

TOWN OF KEARNEY

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

A moment of silence will be observed for any existing or

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

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5. Consent List

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6. Items Referred from the Consent List

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Bursary
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7.5. DRAFT By-law to Appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official – Pg.44
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7.6. DRAFT By-law 2026-XX being a By-law to Adopt the 2026 Budget Pg.45
DRAFT Budget By-law 2026-XX being a By-law to Regulate Tax Rates
and Ratios
7.7. Discussion re: Kearney & McMurrich Monteith exclusion from an Pg.49
Ontario Health Team

8. Notice of Motion

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10. Bylaws

10.1 By-law 2026-27 Bylaw to create a Communications Policy	Pg.101
10.2 By-law 2026-28 Bylaw to create a Community Engagement Policy	Pg.108
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10.4 By-law 2026-30 being a By-law to adopt the 2026 Budget	Pg.115
10.5 By-law 2026-31 being a By-law to Regulate Tax rates and Ratios	Pg.117

11. Closed Session

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

- c) Acquisition or disposition of land

12. Confirming Bylaw

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

13. Adjournment



MEMO

Date: June 11, 2026
 To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
 From: Jenny Leblond, Treasurer
 Subject: 2026 Budget Highlights – Final

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

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

The Town of Kearney had a 1.54% increase in assessment value over 2025. For reference, if Council decided to keep the same tax rate as 2025 it would generate an increase in levy of \$67,392. This would be the levy being paid by the rate payers who built new houses/cottages, garages and storage buildings, plus major renovations and would not affect the rate payer who didn't have any assessment change.

Obviously, it is not fiscally responsible to keep the tax rate at a zero percent increase as the cost of everything keeps rising. The final draft has an increase in the tax rate of 3.89%. Figure 1 below shows that the average assessment value in Kearney for different categories. Using the 3.89% tax rate figure, the average assessment of a single-family home is \$144,000 and would see an increase of \$66.50 per year. Seasonal Recreation properties have a higher average assessment value of \$262,000 so these properties would see an increase of \$121.00.

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

Using Actual rates on May 28, 2026 2:50PM EST.

Kearney Town, 4918

Select Tax Purpose:

Include Special Area Levies

Rollinum	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	1,774.83	66.50	3.89%
4918030001118010000	R	T	Seasonal Recreational Dwelling	391	850	262,000	262,000	0.00%	3,108.21	3,229.21	121.00	3.89%
4918030001083050000	R	T	Farm House	211	7	124,300	124,300	0.00%	1,474.62	1,532.03	57.41	3.89%
4918030005078009801	F	T	Farmland	211	4	34,100	34,100	0.00%	101.13	105.07	3.94	3.90%
4918020005066000000	T	T	Managed Forest	240	114	55,000	55,000	0.00%	163.12	169.47	6.35	3.89%
4918030001398059801	C	T	Small Retail Commercial Property	410	2	325,000	325,000	0.00%	5,653.27	5,818.37	165.10	2.92%
4918010001120409801	I	T	Standard Industrial Property	520	1	163,000	163,000	0.00%	2,770.17	2,836.46	66.29	2.39%

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

Figure 2 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 Pro

Using Actual rates on May 28, 2026 3:11PM 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	1273	62.68	62.68	41	51,687
100 -200	552	27.18	27.18	141	77,657
200 -300	157	7.73	7.73	237	37,202
300 -500	44	2.17	2.17	351	15,444
500 -700	3	0.15	0.15	606	1,819
700 -1,000	2	0.10	0.10	738	1,475
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	91	185,285
Grand Total	2031			91	185,285

Just over 62% of the residential properties in Kearney would see an average increase of \$41. Another 27% of residential properties would see an average increase of \$141 with just over 10% of residential properties paying an average of \$237 to \$738.

Capital and Reserves:

Council has already approved a very aggressive Capital Budget for 2026. The capital budget figures are mixed into the operating budget and are highlighted in light orange. We should always be looking at Capital budgets and Reserves together as to always be thinking about how we are managing our assets/infrastructure and debt. Since we are contributing more to capital in 2026, it does make sense that maybe we don't contribute as much to reserves. In the final draft, there are only reserve contributions for the Muskoka hospital of \$108,750 and \$800 for Regatta band shelter (Trillium grant requirement).

See details of the Capital budget further pages into this document.

