase to Fowler Road agreement because actuals of salt and sand to end of 25/26 winter season were received
- Increased miscellaneous planning expenses for general inquiries

Items for discussion

- 1) Volunteer fire fighter wellness benefit? – the volunteers are not eligible to join the staff benefit plan. The treasurer of Perry shared their program.
- 2) Split of interest revenue between operations and reserves?

Prepared by:

Jenny Leblond, Treasurer

Town of Kearney
2026 Operating Budget - Second Draft

Changes highlighted in yellow

		2025 Unaudited Actuals	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Actuals to April 27th 2026	Comments
Revenues					
Taxation and Payments in Lieu					
020-001	Tax Levy-Set Up Taxes	4,756,305.32	5,098,008.12	2,377,592.12	
020-002	Supplementaries	72,083.33	12,000.00	3,920.07	MPAC projections
020-003	Pay-in-Lieu/Canada Post/Ont Graphite	1,235.02	0.00	0.00	
020-201	Education Req - EP	-588,667.21	-600,475.00	-149,750.00	from OPTA
020-202	Education Req - FP	-11,238.67	-2,520.00	-711.00	from OPTA
020-203	Education Req - ES	-27,289.02	-34,381.00	-8,914.00	from OPTA
020-204	Education Req - FS	-7,285.67	-7,009.00	-1,817.00	from OPTA
Total Taxation and Payments in Lieu:		4,195,143.10	4,465,623.12	2,220,320.19	
Grants					
021-001	OMPF Grant	800,300.00	917,300.00	229,325.00	2026 increase of \$117,000 over 2025
021-002	CCBF (formerly gas tax)	0.00	156,814.00	0.00	as per Capital Budget
021-005	NORDS Funding (Prev.Main Street)	114,259.04	0.00	0.00	funding complete in 2025
021-006	PROVINCIAL FUNDING	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	as per amended Capital Budget
021-009	Donations: Lions Pavilion Project (2026)	0.00	0.00	24,355.60	reserves
021-023	OPP Detachment Revenue	2,720.20	2,500.00	767.06	
021-401	Fire Protection Grant	8,164.00	17,118.00	0.00	qualified for 2026 grant
021-403	Emergency Preparedness Grant	41,272.00	0.00	0.00	no grant opportunity in 2026
021-421	Provincial Offences Act (P.O.A.)	1,860.00	2,500.00	0.00	moving to AMPs and away from POAs
021-422	CSPT-Court Security Prisoner Transpor	333.00	397.00	397.00	
021-423	OCLIF (Cannabis)	1,582.20	1,500.00	0.00	
021-502	Aggregate Resources Trust	4,287.41	4,000.00	5.45	
021-504	OCIF Formula Based Funding	269,307.14	239,732.00	0.00	as per Capital Budget
021-601	Recycling/Hazardous Waste Grants (EP)	66,616.89	15,400.00	0.00	new provincial recycling program, added electronics recycling
021-711	Elderly Persons Operating Grant (SALC)	22,940.00	0.00	0.00	waiting for grant approval
021-712	Elderly Persons Special Grant	1,137.00	0.00	0.00	waiting for grant approval
021-715	WSIB Rebate Revenue	0.00	26,190.24	26,190.24	one time WSIB rebate
Total Grants:		1,372,778.88	1,383,451.24	281,040.35	
User Fees					
022-321	Tax Certificates	2,592.52	2,500.00	1,040.00	
022-322	Photocopy & Fax Services Revenue	47.16	50.00	11.36	
022-401	Fire Dept Misc. Revenue	18,294.22	12,000.00	0.00	
022-441	Zoning Compliance Letter	12,500.00	1,000.00	200.00	
022-491	911 Civic Number Signs	969.91	1,000.00	245.00	
022-601	Tipping Fees / Other	27,506.43	27,000.00	962.00	
022-811	Kearney Dog Sled Revenue	25,497.35	17,148.00	17,148.00	
022-812	Regatta Revenue	30,992.75	30,000.00	2,226.00	
022-813	Recreation Programs (Fitness & Other)	18,779.79	26,000.00	7,626.78	
022-821	KCC Committee Revenue	1,057.20	1,000.00	35.00	
022-841	Art Show Revenue	9,457.90	8,500.00	65.34	
022-901	Planning Revenue	12,467.00	10,000.00	1,350.00	
Total User Fees:		161,909.44	136,198.00	30,909.48	
License and Permits					
023-001	Lottery Licence. Revenue	754.75	800.00	421.50	
023-002	Trailer Annual Permit	4,200.00	4,000.00	1,400.00	
023-003	Marriage License Revenue	600.00	600.00	0.00	
023-401	Fire Permits & Inspection Revenue	5,819.00	5,000.00	0.00	
023-441	Building Permits Revenue	87,917.81	60,000.00	6,744.00	
023-461	Dog Tags	382.00	400.00	60.00	
023-501	Driveway/Entrance/Oversize/Permits	3,850.00	3,500.00	0.00	
Total License and Permits:		103,523.56	74,300.00	8,625.50	
Rental Income					
024-821	Gym Rentals (Community Hall)	675.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	increased
024-822	Seniors' Lounge Rental	110.62	200.00	0.00	

Total Rental Income:		785.62	3,200.00	1,200.00	
Other Revenue					
025-501	SOES-Scarborough School Brd Rd Mair	12,161.52	12,500.00	0.00	
026-001	Bank Interest	104,423.84	25,000.00	20,774.64	will be attaching more interest to reserves
026-002	Interest On Taxes	59,791.33	45,000.00	15,380.98	
027-001	By-Law Enforcement Revenue (Fines)	4,145.00	4,000.00	0.00	
027-811	Centennial Committee Revenue	140.00	0.00	0.00	
028-001	Miscellaneous Revenues	41,501.34	40,000.00	841.96	includes Tax registration fees and recovered legal fees
Total Other Revenue:		222,163.03	126,500.00	36,997.58	
Transfer from Reserve					
029-001	Transfer from Reserves	354,679.08	407,892.84	0.00	as per amended Capital Budget plus Ralph Bice, union negotiations & Elections, swimming and recreation events
	Loan proceeds for Tandum truck		390,000.00		as per Capital Budget
Total Transfer from Reserve:		354,679.08	797,892.84	0.00	
Total Revenues:		6,410,982.71	6,987,165.20	2,579,093.10	
Expenses					
General Government Expenses					
030-001	Council Honorariums	69,100.00	76,800.00	19,200.00	as per By-Law 2025-35
030-010	Council EHT & CPP	3,751.91	3,450.00	860.85	
030-020	Council Sundry Expenses	502.46	2,000.00	508.80	
030-035	Council Insurance	1,135.08	1,135.08	0.00	
030-040	Council Training, Dues & Mileage	675.81	6,500.00	438.37	2X FONOM, 5X DPSMA, mileage, 2X AMO
030-050	Council Donations	715.00	1,500.00	0.00	Wreath, Lions Telethon, etc
031-020	Election Expenses	1,549.64	18,500.00	1,424.64	election costs plus training costs
031-900	Transfer to Election Reserve	4,075.00	0.00	0.00	No contribution in year of the election
032-001	Administration - Wages & Benefits	580,046.29	657,351.28	182,764.55	
032-002	Staff Appreciation/Service Awards	5,539.33	1,000.00	0.00	New Community Engagement &Rec position 2025 is gift cards at Christmas that was not budgeted
032-020	Office Postage, Supplies and Sundries	17,470.22	17,500.00	5,497.48	
032-023	Computer and Equipment Maint	48,842.51	48,000.00	14,565.18	
032-025	CGIS Expenses / SCOOP	9,188.98	9,463.64	6,045.59	Cost of Living increase
032-026	Advertising	1,173.55	1,000.00	0.00	
032-027	Association Dues	3,975.99	4,000.00	3,071.40	MFOA, FCM, AMCTO, AMO, DPSMA, Amazon Business
032-030	Telephone	3,152.26	3,800.00	1,120.43	
032-031	Hydro	14,274.23	14,000.00	2,797.34	
032-035	Insurance-Administration	61,897.61	64,195.14	198,154.08	Actual was not split out by department at time of report
032-040	Training & Professional Development	10,966.03	14,500.00	3,001.12	increased budget by \$2000 over 2025 for additional position
032-045	Community Engagement/Events	0.00	5,000.00	288.49	New account
032-050	MPAC - Property Assessment	58,349.56	60,437.12	30,218.56	
032-051	Contracted General Legal/Title Search	167,053.97	75,000.00	28,059.94	
032-053	Auditor	32,843.75	28,052.00	0.00	
032-054	Contracted Accounting	9,990.21	0.00	0.00	
032-056	Human Resources Consultant	-10.00	0.00	0.00	
032-057	CUPE Negotiation Costs-Legal/other	26,424.54	45,000.00	13,994.05	
032-058	UFCW Negotiation Costs-Legal/other	5,272.71	0.00	0.00	
032-065	Bank Charges & Interest	3,435.09	3,000.00	731.43	
032-100	Mileage Expenses	49.83	350.00	72.83	
032-800	General Government Capital	9,417.91	122,000.00	2,025.03	as per capital budget
032-890	GG contra capital	-14,802.51	0.00	0.00	
032-891	Amortization - General Government	22,571.01	0.00	0.00	
Total General Government Expenses:		1,161,127.97	1,283,534.26	514,840.16	
Protective Services Expenses					
040-001	KVFD - Fire Wages & Benefits	138,851.95	130,734.60	46,314.15	
040-003	KVFD - Volunteer Pay/Training/Health S	116,057.86	122,500.00	-14,292.31	Increase for wellness benefit
040-010	KVFD - Volunteer WSIB, EHT	1,684.37	1,600.00	0.00	
040-020	KVFD - Administrative Expenses	7,445.16	7,800.00	5,768.59	