Revenues:

- OMPF grant has a one time increase of \$117,000 to a total of \$917,300
- The NORDS funding was a 5-year funding pot that ended in 2025
- Fire Department was successful with the Fire Protection grant for 2026
- User Fees and License/Permits stayed very similar to 2025

- The first quarter of 2026 saw an increase in rentals of the gym so projecting more revenue here
- Council discussed attaching more of the interest revenue to reserves but decided to slowly work at that over the next few years
- Miscellaneous Revenue includes the tax registration fees and recovered legal fees

Expenses:

General Government

- Council remains close to the same as 2025 but obviously there are election expenses for 2026
- Administration has an increase in Wages and Benefits with the addition of the Community Engagement and Recreation position
- Overall, Administration remains about the same as last year

Protective Services

- Fire Department remain consist over last year
- Policing increased by \$34,699
- Building wages down due to vacancy

Public Works

- Significant lower grader expenses
- Significantly higher capital costs for 2026

Environmental Services

- Savings in recycling because of provincial program taking over residential recycling
- No capital items in 2026

Health Services and Social/Family Services

- There is a 5.6% increase in levies for health/social/family services or \$29,952

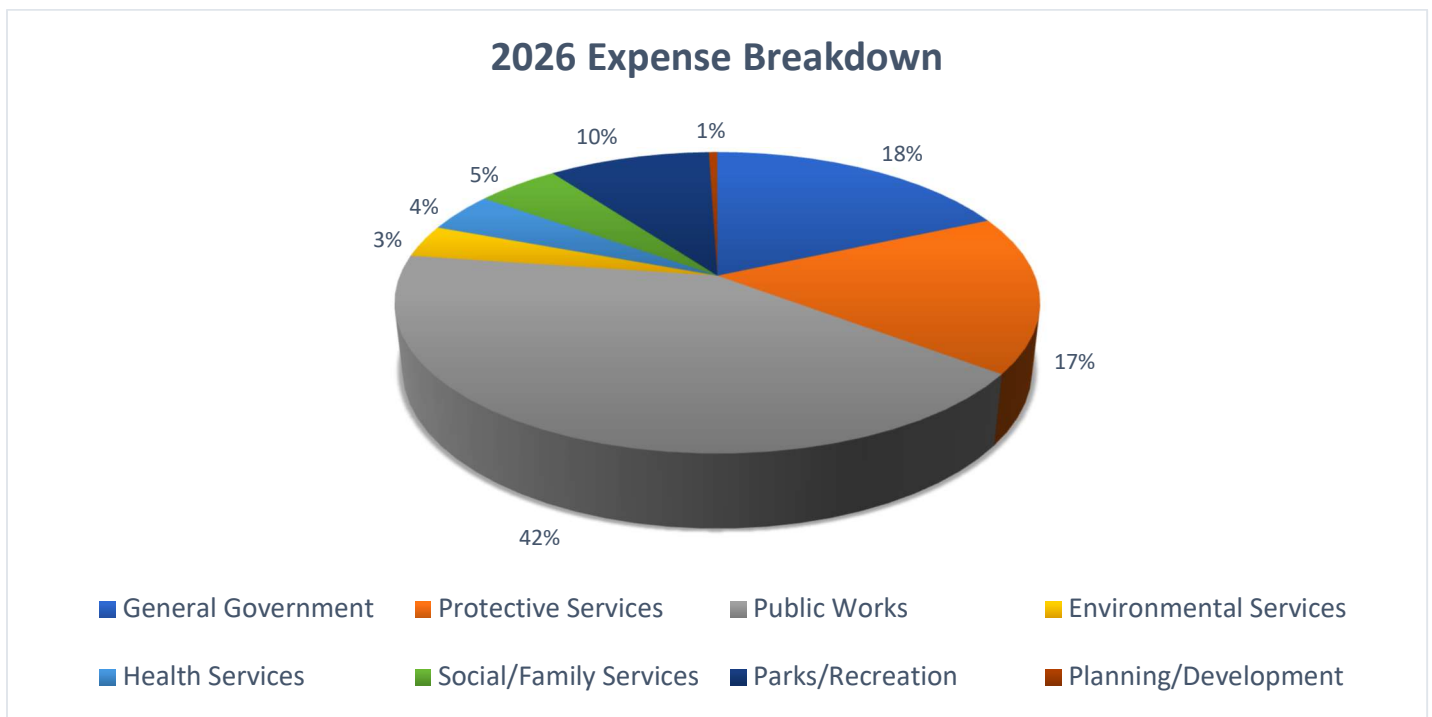
Parks and Recreation

- Wages and Benefits are increased for part of the Deputy CBO/Facilities Manager position and an additional seasonal worker (June to October)
- Construction of the Lions Pavilion to start in 2027 but administrative tasks, such as engineering, drawings, permits will start in 2026

- Library levy increase

Planning and Development

- Official Plan and Zoning By-law project will finish in 2026



Town of Kearney
2026 Operating Budget - Final Draft

		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	5,048,008.12	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	4,415,623.12	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 (EF	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 Mai	12,161.52	12,500.00	0.00	
026-001	Bank Interest	104,423.84	75,000.00	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	176,500.00	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	New Community Engagement & Rec position
032-002	Staff Appreciation/Service Awards	5,539.33	1,000.00	0.00	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 Expenses	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	includes 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/July 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	increase for 911 signs - moved from fire dept.
054-022	Roadside Beaver Trapping	2,200.00	2,500.00	0.00	
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 Hills 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.Ctce & Wilderness Experier	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	
081-902	Regatta band shelter transfer to reserve	800.00	800.00	0.00	
082-001	KCC - Wages & Benefits	128,587.79	203,362.10	40,210.89	CBO/Facilities manager
082-020	KCC - Supplies & Maintenance	20,086.81	20,000.00	5,930.41	
082-021	KCC - Water Operations & Maint.	3,413.37	3,500.00	311.93	
082-031	KCC - Hydro/Heat	36,859.63	38,000.00	8,139.70	
082-035	KCC - Insurance	11,517.51	12,158.10	0.00	
082-040	KCC - Employee Expenses and Training	1,127.43	1,500.00	494.10	
082-800	KCC - Capital Expenses	188,382.05	7,500.00	0.00	as per capital budget
082-891	KCC - Amortization	78,920.90	0.00	0.00	
083-020	Library Levy	57,200.96	75,036.00	28,600.00	
083-021	Library - Operating Expenses	5,786.08	2,500.00	745.95	
083-891	Library Amortization	2,500.13	0.00	0.00	
084-020	Art Show Expenses	8,534.96	8,500.00	0.00	
	Total Parks and Recreation:	530,846.06	672,422.46	132,361.81	

Planning and Development

090-020	Planning Misc. Expenses	1,531.85	7,500.00	0.00	increased
090-021	Official Plan & Zoning	144,719.92	25,000.00	0.00	
091-020	Economic Development Misc. Expenses	2,259.08	2,500.00	0.00	
	Total Planning and Development:	148,510.85	35,000.00	0.00	

Total Expenses:	6,767,701.58	6,987,165.20	1,687,750.52
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Net Income	-338,050.75	0.00	891,342.58
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TOWN OF KEARNEY
2026 5 year Capital Budget - AMENDED FINAL

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 Capital Budget approved by Council _____, 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	0.01079523	0.00153	0.01232523	3.89%	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 Provir	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	0.01079523	0.011874753
CQ	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	0.77	0.01079523	0.008312327
CT	Commercial Taxable: Full	1.1	0.01079523	0.011874753
CX	Commercial Taxable: Vacant Land	0.77	0.01079523	0.008312327
FT	Farm Taxable: Full	0.25	0.01079523	0.002698808
HF	Landfill Payment in Lieu: Full	1.1	0.01079523	0.011874753
IP	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	0.8805	0.01079523	0.0095052
IQ	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	0.8805	0.01079523	0.0095052
IT	Industrial Taxable: Full	0.8805	0.01079523	0.0095052
IX	Industrial Taxable: Vacant Land	0.8805	0.01079523	0.0095052
MT	Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	1	0.01079523	0.01079523
RP	Residential Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	1	0.01079523	0.01079523
RT	Residential Taxable: Full	1	0.01079523	0.01079523
TT	Managed Forests Taxable: Full	0.25	0.01079523	0.002698808
VT	Aggregate Extraction Taxable: Full	0.716468	0.01079523	0.007734437
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	0.011874753	1,401
CQ	Commercial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	120,000	0.008312327	997
CT	Commercial Taxable: Full	2,789,200	0.011874753	33,121
CX	Commercial Taxable: Vacant Land	58,500	0.008312327	486
FT	Farm Taxable: Full	685,200	0.002698808	1,849
HF	Landfill Payment in Lieu: Full	15,000	0.011874753	178
IP	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	639,200	0.0095052	6,076
IQ	Industrial Payment in Lieu: Full, Excess Land,	69,800	0.00617838	431
IT	Industrial Taxable: Full	348,800	0.0095052	3,315
IX	Industrial Taxable: Vacant Land	40,000	0.00617838	247
MT	Multi-Residential Taxable: Full	634,000	0.01079523	6,844
RP	Residential Payment in Lieu: Full, Taxable Tenant of Province	980,300	0.01079523	10,583
RT	Residential Taxable: Full	400,207,200	0.01079523	4,320,329
TT	Managed Forests Taxable: Full	6,397,400	0.002698808	17,265
VT	Aggregate Extraction Taxable: Full	64,500	0.007734437	499
	<u>413,167,100</u>		2025 Levy	<u>4,403,623</u>
			2025 Levy	<u>4,147,815</u>
			Increase of	<u>255,808</u>