040-022	KVFD - Public Education	5,674.79	7,000.00	623.15	
040-023	KVFD-Repeater Tower/PS Dispatch	8,696.88	9,800.00	2,936.18	
040-024	Emergency Preparedness Grant Expen	45,178.83	0.00	0.00	
040-025	KVFD - Equipment Maintenance	6,910.15	7,000.00	243.76	
040-026	KVFD - Small Equipment Purchases	11,005.13	10,000.00	0.00	
040-027	KVFD Bunker Gear Testing & Repairs	0.00	3,400.00	3,392.45	new budget line
040-030	KVFD - Telephone	905.01	1,200.00	786.78	
040-031	KVFD - Hydro/Heat	8,122.59	9,000.00	2,892.53	
040-032	KVFD - Building Expenses	11,642.88	15,000.00	6,258.71	
040-035	KVFD - General & Firefighters Insurance	45,294.88	48,816.10	0.00	
040-041	KVFD - Joint Training Officer (Ryerson)	16,681.60	16,682.00	4,270.40	
040-042	KVFD - Uniforms	6,185.96	6,000.00	1,507.04	
040-060	MNR Fire Agreement	7,981.15	8,190.00	0.00	
040-100	KVFD - Vehicle Expenses	34,220.70	25,000.00	9,401.62	
040-101	Fire Protection Grant Expenses	8,149.19	17,118.00	17,076.22	
040-723	2007 E-One Pumper/Tanker Principal	10,244.18	10,750.19	0.00	
040-724	2007 E-one Pumper/Tanker Interest	2,949.82	2,443.81	0.00	
040-800	KVFD - Capital Purchases Equipment	58,267.39	163,851.00	102,281.53	as per capital budget
040-890	Fire CONTRA CAPITAL	-77,447.22	0.00	0.00	
040-891	KVFD - Amortization - Fire Department	77,375.56	0.00	0.00	
040-901	Fire & 1st Resp donations to reserve	339,303.00	0.00	0.00	
041-021	1st Response - Medical Supplies	1,316.88	2,500.00	1,207.44	
042-020	Policing (Realignment)	315,480.00	350,179.00	58,364.00	
042-021	Police Services Board	723.41	1,000.00	0.00	
044-001	Building Dpt Wages & Benefits	199,497.36	89,700.82	19,186.86	Deputy CBO/Facilities Mgr partial year
044-020	Bldg Dept Office Expense	7,494.85	7,500.00	814.66	reduced
044-027	Bldg Dept Memberships	1,690.39	2,000.00	25.00	
044-040	Bldg Dept Training & Misc	6,278.12	6,000.00	992.55	reduced
044-058	Bldg Dept Legal	6,337.16	5,000.00	0.00	
044-100	Bldg Dept Mileage&Vehicle exp	9,480.66	7,000.00	1,016.92	inludes insurance
044-891	Building Dpt Amortization	7,707.78	0.00	0.00	
045-020	By-Law Exps / Mileage (Monthly Invoice	64,034.48	78,500.00	11,082.13	
045-021	B/L Enfor-Prop. Cleanup/Impound/Legal	61.06	2,000.00	0.00	
046-020	Animal Control Costs	3,410.00	3,500.00	0.00	
049-019	CEMC/Emergency Plan Expenses	2,346.51	2,700.00	0.00	
049-020	Emergency Measures Expenses/911	805.29	1,200.00	546.41	
	Total Protective Services Expenses:	1,518,040.76	1,182,665.52	282,696.77	

Public Works Expenses

050-020	PW Garage - Bldg & Equip Supplies/R&	49,170.52	49,000.00	12,813.41	
050-030	PW Telephone/Radio	4,768.10	6,200.00	555.33	
050-031	PW Garage - Hydro/Heat	24,183.81	15,700.00	9,179.03	
050-035	Municipal Insurance - Roads	45,371.89	45,782.32	602.64	
050-040	Employee Expenses & Training	8,207.71	12,000.00	1,729.97	
050-100	PW All Vehicles - Fuel&Fluids	66,548.13	70,000.00	37,531.06	
050-111	2024 Dodge Ram 2500 Licence/Repair	5,293.34	3,000.00	259.84	
050-113	Trk 13 (Tom)Dodge Ram - Lic/Repairs/F	3,605.73	3,000.00	2,757.85	
050-121	2016 Freightliner Plow Truck	11,874.68	14,000.00	10,993.90	
050-122	2019 Ford 550 - License and repairs	7,161.88	7,500.00	444.29	
050-123	2020 Freightliner License and Repairs	15,259.84	8,500.00	69.90	
050-124	2024 Freightliner Licence and Repairs	16,783.55	10,000.00	635.64	
050-125	1 Ton Ford 550 Sanding Unit/Repairs	3,427.08	1,000.00	341.74	
050-135	Cat Excavator	3,185.39	5,000.00	0.00	
050-145	Equip#5 Steamer propane/repairs	0.00	500.00	0.00	
050-155	Equip # 6 - Grader Repairs	89,766.41	23,000.00	2,906.73	
050-160	CAT Backhoe Repairs/Lic (420F2IT)	19,004.85	16,000.00	5,191.10	
050-164	Case 621 Loader Licence & Repairs	0.00	5,000.00	1,684.56	New line for Loader expenses
050-166	Sweeper	2,133.15	1,000.00	0.00	reduced if buying a used unit
050-170	Public Works Trailer (Float)	1,647.15	1,500.00	0.00	
050-801	PW Capital Building & Equipment	15,461.71	640,000.00	200,976.39	as per capital budget
050-802	Capital Road Construction	647,442.09	1,124,180.00	24,536.37	as per capital budget
050-803	Bridges & Culvert Capital	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	as per capital budget
050-890	Roads Contra Capital	-626,812.33	0.00	0.00	
050-891	Amortization - Transportation Services	656,347.73	0.00	0.00	
050-900	PW - Transfer to Reserve	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	
051-020	Cold Patch/Patching (Paved Road)	13,871.65	10,500.00	0.00	

051-022	Line Painting (Paved Road)	21,184.44	23,000.00	0.00	
052-020	Gravel - Unpaved Roads / Shanty	56,969.58	20,000.00	0.00	
052-021	Calcium Dust Control (Unpaved Roads)	34,184.07	72,000.00	0.00	purchased gravel - washouts/little repair jobs increased to cover all municipal maintained roads
052-023	Armour/Joly Road Mtce Agreements	3,663.37	3,670.00	3,663.37	
053-021	Culverts and Bridges	11,376.81	4,000.00	0.00	
054-020	Roadside - Mowing/Brushing	8,633.01	8,000.00	0.00	
054-021	Roadside - Signs	3,131.92	4,500.00	622.94	
054-022	Roadside Beaver Trapping	2,200.00	2,500.00	0.00	increase for 911 signs - moved from fire dept.
054-023	Roadside - Guardrails	465.50	2,000.00	0.00	
055-020	Materials - Winter Sand & Salt	113,710.12	95,000.00	0.00	increase to 3500 tonnes
055-021	Carillion/Fowler Winter Road Agmts	6,446.35	12,500.00	2,733.93	estimate as there are now variable costs
056-020	Street Lights	5,513.10	6,500.00	960.84	
059-001	PW-Wages & Benefits Holding Account	590,874.62	579,411.93	160,762.85	
Total Public Works Expenses:		2,447,609.51	2,930,444.25	482,534.34	
Environmental Services					
060-001	Transfer Station Wages & Benefits	33,396.17	80,334.89	11,163.55	
060-002	PW and Facilities Wages-transfer stn	-1,583.76	0.00	0.00	
060-021	Joint Waste Management	105,604.71	109,311.66	0.00	
060-022	BFI - Recycling	106,877.13	5,000.00	1,269.05	only commercial recycling for 2025
060-023	BFI - Shingles & Metal	30.54	5,000.00	0.00	
060-024	Trans. Stn Operating Expense	8,289.78	10,500.00	2,194.35	
060-026	Hazardous Waste Days	12,941.15	13,869.00	0.00	
060-031	Trans. Stns - Hydro & Phones	4,188.15	5,040.00	1,035.76	
060-061	Dodge Ram Operating Costs	2,309.43	5,000.00	2,630.44	includes insurance
060-100	Landfill Closure and Post-Closure	17,947.95	8,000.00	2,098.81	
060-800	Transfer Station Capital	55,454.09	0.00	0.00	
Total Environmental Services:		345,455.34	242,055.55	20,391.96	
Health Services					
070-020	North Bay/Parry Sound Dist. Health Unit	29,794.00	30,957.00	12,763.02	
070-021	Ambulance Levy	139,095.35	148,764.17	148,764.17	
070-022	V of B Almaguin Hilnds Health Ctre Con	6,007.00	7,007.00	7,007.00	
070-900	To Reserve - Muskoka Hospital	108,750.00	108,750.00	0.00	
Total Health Services:		283,646.35	295,478.17	168,534.19	
Social and Family Service Expenses					
071-022	Eastholme - Levy	142,834.00	148,269.00	37,067.25	
071-025	DSSAB (Social Service Admin Board)	184,610.75	197,296.00	49,324.04	
071-032	Seniors Grant - Kearney Maint./Exp.	24.85	0.00	0.00	
071-033	Seniors One Time Grant Expenses	4,995.14	0.00	0.00	
Total Social and Family Service Expenses:		332,464.74	345,565.00	86,391.29	
Parks and Recreation					
080-001	Parks Wages & Benefits	11,112.29	0.00	0.00	
080-002	PW and Facilities wages - Parks	101.76	0.00	0.00	
080-020	Parks & Trails Maintenance and Supplie	8,579.46	8,000.00	359.24	
080-024	Boat Ramps and Docks Maintenance	102.25	1,000.00	0.00	
080-025	Parks - Town Dock Hydro	355.05	500.00	49.48	
080-027	R.Bice Sust.Ctre & Wilderness Experien	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
080-035	Parks & Recreation Insurance	17,261.34	22,114.94	0.00	
080-090	Parks - Lions Park/Rink	6,921.12	7,000.00	1,079.49	
080-100	Parks veh. 2021 Dodge Operating Expe	5,359.50	5,000.00	1,004.63	
080-801	Boat RampsDocks Capital (Incls 080-80	12,144.00	0.00	0.00	
080-802	Parks Capital	0.00	150,500.00	0.00	as per amended capital budget
080-890	Parks Contra Capital	-216,063.83	0.00	0.00	
080-891	Parks Amortization	36,822.85	0.00	0.00	
081-020	Recreation Program Expenses	19,817.09	26,000.00	6,032.39	Increased fitness classes over last year
081-021	Swimming Program Expenses	1,508.41	1,500.00	0.00	
081-035	Municipal Insurance-Volunteers	810.00	1,144.00	0.00	
081-050	KCC Committee Expenses	122.10	500.00	0.00	
081-051	Recreation Special Events	8,602.27	12,800.00	1,403.01	added Canada day, increase for baseball,
081-501	Dog Sled Races Expenses	35,569.43	24,327.32	24,327.32	
081-502	Regatta/Fireworks Expenses	35,400.22	38,180.00	13,673.27	as committee requests
081-891	Rec Programs Amortization	1,603.13	0.00	0.00	

TOWN OF KEARNEY
2026 5 year Capital Budget - AMENDED FINAL (changes highlighted in yellow)

Account #	Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Costs						
<u>Fire Department</u>						
	Ambulance 317 (First Response Vehicle)	120,000				
	Tanker					650,000
	New Fire Hall construction (7200 sqft)			3,000,000	750,000	
	Radios	7,600				
	Bunker gear	20,000	9,000	18,000		
	Cylinders for SCBA	8,680	8,680	8,680	8,680	
	Defibrillators			2,700		
	Thermal Imaging Camera	7,571				
	Replace hose in back beds of Trucks		31,178			
	Replace 4 nozzles		6,405			
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>						
	Lions Park Pavilion (professional services only in 2026)	127,000	1,873,000			
	Resurface Ball Diamond - Limestone etc		15,000			
	Downtown Beautification (Seasonal Banners)	5,300				
	McManus Beach (swim line)	3,200				
	Docking systems at mirror bay		50,000		70,000	
	Ball Diamond Storage or Old Community centre		380,000			
	Boardwalk repairs	5,000				
	Storage in Fitness room (build mezzanine/tall ceilings)	7,500				
	Zero Turn mower	10,000				
<u>Public Works Equipment/Building</u>						
	Tandem Plow Truck	390,000				430,000
	Grader			490,000		
	Loader (Used)	250,000				
	1 ton truck				175,000	
	Sweeper			300,000		
	Backhoe					350,000
	Sand/Salt shed					
<u>Administration</u>						
	Increase function in office, create lunch room and meeting space	65,000				
	Strategic Plan Initiative 3.2 Way finding signage	10,000				
	Strategic Plan Initiative 2.5 Facilities Masterplan	35,000	15,000			
	Strategic Plan Initiative 4.3 Parks and Trails Plan		35,000	15,000		
	Computers (replace and new one for Comm Engagement/Rec	5,000				
	Office/Lunch room Furniture	7,000				
<u>Transfer Station</u>						
	Garbage Compactor					
	Back up Generator					
	Installation/Power requirements (estimate)					
<u>Bridges and Culverts</u>						
	as per 2024 OSIM report					
	#2 Allister Johnston Bridge - replace rail post connections and broken post	25,000			500,000	
	#7 Cashman Creek Bridge - maintenance		45,000			
	#3 Boundary Bridge (518 East) - maintenance					98,000
<u>Roads</u>						
	Granite gravel application - Island Lake Road (no surface treat.)	100,000				
	Removing Berms from Hwy 518	150,000				
	Culvert Replacements/Base repairs to roads prior to surface treat.	25,000				
	Surface Treatment - Ostick Road	36,680				
	Surface Treatment - Clam Lake Road	100,380				
	Surface Treatment - Echo Ridge	162,120				
	Project to bring 7 roads to municipal standard	550,000	700,000			
	Surface Treatment - decided by need and AMP				300,000	
	Base Repairs for future surface treated roads		389,320			
	Gravel Application - various roads - no inventory at this time		150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
	New Sidewalks, municipal building to bridge, corner to beach, end to Lions park		280,000			
Total Capital Costs		2,233,031	3,987,583	3,984,380	1,953,680	1,678,000
Contribution to Reserves for Future (move to operating budget for 2026)						
Working Funds						

PW Equipment						
Bridges and Culverts						
Capital Purchases						
Total Contribution to Reserves		-	-	-	-	-
Revenues						
<u>Reserves</u>						
Working Funds		94,485	50,000	1,000,000		
Roads Equipment		250,000		300,000		331,275
Bridges Reserve		25,000	45,000		500,000	98,000
Capital Purchases						
Lions Reserves	based on donations, Lions contributions	-	500,000			
<u>Grants</u>						
CCBF (aka Gas Tax)		156,814	63,797			12,364
OCIF		239,732	239,732			
Grant for Lions Pavilion - assumption		-	1,000,000			
Transfer from Operating Budget		1,077,000	1,200,000	1,212,000	1,224,120	1,236,361
Total Revenues		1,843,031	3,098,529	2,512,000	1,724,120	1,678,000
Capital Costs minus Revenues		390,000	889,054	1,472,380	229,560	(0)
Long Term Loan needed		390,000	216,054	1,472,380	229,560	
Balanced to zero		0	673000	0	0	(0)

Summary of Long Term Borrowing 2026
 \$390,000 borrowing for Tandum Plow truck

Approved by Council January 22, 2026 by Resolution 2026-021
 Amended by Council May ____, 2026 by Resolution 2026- __

Corporation of the Town of Kearney
Summary of Reserves, Reserve Funds and Deferred Revenue

Acct	Description	Balance at December 31, 2025	Projected		Balance at December 31, 2026	Comments
			(+) Transfers in / Received in Year	(+) Interest		
Reserves						
018-100	Reserve-Working Funds	306,562.05			(94,485.00)	212,077.05 as per capital budget
018-105	Reserve-Election Purposes	12,225.00			(12,225.00)	- Annual contribution in non-election years, based on cost of previous election.
018-106	Reserve-Municipal Capital Purposes	154,240.83				154,240.83
018-107	Reserve-CUPE	-				-
018-108	Reserve - Buildings	400,612.00				400,612.00
018-109	Reserve - Bridges and Culverts	1,462,405.00	-		(25,000.00)	1,437,405.00 as per capital budget
018-110	Reserve-Fire/1st Response Equipment	292,727.99				292,727.99
018-116	Reserve-UFCW	10,882.84			(10,882.84)	- Union Dissolved, use for CUPE negotiations
018-120	Reserve-Roads Equipment	498,676.00			(250,000.00)	248,676.00 as per capital budget
018-130	Reserve-Sick Leave	24,348.00				24,348.00 Annually adjust to = estimated sick leave liability at the end of the previous year.
018-135	Reserve - Muskoka Hospital	326,250.00	108,750.00			435,000.00 Annual contribution for 12 years (2023-2034) to meet proposed commitment of 1.305.000.
018-145	Reserve-Recreation Ball Diamond	2,033.53				2,033.53
018-146	Reserve-Recreation and Culture Purposes (SRA land sale proceeds)	222,427.47			(14,300.00)	208,127.47 Utilized to produce net recreation/swim program and special events costs to zero.
018-147	Reserve-Boat Launch	60,344.33				60,344.33
018-155	Reserve-Dog Sled Races	9,271.49				9,271.49 Budget revenue = expense. Reserve adjusted at year-end so net revenue/expense = 0
018-160	Reserve-Regatta	10,344.28				10,344.28 Budget revenue = expense. Reserve adjusted at year-end so net revenue/expense = 0
018-161	Reserve-Regatta band shelter (Trillium grant requirement)	8,800.00	800.00			9,600.00 Annual contribution of 800 from the Regatta reserve until balance reaches 10,400.
018-165	Reserve-KCC committee	15,396.86				15,396.86 Budget revenue = expense. Reserve adjusted at year-end so net revenue/expense = 0
018-170	Lions Park Reserve	64,366.69			-	64,366.69 These funds belong to the Lion's Club. - include Town fundraised dollars.
		3,881,914.36	109,550.00	-	(406,892.84)	3,584,571.52
Reserve Funds						
018-175	Reserve-Ralph Bice Centre	9,405.21			(1,000.00)	8,405.21 Annual bursary of 1,000 until funds exhausted per resolution 324-23.
Total Reserves & Reserve Funds - Town		3,891,319.57	109,550.00	-	(407,892.84)	3,592,976.73

Acct	Description	Balance at December 31, 2025	Cash in Lieu/Gas Tax/OCIF	Interest	2026 Income- re obligatory reserve usage	Balance at December 31, 2026
Deferred Revenue - Obligatory Reserve Funds						
016-001	Reserve-Gas Tax Funds	95,362.48	61,451.52		(156,814.00)	-
016-002	Reserve-Parks	48,929.45				48,929.45
016-003	Reserve-OCIF formula-based grant	2,375.72	239,732.00		(239,732.00)	2,375.72
		146,667.65	301,183.52	-	(396,546.00)	51,305.17

**Corporation of the Town of Kearney
Summary of Tax Rates and Assessment Values**

Year	Tax Rate	School Rate	Total Tax Rate	% increase (decrease) over prior year	Assessment Value at time of roll	% increase over prior year
2019	0.00842397	0.00161	0.01003397		374,006,335	
2020	0.00848813	0.00153	0.01001813	-0.16%	386,316,609	3.29%
2021	0.00862417	0.00153	0.01015417	1.36%	388,481,509	0.56%
2022	0.00896348	0.00153	0.01049348	3.34%	394,303,509	1.50%
2023	0.0094276	0.00153	0.0109576	4.42%	399,691,309	1.37%
2024	0.01008823	0.00153	0.01161823	6.03%	407,045,509	1.84%
2025	0.01033339	0.00153	0.01186339	2.11%	414,626,000	1.86%
Proposed 2026	0.010917804	0.00153	0.012447804	4.93%	420,991,900	1.54%

Category	Category Description	2025 Roll For Tax Year 2026	Tax Ratio	Weighted Assessment
CF	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full	118,000	1.1	129,800
CQ	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land, Taxable Tenant of Provi	120,000	0.77	92,400
CT	Commercial Taxable: Full	2,789,200	1.1	3,068,120
CX	Commercial Taxable: Vacant Land	58,500	0.77	45,045
FT	Farm Taxable: Full	685,200	0.25	171,300
HF	Landfill Payment in Lieu: Full	15,000	1.1	16,500
IP	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	639,200	0.8805	562,816
IQ	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land, Taxable Tenant of Province	69,800	0.8805	61,459
IT	Industrial Taxable: Full	348,800	0.8805	307,118
IX	Industrial Taxable: Vacant Land	40,000	0.8805	35,220
MT	Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	634,000	1	634,000
RP	Residential Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	980,300	1	980,300
RT	Residential Taxable: Full	400,207,200	1	400,207,200
TT	Managed Forests Taxable: Full	6,397,400	0.25	1,599,350
VT	Aggregate Extraction Taxable: Full	64,500	0.716468	46,212
		<u>413,167,100</u>		<u>407,956,840</u>

Tax Ratio X Residential Rate = Tax Rate

CF	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full	1.1	0.010917804	0.012009584
CQ	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	0.77	0.010917804	0.008406709
CT	Commercial Taxable: Full	1.1	0.010917804	0.012009584
CX	Commercial Taxable: Vacant Land	0.77	0.010917804	0.008406709
FT	Farm Taxable: Full	0.25	0.010917804	0.002729451
HF	Landfill Payment in Lieu: Full	1.1	0.010917804	0.012009584
IP	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	0.8805	0.010917804	0.009613126
IQ	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	0.8805	0.010917804	0.009613126
IT	Industrial Taxable: Full	0.8805	0.010917804	0.009613126
IX	Industrial Taxable: Vacant Land	0.8805	0.010917804	0.009613126
MT	Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	1	0.010917804	0.010917804
RP	Residential Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	1	0.010917804	0.010917804
RT	Residential Taxable: Full	1	0.010917804	0.010917804
TT	Managed Forests Taxable: Full	0.25	0.010917804	0.002729451
VT	Aggregate Extraction Taxable: Full	0.716468	0.010917804	0.007822257

E-	EXEMPT	7,824,800
	Total	<u>420,991,900</u>

Levy Calculation

	Roll	X	Tax Rate	LEVY
CF	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full	118,000	0.012009584	1,417
CQ	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	120,000	0.008406709	1,009
CT	Commercial Taxable: Full	2,789,200	0.012009584	33,497
CX	Commercial Taxable: Vacant Land	58,500	0.008406709	492
FT	Farm Taxable: Full	685,200	0.002729451	1,870
HF	Landfill Payment in Lieu: Full	15,000	0.012009584	180
IP	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	639,200	0.009613126	6,145
IQ	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	69,800	0.006248532	436
IT	Industrial Taxable: Full	348,800	0.009613126	3,353
IX	Industrial Taxable: Vacant Land	40,000	0.006248532	250
MT	Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	634,000	0.010917804	6,922
RP	Residential Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	980,300	0.010917804	10,703
RT	Residential Taxable: Full	400,207,200	0.010917804	4,369,384
TT	Managed Forests Taxable: Full	6,397,400	0.002729451	17,461
VT	Aggregate Extraction Taxable: Full	64,500	0.007822257	505
	<u>413,167,100</u>		2026 Levy	<u>4,453,623</u>
			2025 Levy	<u>4,147,815</u>
			Increase of	<u>305,808</u>

LIVE FIRE TRAINING UNIT AGREEMENT

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2026

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERRY

(hereinafter called the "Township of Perry")

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

(hereinafter called the "Town of Kearney")

OF THE SECOND PART

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGNETAWAN

(hereinafter called the "Municipality of Magnetawan")

OF THE THIRD PART

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH

(hereinafter called the "Township of McMurrich/Monteith")

OF THE FOURTH PART

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

(hereinafter called the "Township of Ryerson")

OF THE FIFTH PART

- and -

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

(hereinafter called the "Village of Burk's Falls")

OF THE SIXTH PART

- and -

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

(hereinafter called the "Township of Armour")

OF THE SEVENTH PART

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties")

WHEREAS the Parties have jointly constructed a Live Fire Training Unit (hereinafter referred to as the "Training Unit") for their mutual benefit, which is located in the Township of Perry at the Township of Perry Fire Hall, 64 Old Government Road, Emsdale, Ontario (hereinafter referred to as the "Site");

AND WHEREAS the use of the Training Unit shall be shared amongst the Parties and their Fire Departments, and the Parties shall share in the costs associated with the Training Unit;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 20 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* the Parties hereto are authorized to enter into this Agreement which is for their joint benefit;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and representations contained in this Agreement the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide the framework for the use of, maintenance of and financial responsibility for the Training Unit. The Parties shall work together in collaboration with each other to support an effective and efficient partnership with regards to all matters related to the Training Unit.