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, May 21, 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)
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief, Chief Building Official (FC, CBO)
Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent

All Staff were present for the entirety 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 2026-109
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of May 21, 2026, as circulated
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest – None noted**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings - nil**
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2026-110
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, May 21, 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 DRAFT #2 Operational Budget
Resolution 2026-111
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the DRAFT Operational Budget Package; AND FURTHER THAT Council increase Interest (revenue) to \$75,000
CARRIED
 - 7.2 Regional Fire – DRAFT Live Fire Unit Agreement
Resolution 2026-112
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the DRAFT RFSC Agreement (Live Fire Training Unit)
CARRIED
 - 7.3 MEMO – Sweeper

Resolution 2026-113

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 Staff Report regarding the purchase of a 1995 Elgin Pelican Sweeper; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the purchase of this sweeper at a price of \$6500 out of the Equipment Reserve; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize Staff to obtain quotations for a used Street Sweeper up to \$50,000 to come from the equipment reserve.

CARRIED

7.4 MEMO – Potential Delay on Island Lake Road

Resolution 2026-114

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the Memo regarding the construction delay on Island Lake Road as information only.

CARRIED

7.5 Eastholme Board of Management

Resolution 2026-115

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

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

7.6 Mayor Memo to Council – FONOM Conference Attendance

Resolution 2026-116

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Mayor's report on the FONOM annual Conference; AND FURTHER that Council thanks the Mayor and Councillor Beaucage for their representation at the FONOM conference.

CARRIED

7.7 Draft Community Engagement Policy

Resolution 2026-117

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the DRAFT Community Engagement Policy; AND FURTHER THAT the policy be brought back to a future Council meeting for review and approval.

CARRIED

7.8 Draft Communication Policy

Councillor Beaucage declared a Conflict regarding 7.8, the Draft Communication Policy as a family member is the Communication and Public Relations Coordinator. Councillor Beaucage recused herself from the discussion.

Resolution 2026-118

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the DRAFT Communications Policy; AND FURTHER THAT this policy be brought back to a future Council meeting for review and approval.

CARRIED

Councillor Beaucage returned to the table.

7.9 Discussion on upgrading and opening of Echo Ridge Subdivision Roads

Resolution 2026-119

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 include Echo Ridge Subdivision in the upgrading road project; AND FURTHER THAT a letter be sent to all property owners abutting those roads notifying them of Council's intent to improve the road's service by way of Special Service Charge or Local Improvement; AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to issue Tenders for these nine roads.

CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion – nil

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2026-120

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from May 21, 2026, for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items:

9.2 Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – Tar & Chip; 9.4 Support Resolution – Circular Materials; 9.4 Support Resolution – Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025; 9.6 Support Resolution – Guaranteed Basic Income

CARRIED

10. By-laws

Resolution 2026-121

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; 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 2026-25 Being a By-law to Enter into and Agreement with Algonquin West ATV Club

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

12. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2026-122

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

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-26 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Meeting of May 5, 2026 and the Regular Meeting of May 21, 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 2026-123

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:02 pm

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
VIA ZOOM

Attending Members: R. Ward
D. O'Halloran
J. Lumley (alternate)
C. Philip
C. Hope
G. Miller (alternate)

Attending Staff: L. Moyer
J. Ross

MINUTES:

The meeting opened at 6:31 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 27/26

Moved by:

G. Miller

Seconded by:

D. O'Halloran

**"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 25, 2026 Minutes be approved as amended."
– CARRIED**

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. Administrative Insurance

L. Moyer reported that the Planning Board requires a new policy for liability insurance. L. Moyer is currently corresponding with an insurance company, but no quote has been provided yet. Members of the Board gave recommendations on other insurance companies that may provide a favourable quote.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Status of Applications