2. FIRE DEPARTMENTS

The Fire Departments of the Parties are as follows:

- a. The Township of Perry Fire Department for the Township of Perry;
- b. The Town of Kearney Fire Department for the Town of Kearney;
- c. The Municipality of Magnetawan Fire Department for the Municipality of Magnetawan;
- d. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith Fire Department for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith; and
- e. The Burk's Falls and District Fire Department for the Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Armour.

3. TERM

This Agreement shall commence on the date that it is signed by all the Parties and shall continue for a period of [NUMBER OF YEARS].

Commented [JB1]: To insert end date/time period for term.

4. COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF TRAINING UNIT

The Parties acknowledge that the total cost to construct the Training Unit was \$179,842.10 and this cost was allocated between them as follows:

- a. The Township of Perry \$35,968.42
- b. The Town of Kearney \$35,968.42
- c. The Municipality of Magnetawan \$35,968.42
- d. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith \$35,968.42
- e. The Township of Ryerson, The Village of Burk's Falls and the Township of Armour \$35,968.42

5. USE OF TRAINING UNIT

- a. Each Fire Department will have equal annual use of the Training Unit, based on a schedule to be created and approved by all the Parties, by November 30th of the preceding calendar year.
- b. The Training Unit's Operating Guidelines and Procedures and its Safety Plan must be followed at all times when used by any of the Fire Departments.
- c. During each Fire Department's use of the Training Unit, the applicable Fire Chief shall have responsibility for proper supervision of all personnel using the Training Unit.
- d. All Parties are responsible for keeping the Training Unit in good repair and working order and in a condition fit and safe for its intended purpose. Parties and their Fire Departments shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations during their use of the Training Unit.

Commented [JB2]: Have these been created, if yes are these the correct names of these documents? If no, whose responsibility will this be to create these documents?

6. MAINTENANCE AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- a. Subject to the terms herein, the Township of Perry has primary responsibility for administration of the Training Unit, including to arrange for maintenance work and repairs.
- b. Any issues or concerns with respect to the maintenance or repair of the Training Unit noted during the use of the Training Unit by any Party or its Fire Department shall be promptly brought to the attention of the Township of Perry and any necessary maintenance or repair shall be completed in accordance herewith.
- c. Prior to any maintenance or repair costs being incurred, or any building alterations being completed, the consent of all the Parties, in writing, must be obtained.
- d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there exists, in the opinion of the Township of Perry, an emergency situation which requires immediate attention to avoid damage to the Site, the Training Unit and/or which is a risk to any person's health and safety, maintenance and repair work may be done immediately by the Township of Perry, but notice shall be provided to all other Parties at the earliest possible time and the costs to address such emergency situation shall be shared by the Parties as set out in the following paragraphs.
- e. All maintenance and/or repair costs, including the costs of building alterations, shall be shared by the Parties and split into five equal shares which are allocated as follows:
 - i. Township of Perry One share
 - ii. Town of Kearney One share
 - iii. Municipality of Magnetawan One share
 - iv. Township of McMurrich/Monteith One share
 - v. Township of Ryerson, Village of Burk's Falls, and Township of Armour One share
- f. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if maintenance and/or repairs are required due to the negligence of any one Party or their Fire Department, that Party shall bear the sole total cost of the maintenance and/or repairs. The member municipalities of the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department shall be treated as one party for the purposes of this subsection.

Commented [JB3]: Should all parties need to agree, or just a majority? If a majority, would that be based on 5 "votes" (according to the fire departments) or 7? Also included for consideration is an emergency repairs clause (see below).

7. INSURANCE

- a. Each Party shall maintain a general liability insurance policy insuring against injury or damage to persons or property, underwritten by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the Province of Ontario with a limit of not less than \$ [redacted]. The policy shall be endorsed to include every other Party to the Agreement as an additional insured with respect to the insuring Party's use of the Training Unit as per the Agreement. Each policy shall further be endorsed to include cross-liability, contractual liability and personal injury. Each Party shall provide a copy of their certificate of insurance to all the other Parties, or any of them, upon request.

Commented [JB4]: To insert policy amount of insurance required.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

- a. Each Party agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless each of the other Parties, along with their respective councillors, officers, employees and agents, from and against any and all liability, action, claim, loss, damage, payment, cost, fine, recovery or expense, including assessable legal fees, of every kind whatsoever, including but not limited those arising from bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or damage to or destruction of tangible property, arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, misfeasance, nonfeasance, fraud or wilful misconduct of the Indemnifying Party, its Fire Department, councillors, officers, employees, and agents, or any of them, in connection with or any way related to the delivery or performance of this Agreement or the exercise of any rights granted by this Agreement, save and except in respect of any liability, action, claim, loss,

damage, payment, cost, fine, recovery or expense, including assessment legal fees, directly attributable to, arising from, or caused by the negligence or breach of contractual obligation hereunder by the Indemnified Parties. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any insurance to be provided by a Party in accordance with this Agreement and shall survive this Agreement.

- b. Each Indemnifying Party further agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever arising out of or related to the Indemnifying Party's status with WSIB. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any proof of WSIB status and compliance to be provided by the Parties in accordance with this Agreement and shall survive this Agreement.

9. WITHDRAWAL OF PARTY FROM AGREEMENT

- a. For the purposes of this section, the term Party refers to any of the following:

- i. The Township of Perry;
- ii. The Town of Kearney;
- iii. The Municipality of Magnetawan;
- iv. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith; and/or
- v. The Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Armour jointly;

with the term "Parties" referring to all of these collectively, as the context so requires.

- b. Any Party wishing to withdraw from this Agreement may do so on ninety (90) days written notice to the other Parties.
- c. A withdrawing Party shall be entitled to compensation upon their withdrawal based on their proportionate 1/5th share of the current value of the Training Unit at the date of their withdrawal as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- d. Compensation paid to a withdrawing Party shall be paid proportionately by all other remaining Parties. Depending on the exact time of year a Party withdraws, the Parties acknowledge that a withdrawing Party may not be paid their compensation until such payment has been allocated in the municipal budgets for the following year by the remaining Parties.
- e. The values in Schedule "A" attached hereto may be revised from time to time if justified based on renovations and repairs completed to the Training Unit, and providing that all Parties consent in writing to such revision.

10. REMOVAL/REMEDICATION OF TRAINING UNIT AND SITE

- a. For the purposes of this section, the term Party refers to any of the following:

- i. The Township of Perry;
- ii. The Town of Kearney;
- iii. The Municipality of Magnetawan;
- iv. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith; and/or
- v. The Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls, and the Township of Armour jointly but not severally;

with the term "Parties" referring to all of these collectively, as the context so requires.

- b. Once the Training Unit has reached the end of its useful life, or should all Parties (or remaining Parties) agree in writing to terminate this Agreement, the costs associated with the Training Unit's removal and/or costs associated with the remediation of the Site shall be shared equally amongst the Parties, or such Parties as are then remaining. This paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Commented [JB5]: Will parties who have withdrawn have any responsibility for removal/remediation costs, and how if so how would that be addressed?

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If, during the term of this Agreement, a dispute or disagreement arises between the Parties that cannot be resolved by voluntary mediation then same shall be submitted to arbitration under the provisions of the *Municipal Arbitrations Act* and the decision rendered in respect of such proceedings shall be final and binding on the Parties. If for any reason the said arbitration cannot be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Arbitrations Act* then the Parties hereto shall agree to the selection of a single arbitrator and, in the absence of agreement, such arbitrator shall be appointed by a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice and the arbitration shall be carried out pursuant to the *Arbitration Act* and the decision rendered in respect of such proceedings shall be final and binding on the Parties.

12. GENERAL

- a. Upon the execution of this Agreement, any existing agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Parties or their Fire Departments regarding the Training Unit, and specifically including the Memorandum of Understanding between “the Township of Ryerson, the Town of Kearney, the Municipality of Magnetawan, the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, and the Township of Perry” dated March 25, 2025, shall forthwith become null and void.
- b. This Agreement and the attached Schedule constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties. There are no undertakings, representations or promises, express or implied, other than those contained in this Agreement.
- c. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.
- d. If any provision of this Agreement is for any reason invalid, that provision shall be considered separate and severable from the Agreement and the other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force and continue to be binding upon the parties as though the invalid provision had never been included in this Agreement.
- e. This Agreement shall be interpreted, performed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

THIS AGREEMENT has been executed by the Parties hereto by their duly authorized representatives on the dates noted below:

[ADD IN THE SIGNING LINES]

Commented [JB6]: Signing lines to be added upon confirmation of signing authorities for each municipality (will signing authority be delegated in any municipality or signed by Mayor and Clerk/CAO, as applicable?)

THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERRY, THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY, THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGNETAWAN, THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH, THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON, THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS, AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

SCHEDULE "A"

Age of training unit	Percentage of value of the Training Unit
Year 1	100%*
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	90%
Year 8	85%
Year 9	80%
Year 10	75%
Year 11	70%
Year 12	65%
Year 13	60%
Year 14	55%
Year 15	50%
Year 16	45%
Year 17	40%
Year 18	35%
Year 19	30%
Year 20	25%
Year 21	20%
Year 22	15%
Year 23	10%
Year 24	5%
Year 25 or End of Useful Life	0%

Commented [JB7]: Is the addition of these highlighted words appropriate?

*100% of the value of the Training Unit is the initial cost to construct, being \$179,842.10.



MEMO

Date: May 21, 2026
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent
Subject: Street Sweeper Option

During a recent budget meeting, Council and staff discussed sweeping and that both the sidewalk unit and the street sweeper have lived to their life expectancy.

Since the Capital budget has already passed without a street sweeper option, the Public Works Superintendent would like to propose the purchase of an affordable street sweeper that he became aware of. The plan for this year was to use the broom on the front of the backhoe. This process includes the broom making piles of sand that the staff are then required to shovel the sand into a truck or the bucket of the backhoe. A street sweeper picks up the sand while it is sweeping.

The recommendation is to purchase a 1995 Elgin Pelican in good condition for \$6500 plus HST.

It was difficult to find comparisons for sale of that age in Canada but a few units that are newer were found in the States.

- 2000 Elgin Pelican for \$12,000 US
- 2012 Elgin Pelican for \$14,000 US

There was a comparison found in Canada for an older Elgin Pelican for \$6500 but it was advertised for parts and not running.

Financial Implications:

There are no significant financial implications for this purchase as staff know that the cost of the used loader that was purchased as per the Capital budget came in about \$49,000 under budget.

Prepared by:

Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent



MEMO

Date: May 21, 2026
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent (PWS)
Subject: Potential Delay on Island Lake Road

As per the Capital Budget, Council has approved a granite gravel application to Island Lake Road. Prior to adding the gravel, the following activities should be completed first:

- 1) Brushing to back side of ditches
- 2) Cleaning out the ditches with excavator
- 3) Removing the berms to allow for water to drain off the road

Once these activities are completed, then the gravel can be added to the road.

Upon preliminary inspection this spring, the PWS noticed that the conduit installed for the Cogeco project was not installed at the depth it should have been. There are some places that the conduit is visible and some places that have been already caught by our grader and/or plow trucks. There is no fibre in the conduit at this time.

The PWS reached out to the subcontractor to raise the concern and to inform them that Island Lake Road was one of our capital projects for 2026. Having the conduit at this current depth will hold up Town staff from cleaning out ditches and removing berms. It is not the Towns intention to damage Cogeco's infrastructure so we will not be ditching until the conduit is put deeper into the ground.

The subcontractor and been on site and agreed to rectify the situation.

Though it sounds that this concern is being rectified, Staff thought it wise to give Council the information in case there is a delay on the Island Lake Road project. Staff are hopeful the project will still be completed by the end of the 2026 construction season.

Prepared by:

Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Date: May 12, 2026

Resolution Number: R- 83 - 26

Moved by: Councillor Patterson,

Seconded by: Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council approve Deputy Mayor, Glenn Miller representing Area 4 for the Eastholme Board of Management for the remainder of this term.

Carried Defeated

(Chair Signature)

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

RECORDED VOTE					
Vote called by Clerk in random order, Chair to vote last					
Members of Council		Yea	Nay	Abstention	Absent
Councillors	Beverly Abbott				
	Glenn Miller				
	Delynne Patterson				
	Dan Robertson				
Mayor	George Sterling				



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2026 - _____

Date: May 21, 2026

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approve Ryerson Township Deputy Mayor, Glenn Miller representing Area 4 for the Eastholme Board of Management for the remainder of this term.

CARRIED _____

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

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| Beaucage, Keven | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pateman, Heather | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Philip, Cheryl – Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sharer, Jill | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



Mayor's Memo

Date: May 21, 2026
To: Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Cheryl Philip, Mayor
Subject: FONOM Conference Attendance

Overall, a very busy yet informative session. We started Monday with a tour of the new Ontario Northlander Train. It will be a wonderful addition to the North when it goes into operation in September.

We heard from College Boreal, IESO, MPAC, Preserving Municipal Heritage, Cemetery Management, How Recreation creates Safer Communities, Enbridge.

There was also great information provided by the Honourable Ministers George Pirie, Lisa Thompson, Mike Harris, Todd McCarthy and Robert Flack. All concerning grant opportunities for our community.

Community Sports and Recreation Infrastructure Fund \$300 million

OCIF

Rural Ontario Development Fund which was used by Timmins to bring new doctors to their hospitals.

Build Canada Strong Fund. \$900 million

The time there was well spent and I have asked Staff to look into these different grant programs to see if and how we qualify for those funds.

The best session, however, was our delegation with The Honourable Minister Robert Flack where we were given the final approval that we would be released from the SEPSPAB. There is a notice posting period to go through, but we are going to be able to move forward very soon.

Thank you to Councillor Beaucage for accompanying me on this conference. Thank you to our taxpayers for supporting our educational efforts to learn and bring back more valuable information to assist your Council and our Staff in moving Kearney forward.

Sincerely,

Mayor Cheryl Philip











POLICY TITLE: Community Engagement Policy	POLICY NO: TBD	EFFECTIVE DATE: May xx, 2026
ORIGIN: Community Engagement	POLICY LEAD: Community Engagement & Recreation Coordinator	RESOLUTION #: 2026-XX
LAST REVIEW DATE: May xx, 2026	ADOPTED BY: Town Council	PAGE NUMBER 1 of 5

1.0 PURPOSE

The Town of Kearney is committed to meaningful, inclusive, and accessible community engagement that fosters participation, strengthens relationships, and supports informed decision-making.

Community engagement in Kearney is rooted in the understanding that strong communities are built through collaboration between the municipality, residents, businesses, and community partners.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent and transparent approach to engaging the community through two-way dialogue and participation in municipal initiatives, programs, and decision-making processes.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Community Engagement:

A process of meaningful two-way dialogue that involves informing, consulting, involving, collaborating with, and empowering community members in decisions and initiatives that affect them.

Community:

Includes residents, businesses, visitors, community groups, organizations, volunteers, and regional partners connected to the Town of Kearney.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to Members of Council, Municipal staff, and the public.

4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Town of Kearney will be guided by the following principles in all community engagement efforts:

Inclusivity and Respect

Engagement processes will be welcoming, respectful, and inclusive of diverse perspectives, ensuring all participants feel valued and heard.

Accessibility

Opportunities to participate will be easy to access, clearly communicated, and designed to reduce barriers to participation.

Transparency

Engagement processes will be open and clearly communicated, including the purpose, scope, and level of influence participants can expect.

Shared Responsibility

Community engagement is a shared responsibility between the Town and the community. Both parties are encouraged to participate in good faith.

Responsiveness

Feedback will be acknowledged and considered, and participants will be informed of outcomes and next steps whenever possible.



Realistic Expectations

Participants will be provided with clear information about how their input will be used and the level of influence they will have in the decision-making process.

5.0 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

5.1 Engagement Spectrum

The Town of Kearney adopts the Spectrum of Public Participation, developed by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum of Public Participation as a guide of how and when the community is involved in municipal initiatives.

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation						
<p>IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.</p>						
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.	
PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.	
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a) Inform

Purpose:

To provide the community with timely, accurate, and accessible information.

Town Responsibility:

Share clear and relevant information about programs, services, events, and decisions.

Community Responsibility:

Stay informed by accessing available information.

Use When:

- A decision has already been made.
 - No feedback is being sought.
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b) Consult

Purpose:

To gather feedback from the community to inform decisions.

Town Responsibility:

Listen to input, consider diverse perspectives, and acknowledge feedback.

Community Responsibility:

Provide input and understand that not all feedback may be reflected in final decisions.

Use When:

- The Town is seeking input before making a decision.
 - The Town retains decision-making authority.
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c) Involve

Purpose:

To work directly with the community throughout a process to ensure their input is considered.

Town Responsibility:

Engage participants early and throughout the process and demonstrate how feedback influenced outcomes.

Community Responsibility:

Actively participate and contribute ideas and perspectives.

Use When:

- Ongoing input is needed.
 - The Town leads the process but incorporates community perspectives.
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d) Collaborate

Purpose:

To partner with stakeholders in developing solutions, programs, or initiatives.

Town Responsibility:

Facilitate partnerships and incorporate community input into decision-making.

Community Responsibility:

Work collaboratively to develop solutions and recommendations.

Use When:

- Partnerships are essential (e.g., events, tourism, economic development initiatives).
 - Decision-making is shared.
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e) Empower

Purpose:

To support community-led initiatives and decision-making.

Town Responsibility:

Provide support, resources, and encouragement for community-led efforts.

Community Responsibility:

Lead initiatives and take ownership of outcomes.

Use When:

- The community leads projects or initiatives
 - The Town plays a supporting role
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5.2 METHODS OF ENGAGEMENT

The Town of Kearney may use a variety of methods to support engagement, including but not limited to:

- Town website updates and project pages
- Social media posts and campaigns
- Newsletters
- Public meetings and open houses
- Surveys and feedback tools
- Community events and pop-up engagement
- Stakeholder meetings and partnerships

- Volunteer and advisory council participation

This policy will also work in conjunction with the Communications Policy and could have further methods of engagement.

6.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Community Engagement Coordinator

- Leads the development and implementation of engagement strategies
- Plans and facilitates community engagement activities and events
- Builds relationships and trust with residents, businesses, community groups and organizations
- Collects, analyzes, and reports on community feedback
- Supports partnerships, sponsorships, and community initiatives
- Supports alignment between economic goals and community well-being

Council and Staff

- Support and participate in engagement efforts
- Consider community input in decision-making processes

Community Members

- Participate in engagement opportunities
- Share feedback and perspectives respectfully

7.0 POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed once per term of Council or as required by the CAO/Clerk or Council.

POLICY TITLE: Communications & Public Relations Policy	POLICY NO: TBD	EFFECTIVE DATE: XX, 2026
ORIGIN: Communications	POLICY LEAD: Communications & PR Coordinator	RESOLUTION #: 2026-XX
LAST REVIEW DATE: TBD	ADOPTED BY: Town Council	PAGE NUMBER 1 of 6

1.0 PURPOSE

The Town of Kearney is committed to providing clear, accurate, timely, accessible, and professional communication to residents, businesses, visitors, community groups, organizations, and stakeholders.

The Town recognizes that effective communication strengthens transparency, promotes trust in municipal government, supports public awareness of municipal services and initiatives, and fosters community pride.

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction for how the Town of Kearney communicates information to the public, manages public relations activities, receives and responds to public inquiries, and utilizes official communication channels.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Communications:

The development, management, and distribution of municipal information through various communication channels to inform the public about Town programs, services, initiatives, events, and decisions.

Public Relations:

The management of the Town's public image and relationships with residents, businesses, visitors, media outlets, organizations, and stakeholders through professional and transparent communication practices.

Official Communication Channels:

Town-managed platforms used to distribute information, including but not limited to the municipal website, social media accounts, newsletters, notices, media releases, electronic signage, and promotional materials.

Community Events:

Events organized or supported by the Town of Kearney or recognized community organizations that are intended for public participation and community benefit.

Community:

Includes residents, businesses, visitors, community groups, organizations, volunteers, and regional partners connected to the Town of Kearney.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to Members of Council, Municipal Staff, and the public.

4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Town of Kearney will be guided by the following principles in all communications and public relations efforts:

Accuracy

Information shared by the Town will be factual, reliable, and verified prior to release.

Accessibility

Communications will be easy to access, understand, and available through a variety of communication methods whenever possible.

Transparency

Municipal information will be communicated openly and clearly whenever appropriate and permitted by legislation.

Timeliness

Information will be communicated in a timely manner to ensure the public remains informed of important municipal matters.

Professionalism & Consistency

All communications representing the Town will maintain a respectful, professional, and consistent tone. Messaging, branding, and visual identity will remain consistent across municipal communication platforms and materials.

Responsiveness

Public inquiries and communication requests will be acknowledged and responded to in a reasonable and respectful manner.

5.0 POLICY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Conveying Municipal Information to the Public

The Town of Kearney recognizes that residents and stakeholders receive information in a variety of ways and will endeavor, whenever practical, to utilize multiple communication methods to distribute municipal information. The Town will consider the most appropriate communication tools depending on the nature, urgency, and audience of the information being communicated.

5.2 General Provisions

5.2.1 Collaboration and Confidentiality

Council and Staff shall work collaboratively to ensure municipal communications are clear, accurate, accessible, and timely while respecting confidential information and privacy legislation requirements.