L. Moyer reported that there are 7 consent applications in progress.

B-041/23, B-042/23 & B-043/23 (Armstrong) – Amended Conditions

L. Moyer reported that there were discussions between the applicant's engineer and the Town

Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Via Zoom
(ATTACHMENT)

Attending Members: R. Ward
D. O'Halloran
J. Lumley (alternate)
C. Hope
G. Miller (alternate)

Attending Staff: L. Moyer
J. Ross
Absent: C. Philip

APPLICATIONS TO BE HEARD:

The meeting for the hearing was opened at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was Chaired by R. Ward. At the commencement of the hearing R. Ward provided introductory comments and prior to the completion of the hearing, L. Moyer advised the applicant(s) and/agent that the Notice of Decision would be forthcoming by mail/email.

B-005/26

OCTOBER 14TH HOLDINGS INC.

The Applicant J. Price and the Agent T. Williams were present.

Consent application B-005/26 is a proposed consent to create one new lot for residential purposes. The subject lands are located in Part Lot 3, Concession 4 (Parts 4 & 6, 42R-17264) within the Township of Armour. The parcel to be severed will have an approximate frontage of 71.7 m. (235.24 ft.) on Madill Road, an approximate depth of 200 m. (656.17 ft.), an approximate area of 1.62 ha. (4 ac.) and has a dwelling located on it. The parcel to be retained will have an approximate frontage of 62 m. (203.4 ft.) on Madill Road and 60.5 m. (198.49 ft.) on Little Doe Lake, an approximate depth of 756 m. (2,480.31 ft.), an approximate area of 9.3 ha. (23 ac.) and has a dwelling, shed and gazebo located on it.

The members were circulated the planning report prepared by Lanny Dennis (LannyD.Planning). L. Dennis recommended that consent application B-005/26 be approved subject to standard conditions.

The members were circulated comments from the Township of Armour. The Township advised that they have no objection to the application subject to standard conditions and a Zoning By-law Amendment to rescind a previous Zoning By-law Amendment which permitted a second septic system.

L. Moyer reported that there were no concerns or objections received from the public or agencies circulated.

MOTION 25/26

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

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT Consent Applications B-005/26 be approved subject to the conditions presented to the Board. Provisional consent is given for the following reasons:

- **The applications conform to the approved Official Plan for the municipality.**
- **The applications comply with the approved Zoning By-law in effect for the municipality.**
- **The application conforms to the Provincial Planning Statement.**
- **The municipality supports the subject application." – CARRIED**

B-050/25

Certificate of Cancellation (1001078955 ONTARIO INC.)

The Applicant was not present.

L. Moyer reported that the issuance of a Certificate of Cancellation is required as a condition of consent application B-050/25 (Marshall). The certificate is to be issued for the benefitting lands located in Part Lot 13, Concession 12, Township of Perry and described as Part 1, 42R-13734. The purpose of the certificate is to remove a previous consent on the benefitting lands in order to ensure the severed and benefitting lands can merge once the consent is finalized.

MOTION 26/26

Moved by: J. Lumley
Seconded by: C. Hope

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board approves the request for the issuance of a Certificate of Cancellation under Section 53 (45) of the Planning Act for lands located in Part Lot 13, Concession 12, Township of Perry and described as Part 1, 42R-13734 (1001078955 Ontario Inc.)" – CARRIED

The hearings were concluded.