5.2.2 Accessibility

The Town will strive to ensure digital and printed communications are accessible and comply with applicable accessibility legislation, including the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

5.2.3 Disclaimer

While the Town of Kearney will make reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of information

shared through official communication channels, the Town does not always guarantee the completeness or accuracy of all content. In the event of discrepancies between digital communications and official municipal records, official records shall prevail.

5.2.4 External Links

The Town may provide external links on municipal platforms for informational purposes, including links to:

- Government agencies
- Community organizations
- Regional partners
- Emergency services
- Tourism and economic development resources

The Town reserves the right to remove external links that are deemed inappropriate, inaccurate, offensive, political, discriminatory, or inconsistent with municipal values.

6.0 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TOOLS

6.1 Conveying Municipal Information to the Public

The Town website shall serve as the primary source of municipal information and the Town's official online presence.

The website may include information related to:

- Municipal services and departments
- Council meetings, agendas, and notices
- Strategic plans, policies, and by-laws
- Recreation programs, community events and volunteer opportunities
- Economic development and tourism initiatives
- Emergency notices and service disruptions

6.2 Social Media Platforms

The Town of Kearney may maintain official social media accounts to provide timely information and increase awareness of municipal initiatives, programs, services, and events.

Typical content may include:

- Public notices and alerts
- Municipal programs and services
- Recreation and event promotion
- Road closures and emergency notices
- Community initiatives and partnerships
- Council meeting reminders
- Tourism and economic development promotion

Unsuitable Content

The Town reserves the right to remove comments or content that includes:

- Harassment, discrimination, or hate speech
- Obscene, offensive, or threatening language
- Misinformation or unsupported accusations

- Political campaigning
- Spam or commercial solicitation
- Confidential or personal information
- Content promoting illegal activity

Town Staff may disable comments on posts where necessary to maintain respectful and productive public communication.

6.3 Newsletters and Notices

The Town may utilize newsletters, e-newsletters, posters, flyers, inserts, and public notices to distribute municipal information and promote programs, services, and initiatives.

Distribution methods may include:

- Municipal facilities
- Public bulletin boards
- Community organizations
- Electronic distribution software
- Tax bill inserts

6.4 Media Releases and Public Statements

The Town may issue media releases and public statements to local media outlets regarding:

- Municipal initiatives and announcements
- Funding announcements
- Community events and partnerships
- Emergency or public safety information
- Major municipal projects and updates

The Mayor shall serve as the official spokesperson for Council and the municipality unless otherwise delegated. Operational or administrative communications may be issued by the CAO/Clerk or designate.

6.5 Emergency and Time-Sensitive Communications

The Town may utilize emergency notification systems, social media, website alerts, electronic signage, or other communication methods to distribute urgent or time-sensitive information including:

- Road closures
- Emergency declarations
- Service disruptions
- Weather-related notices
- Public health and safety information

7.0 RECEIVING PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND FEEDBACK

The Town of Kearney will respond to public inquiries and communication requests in a timely and respectful manner.

Where possible:

- General inquiries should receive acknowledgement within two business days
- Complex requests may require additional response time

- Staff may redirect inquiries to the appropriate department or contact person

Public inquiries may be received through:

- Telephone
- Email
- Website forms
- In-person visits

All individuals interacting with Town Staff and communication platforms are expected to do so respectfully and in accordance with applicable municipal policies.

6.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Communications and Public Relations Coordinator

- Oversees official Town communication channels
- Develops and distributes communications materials and promotional content
- Coordinates municipal advertising and public information campaigns
- Maintains consistency in branding and messaging
- Supports media relations and public inquiries
- Assists departments, committees, and Council with communication needs

Mayor

- Acts as the official spokesperson for Council and the Town of Kearney
- Represents the Town in official media and public relations matters

CAO/Clerk

- Oversees municipal communications practices and procedures
- Authorizes operational communications where appropriate
- Delegates communication responsibilities as necessary

Council and Staff

- Provide accurate and timely information related to departmental operations
- Support municipal communication initiatives
- Ensure departmental information remains current and relevant

Community Members

- Engage respectfully with municipal communication platforms
- Utilize official channels for accessing municipal information and services

9.0 LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

All communications and public relations activities shall comply with applicable legislation, including but not limited to:

- Municipal Act, 2001
- Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)
- Any applicable Town of Kearney by-laws and policies

10.0 POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed once per term of Council or as required by the CAO/Clerk or Council.

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Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried



Welcome to our April 2026 Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- GBM (Global Battery Materials) Kearney Mine Update
- Kearney's Spring Community Cleanup
- Helping Wildlife in Distress – Part II
- KWEF's Water Trivia



Image of the Kearney graphite mine provided by Global Battery Materials

GBM (Global Battery Materials) Kearney Mine Update

GBM that launched last November as an emerging vertically integrated critical minerals and technology company has continued moving forward. They are combining the resources of their open pit graphite mine with an established reserve of 23 million tons and their on site mill here in Kearney Ontario, with a patented South Korean process used at their pilot research and production facility in Siheung South Korea. They are already producing what GBM said is a “premium anode battery material”. Their recently

announced new Quebec lab scale operations are producing graphite samples for qualifying customers. The lab is fully equipped to do simulations of graphite plant processes that convert low grade natural graphite ore to battery grade concentrate with purity levels up to 97% carbon content. On April 1st they announced that they were shipping the first batches of graphite from the Kearney mine to some undisclosed US clients for testing. Plans are also afoot to establish a scaled up commercial level manufacturing facility for battery anode production. Thorold Ontario is rumoured to be a possible site. Recently the company named Jamie Horvat as their Chief Financial Officer and Joon Lee as Chief Technology Officer. Both are new executive roles at GBM as the company advances toward commercial scale production across North America and South Korea.

In an interview with Sarah Cooke of the Almaquin News, Karl Trudeau COO of GBM said that the project would require \$250 million to get the mine back up and running with a tentative restart in 2028. With that timing, it could be the first active source of battery grade graphite in North America. They project the operation would employ 100 people directly, create additional jobs in support services and bring \$15-\$20 million in annual spending that will be prioritized for the local region. Trudeau said they will make sure they are supportive of Kearney as they move forward and plan to open a local community relations office this summer. The above information was gleaned from various recent GBM press releases and website plus articles in northbaynipissing.com & northernontariobusiness.com

Kearney's Spring Community Cleanup

The Spring Cleanup time is here again. The Kearney Lions have scheduled their cleanup day for Sat May 2nd. You can show up at the Kearney Firehall on Main St at 9 am and they will assign you or your group an area and provide garbage bags, safety vests and pickers. Those of you who can't participate on the 2nd can still help. The town is providing free garbage bags. You can pick them up at the Town Office during normal office hours and tell them the area you plan to clean. Local Property or Lake Associations can organize a group effort if they wish. Send us pictures of you or your group hard at work and we will publish them in our May newsletter. We highly recommend "pickers" – they extend your reach, save your back, are inexpensive and available at local dollar stores. Beer and liqueur containers can be returned to Fetterleys Gas in Kearney. Remember – early May is the best time to avoid the black flies and mosquitoes.

Thanks for helping keep Kearney litter free.

Helping Wildlife in Distress – Part II

The **Ontario Wildlife Rescue** organization has a site - ontariowildliferescue.ca which has a lot of additional information. On the left hand side of their home page – the second tab is labeled (**what to do**) and provides some initial info on deciding if the creature is orphaned or not, plus initial basic steps if intervention is required. Across the top of the page is a series of tabs with animal names and basic information on each type of animal. At the top right hand side of the page are a list of common orphaned animals with more detailed information on how to care for each type, if you are unable to find someone willing to undertake their immediate care. There is also a list of rehabilitators in Ontario that have been authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to care for wildlife. We have included a list of some local ones at the end of this article.

Wildlife rehabilitators spend a lot of time in the spring fielding calls from people who believe they have found an orphaned animal or bird. Unfortunately many times they have already removed the creature from its natural setting before trying to determine if it truly has been abandoned. At that point it is usually difficult to re-unite mother & baby.

If you think you have happened upon an orphaned baby animal or bird the first thing to do is back away and not disturb them as long as they are not in immediate danger from a predator. Unfortunately that includes family pets like dogs & cats. Observe the baby and its surroundings from a convenient distance using binoculars for a day or more to be sure it actually has been abandoned and the parents are no longer around. Contacting a rehabilitator prior to intervening to see if they have any suggestions and are willing to take the abandoned creature is a wise next step. Deer & rabbits are two examples of animals where the mothers leave their babies in a “nest” on the ground while they move about browsing for food, returning a couple of times a day to care for their young. When returning, the mothers are very careful to not draw attention to their baby’s location.

For injured creatures the priority is to remove them from danger and keep them safe & secure until they can eventually be safely transported. To the best of your ability try to determine the extent of injuries (pictures might help) and then call a wildlife rescue center to get advice on where to take them for care & rehab.

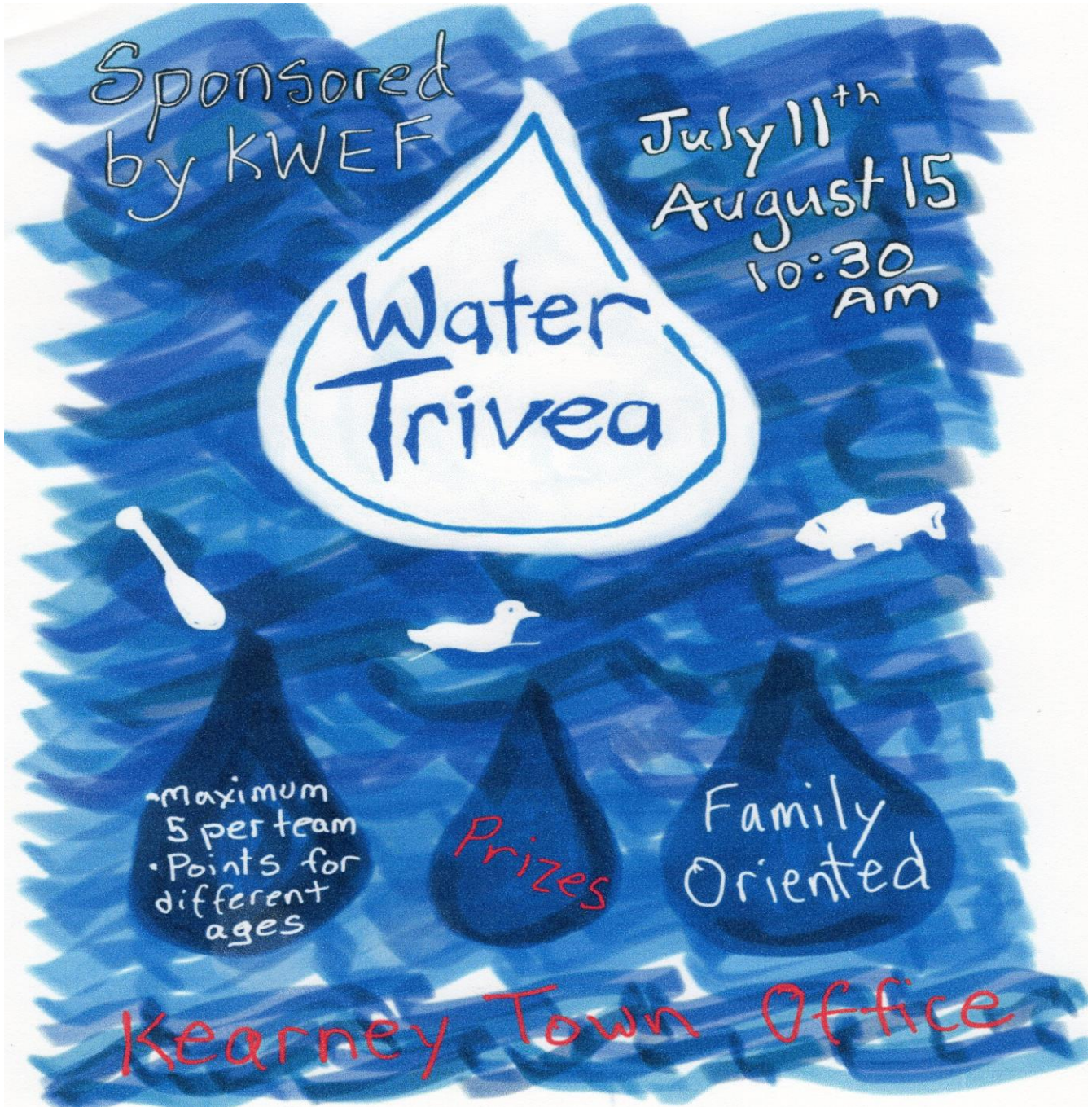
When you approach an injured creature needing help, remember that it is probably under considerable stress. They are feeling vulnerable, probably afraid they will be killed or injured further and probably in pain. You should try to minimize loud noises, talking, etc and avoid touching and handling the injured creature. You should anticipate that they might bite, scratch and fight to escape. They may carry infectious diseases, ticks and mites so you need to have sturdy gloves & suitable clothing to protect yourself. Depending on the size of the creature a blanket or bath towel may help to constrain or

move it. A container with a lid will provide the creature with a dark, safe environment and help lower their stress level. A cloth towel for them to lie on or as a cover will help them keep warm in cooler weather. The container shouldn't be air tight but the lid may need to be secured to keep the creature inside. While a small cardboard box may be ideal for a bird recovering from a window strike, something like a Rubbermaid tote may be necessary to secure a squirrel or larger animal. Caring for larger birds like owls & hawks or animals like foxes, deer & bears should be left to people with the resources & experience to handle larger creatures. Anticipate that creatures will attempt to escape even if injured if you decide to check on them by opening the lid on the container. Usually it is not advisable to give the injured creature water until it has been seen by the rehab people.

Ontario Wildlife Rescue Centers – call & leave a message if no one is available.

1. **Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre** (reptiles & amphibians)
Peterborough Sue Carstairs 705-741-5000
2. **Aspen Valley Wildlife Center** (large & small animals)
Rosseau Jan Kingshott 705-644-4122
3. **Wild for Life** (Beaver)
Rosseau Michelle Grant 905-758-0066
4. **Wing & A Prayer** (songbirds & waterbirds)
Utterson Janice Enright 705-385-1488
5. **Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary** (most wildlife)
Minden Monika Melichar 705-286-1133
6. **Bear With Us Center for Bears** (bears & big cats)
Sprucedale Mike McIntosh 705-571-4397
7. **Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre** (turtles, small mammals & birds)
Val Caron-Sudbury area Gloria Morissette 705-691-0433
8. **Amphibian & Reptile Conservation Canada** (turtles & reptiles)
Oro-Medonte Jeff Hathaway 705-955-4284

KWEF's Water Trivia – coming soon. More details next month.





Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Circular Materials Ontario,
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Regional Municipality of York
'Circular Materials Ontario'**

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the March 30, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivsky

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee receive the correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding 'Circular Materials Ontario', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council:

- Support the correspondence and call upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and
- Request the province to establish, enforce and publicly report on consistent province wide standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times and contractor performance; and

- Direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable, Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Todd J., McCarthy (Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Circular Materials Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,



Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda Resolution Number
Item 10.a 2026-04-15- 251

Seconded By J. Logel


Council Date: April 15, 2026

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 30, 31 and April 1, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Social Services Committee, Item 9.a, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee Meeting - Minutes – Held by Councillor Cleveland; and

Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried  _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 30, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2026-03-30- 224

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: B. Crato

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

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Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario
Date: March 6, 2026 8:12:57 AM

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CAUTION: External E-Mail

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable

recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
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Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

April 24, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario),
Honourable Trevor Jones (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness),
Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks),
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills
Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
Ontario Federation of Agriculture,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
All Municipalities in Ontario

Re: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

At a meeting held on April 15, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved the following Resolution # 2026-04-15-251 adopting the below recommendation from the April 1, 2026 Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Olena Hankivksy

Seconded by Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support the correspondence."

Council Resolution # 2026-04-15-251

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,



Tonia Bennett
Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Agenda Resolution Number
Item 10.a 2026-04-15- 251

Seconded By J. Logel

Council Date: April 15, 2026

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Recorded Vote
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Councillor's Name

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Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
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Warden's Signature

Economic Development, Tourism, & Land Use Planning Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2026-04-01- 241

Moved by: C. C. C.

Seconded by: Osbander

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2026

"**That** the Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee receive the correspondence from Township of North Dumfries regarding 'Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025', for information and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council ~~receive~~ ^{support} the correspondence ~~for information.~~"

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature



—The TOWNSHIP of—
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
PO Box 1060
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Dumfries support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Good". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Good, Clerk
Township of North Dumfries
519-632-8800 ext. 122
agood@northdumfries.ca

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Web: www.southgate.ca

February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
500 George Street North
Peterborough, Ontario
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April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;
MP Emma Harrison;
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
MPP Dave Smith;
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
All Ontario Municipalities

Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;**
- 2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;**
- 3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;**



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Peterborough

4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Kennedy".

John Kennedy
City Clerk

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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Legislative Building
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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at jwushke@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mike Harris, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association
all Ontario municipalities

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Sudbury ON P3E 6A5
Téléphone : 705 564-0120
Sans frais : 1 800 461-1193

May 15, 2026

via e-mail

Mayor Cheryl Philip and Council
Town of Kearney
8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38
Kearney, ON P0A 1M0
mayorcherylphilip@gmail.com

Subject: Request from Town of Kearney for Removal from Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

Dear Mayor Philip and Council,

This letter is in response to Resolution № 2025-201 from the Town of Kearney Council, which requested that the Town be removed from the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board and be given certain approval authorities under the *Planning Act*.

In response to council's request, the Minister has directed that a proposal notice be posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry for a 45-day public consultation period. Following the consultation, the Minister will consider whether to give council the authority to approve consents and plans of subdivision, as well as removing the Town from the Planning Board.

The proposal notice is published on the following page:

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/54035>

The public comment period ends June 29, 2026. Should you or town staff have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Christopher Brown, Senior Planner, by phone at (249) 885-4552 or by e-mail at Christopher.R.Brown@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Bridget Schulte-Hostedde
Regional Director

c: Nicole Gourlay, CAO/Clerk, Town of Kearney
Linda Moyer, Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-Law No. 2026 - XX

Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an agreement

between

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

and

Algonquin West ATV Club

WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by By-law unless specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended, authorizes broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended, provides that "a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act";

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Kearney deems it expedient to enter into an agreement with Algonquin West Club to provide authorization to use and maintain whole or part of municipal roads within the Town of Kearney for the purposes of an ATV trail for a period of five years from the date of passing;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kearney enacts as follows:

1. That the Corporation of the Town of Kearney enter into a Memorandum of Understanding substantially in the format attached hereto as "this Agreement".
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfill the agreement.
3. That this By-law come into effect as of the date of passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, passed, signed and the Corporate Seal attached hereto, this 21st day of May, 2026.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
PRESCRIBED ATV TRAIL LAND USE PERMISSION**

I, The Corporation of the Town of Kearney, being the owner and/or occupier (hereinafter the "Landowner") of the legally described lands below, hereinafter the "Lands",

<i>Address including lot #, concession # and/or other legal description.</i>	<i>Township, County, District, Region, Municipality. Include all that apply.</i> Kearney
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hereby gives the Algonquin West ATV Club, hereinafter the "Local ATV Club"

and/or "LATVC", a license to enter onto, and access, the Lands on the following terms and conditions:

1. The term of this MOU is from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2035.
2. The Landowner grants a license to the LATVC so the LATVC can enter the Lands to establish, groom, maintain, sign and use the Lands for the driving of legally permitted all-terrain vehicles ("ATVs") by individual club members.
3. The LATVC will provide the Landowner with liability insurance of \$5,000,000.00 through a LATVC-held insurance policy (the "LATVC Insurance Policy" or "LATVCIP") for liability arising from the grooming, signage, operation, use and maintenance of the ATV trail but only with respect to the negligence of the LATVC or its members for those operations occasioned by or relating to the presence and/or use of an ATV trail. The Landowner's signature on this MOU confirms its coverage provided that the Landowner charges no fee to use the Lands.
4. The Landowner will be added as an additional insured under the LATVCIP required herein. Coverage will be extended to the Lands through an insurance policy held by the LATVC. The LATVCIP does not cover the Landowner's willful misconduct and/or negligence.
5. The LATVC shall provide the Landowner with a current certificate of liability insurance annually for the duration of this agreement. Any cancellation of insurance or changes to the insurance policy affecting coverage of the Landowner shall be presented to the Landowner forthwith.
6. The LATVC shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Landowner, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to damage to or destruction of tangible property including loss of revenue or incurred expense resulting from disruption of service, arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, misfeasance, nonfeasance, fraud or willful misconduct of the LATVC, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors and members, or any of them, in connection with or any way related to the permissions granted herein. This indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any insurance to be provided by the LATVC in accordance with this agreement and shall survive this agreement.
7. The Landowner and LATVC have each initialed a sketch or map of the Lands attached as "Schedule 'A'" to this MOU.
8. Before or after the months when there is snow cover, the LATVC may access the Lands to open, close, upgrade and maintain the ATV trail.
9. During the non-winter months the LATVC shall maintain that portion of the Lands used as an ATV trail in reasonably good condition for ATVing and the LATVC may also perform other upgrades and/or trail maintenance or other similar works or projects.
10. The LATVC shall post ATVing signage on the ATV trail and annually remove litter from the ATV trail.
11. If valid permitted and exempted ATVs and their riders damage property on the Lands used for ATVing, the LATVC will repair or replace the damaged property.
12. The Landowner authorizes the LATVC's or representative(s) to be its agent(s) to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies' efforts to supervise and enforce the uses of the Lands permitted by this MOU under the *Trespass to Property Act*, R.S.O., 1990 C. T.21, the *Off Roads Vehicles Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.4 and the *Occupiers Liability Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.2, all as amended.
13. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing at least 60 days' prior written notice to the other party as listed below. Minor changes to the Lands/location of the ATV Trail, as set out in Schedule "A", may be agreed upon by the parties in writing without the need to formally amend this agreement.
14. Additional Conditions: **See Schedule "B"**

LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER

<i>Name</i> The Town of Kearney	<i>Email</i> nicole.gourlay@townofkearney.ca
<i>Address</i> 8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38 Kearney, ON P0A1M0	<i>Phone</i> (705) 636-7752

LOCAL ATV CLUB

<i>Name - Club Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Bob Harrison, Vice-President	705-788-4027	Bob0459@hotmail.com

Landowner Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Signature: _____

Date: _____

Schedule A Attachments: <input type="checkbox"/> sketch and/or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> map
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Privacy Policy: Personal information provided on this form will only be used for purposes related to this agreement.

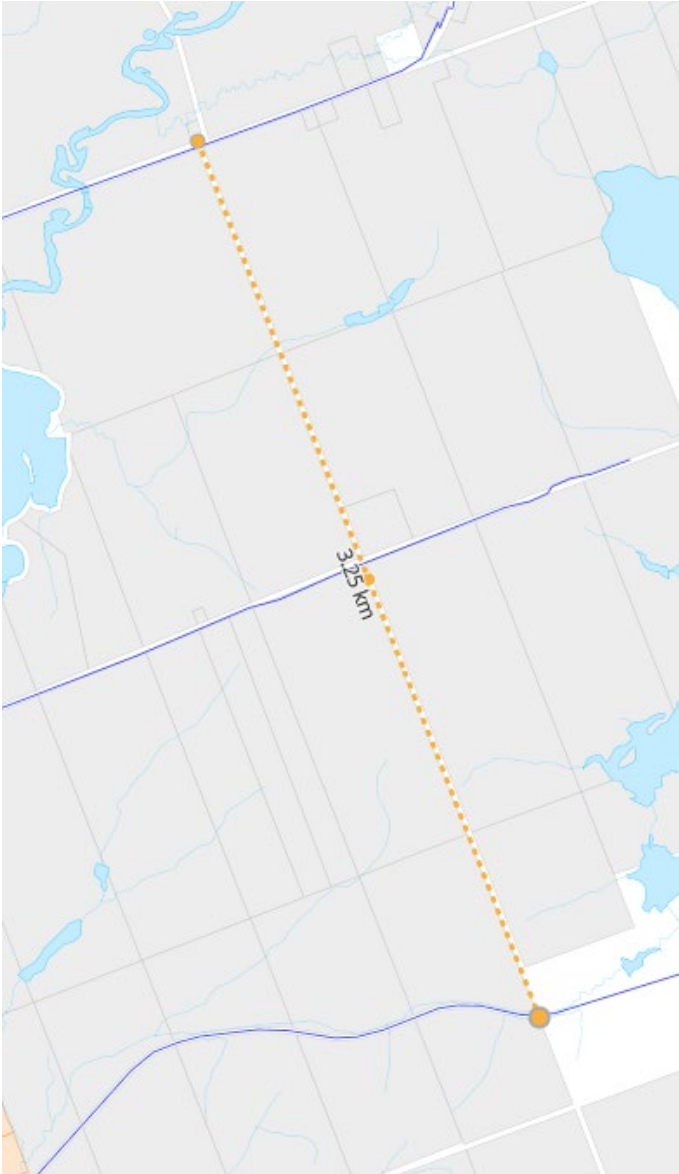
MOU Form: 10-2025

SCHEDULE B

Additional Conditions:

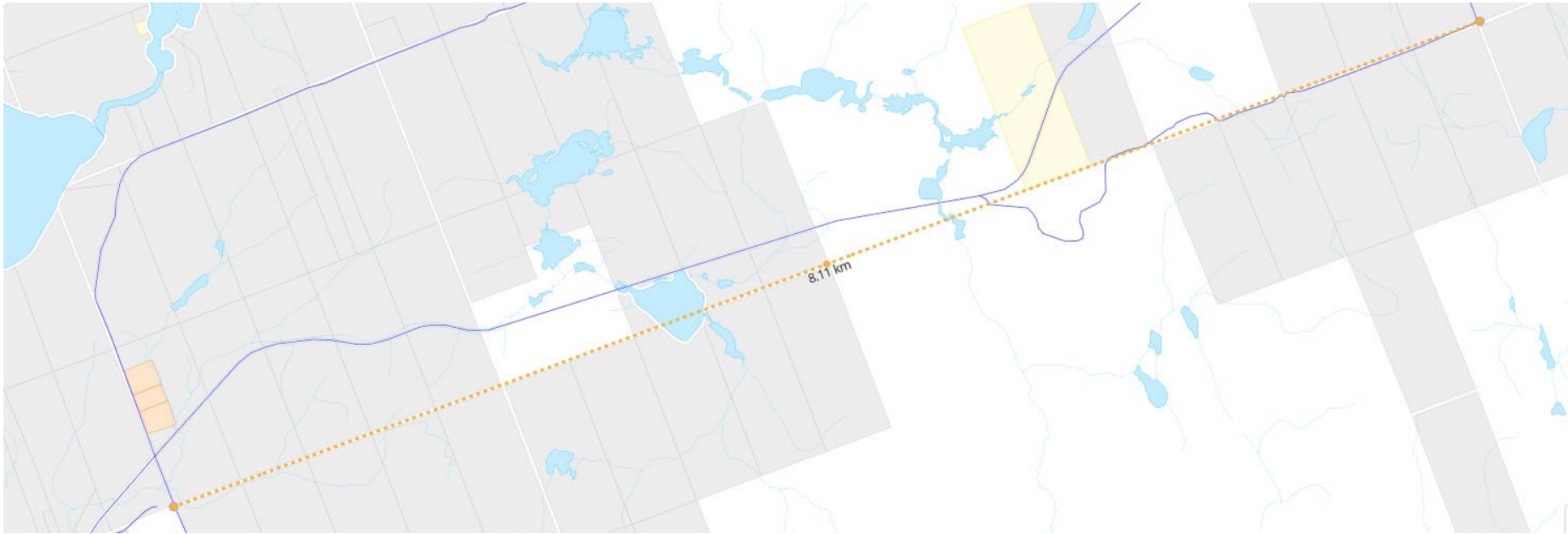
1. The LATVC acknowledges that the subject trail is located upon public highways which are not exclusively devoted to use for ATVing and that this MOU does not grant the LATVC any exclusive use or rights. The LATVC acknowledges that the Landowner's maintenance obligations and activities may interfere with the activities permitted under section 3 of this MOU.
2. The LATVC acknowledges and agrees that it is solely responsible for ensuring that the subject trail is wholly located upon the Landowner's Land and does not encroach upon or affect abutting lands. Should it be discovered that the subject trail has been inadvertently located on lands not owned by the Landowner, the LATVC shall be responsible for forthwith relocating the trail onto the Landowner's land in a location identified by the Clerk Administrator of the Landowner, in her sole discretion.

SCHEDULE A TO MOU – ALGONQUIN WEST ATV CLUB TRAIL LOCATIONS



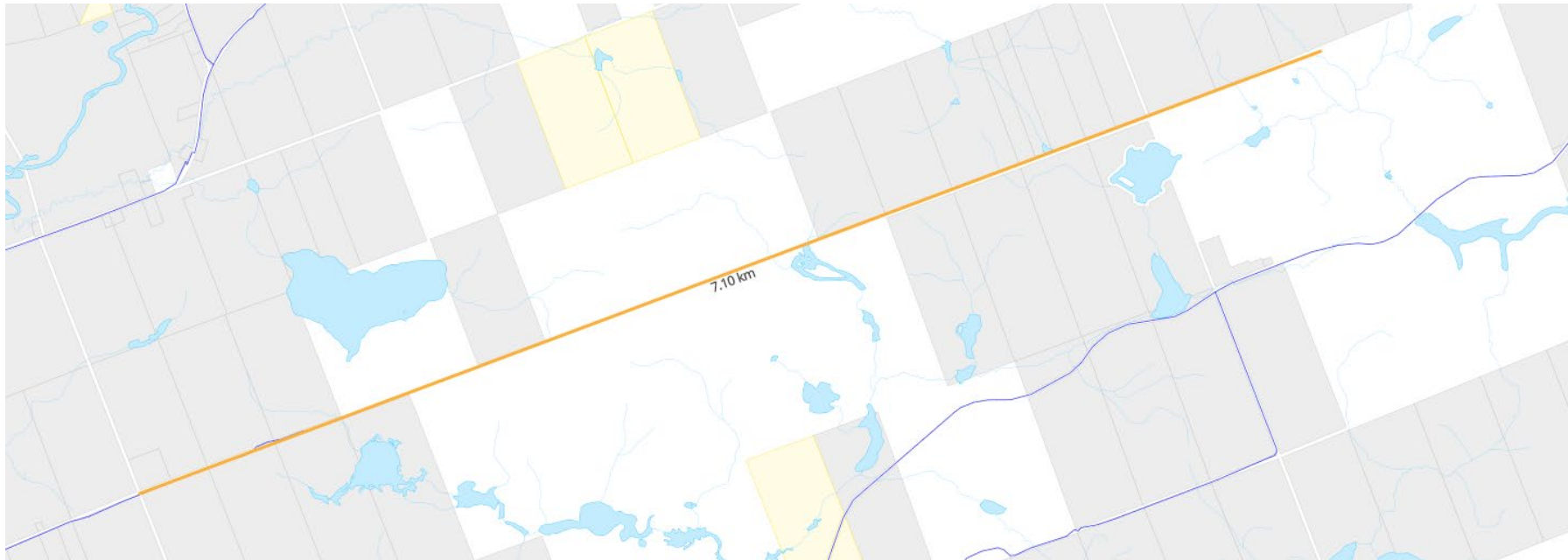
LANDOWNER: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11 THROUGH CON 11, 12, 13 AND 14 BETHUNE KEARNEY FROM RAIN LAKE ROAD TO ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN BETHUNE AND PROUDFOOT, KEARNEY AKA HWY 518 E 3.25 KM



LANDOWNER NAME: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CON 10 AND CON 11 BETHUNE KEARNEY FROM WESTERN LIMIT LOT 6 TO EASTERN LIMIT LOT 26 AKA AHOLA'S ROAD
8.11 KM



LANDOWNER NAME: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: EASTERLY FROM LOT 10 CON 12 BETHUNE KEARNEY TO LOT 28 CON 12 BETHUNE KEARNEY BEING THE ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN THE 12TH AND 13TH CON BETHUNE AKA STONEWAY ROAD AKA 12TH CONCESSION 7.20 KM



LANDOWNER NAME: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: NORTHERLY ON ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN LOT 25 CON 11 BETHUNE KEARNEY AND LOT 26 CON 11 BETHUNE KEARNEY AKA AHOLA'S ROAD 1 KM TO RAIN LAKE ROAD. THENCE NORTHERLY ON ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN LOT 25 CON 12 BETHUNE KEARNEY AND PT LOT 26 CON 12 BETHUNE KEARNEY TO CROWN LANDS 1.33 KM



LANDOWNER NAME: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: NORTH-EASTERLY ALONG ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CON 2 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY AND CON 3 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY
FROM THE WESTERLY LIMIT OF LOT 21 CON 2 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY TO THE EASTERLY LIMIT OF LOT 28 CON 3 PROUDFOOT
KEARNEY 2.85 KM



LANDOWNER NAME: PUBLIC AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION

DESCRIPTION: EASTERLY ON ROAD ALLOWANCE BETWEEN CON 12 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY AND CON 13 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY FROM EASTERLEY LIMITS OF LOT 20 CON 13 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY TO WESTERLEY LIMITS OF LOT 20 CON 13 PROUDFOOT KEARNEY 0.44 KM