Chairperson

Secretary-Treasurer

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Bank Code - AP - GENERAL AP

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
35558	5/13/2026	CRA - Receiver General May 1 - 15/26	Source Deductions Period May 1-1	12,722.09	12,722.09
35559	5/13/2026	Darch Fire Inc. CI30015589	Thermal Camera/Charger	9,421.94	9,421.94
35560	5/13/2026	Dunnett, Peter April 29/26 PW April 29/26 Pks Apr 29/26 Admin	Standard First Aid - Instructor Fee Standard First Aid Instructor Fee Standard First Aid Instructor Fee	360.00 180.00 450.00	990.00
35561	5/13/2026	Minister Of Finance (EHT) L0279988000	Balance Owed for Annual Return	1,272.89	1,272.89
35562	5/13/2026	FluentIMS INV-10771	Dispatch Module	1,695.00	1,695.00
35563	5/13/2026	Health Sciences North 11ANN26KEA3750	Medical Direction & Quality Assura	3,750.00	3,750.00
35564	5/13/2026	McNeely, Douglas 0256502	74 Loads B Gravel	3,700.00	3,700.00
35565	5/13/2026	Ministry of Finance - Ontario 102304261248096	March OPP LSR Policing Services	29,182.00	29,182.00
35566	5/13/2026	Rogers Wireless Apr 20/26 Bill Apr 20/26 Int	May 5G Business Internet Pro April Interest	90.40 0.35	90.75
35567	5/13/2026	Roto-Mill Inc. HB35041	Asphalt Bridge Decks - Release HI	3,101.96	3,101.96
35568	5/13/2026	Three Mile Truck & Trailer Repair 3083	Labour for Air Leak (Brakes)	315.39	315.39
35569	5/13/2026	Town Of Parry Sound IVC000000024296	Dispatch Module (shared exp)	109.03	109.03
35570	5/13/2026	ULINE Canada Corp 18021810	Industrial Trash Liners (2 boxes)	214.14	214.14
35571	5/14/2026	Kearney-Perry Joint WasteManagemer 2026-1/2QK	1st & 2nd installment of shared lev	54,655.84	54,655.84
35572	5/21/2026	VOID - Cheque Printing			
35573	5/21/2026	SugarNuts MiniDonuts 006	Community Safety Day	400.00	400.00
				Total Computer Cheque:	121,621.03

EFT

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
332	5/14/2026	Bickley Ford Sales FCCS218395	Maintenance & Repair (Ford)	1,737.34	1,737.34
333	5/14/2026	Bugelli, Lisa 028	April Fitness Instructor Fees	720.00	720.00
334	5/14/2026	972260 Ontario Ltd. 94489	Bathroom Supplies	35.02	35.02
335	5/14/2026	Canadian Microwave 15734	May Tower/Shelter Space Rental	395.50	395.50

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Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
336	5/14/2026	Debbie Ann Hall Paralegal Services PC				
			002151	General Legal Matters	2,932.04	2,932.04
337	5/14/2026	FCM-Fed.of Can. Municipalities				
			INV 4805-T7H9H9	Annual Membership Renewal	415.96	415.96
338	5/14/2026	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience c/o				
			Apr15-30 FD	Vehicle Fuel Purchases - April 15-:	641.48	
			Apr15-30 BD	Vehicle Fuel	106.26	
			April 15-30 PK	Vehicle Fuel	104.00	
			Apr 15-30 PW	Vehicle Fuel	291.00	
			Apr15-30 FD/b	Station Supplies	39.42	
			Apr15-30/26PK/s	Miscellaneous Supplies	13.53	
			Apr15-30/26 T11	Vehicle Fuel	179.01	
			Apr15-30/26 KCC	Miscellaneous Supplies	72.83	1,447.53
339	5/14/2026	Fibernetics Corporation				
			788710	May Telephone	33.89	
			788692	May Telephone (Kallio)	95.92	
			788705	May Telephone (King William)	33.83	
			788669	May Telephone	39.48	
			788666	May Telephone	186.33	389.45
340	5/14/2026	Intelivote Systems Inc.				
			KEAR-20260430D	eVote Services 2026 Mun.Election	1,243.93	1,243.93
341	5/14/2026	1450962 Ont Inc.				
			I5683	April outdoor portable service	113.00	
			I5682	April outdoor portable service (Kall	56.50	
			I5684	April outdoor portable service (King	56.50	226.00
342	5/14/2026	Lake Country Office Solutions				
			119434	April Photocopy Fees	361.53	
			119571	April fax service	33.90	395.43
343	5/14/2026	Leblond, Jenny				
			JL May 11/26 R	AMCTO Spring Conference Expen	465.68	465.68
344	5/14/2026	VOID - Rejected EFT (Logan, Becky)				
345	5/14/2026	MFOA				
			2026-M163	Annual Membership Renewal	395.50	395.50
346	5/14/2026	Moran, Bethany				
			BM Boots (FD)	Reimbursement for Boots	125.00	125.00
347	5/14/2026	NorthBay ParrySound District Health U				
			June 26 Levy	June Levy Payment	2,599.14	2,599.14
348	5/14/2026	Reeder Web Design and Marketing Ser				
			11462	Wordpress Maintenance qrt levy	154.08	154.08
349	5/14/2026	TransCanada Safety				
			79166	Compressor Service	2,412.66	
			78762	Pioneer Coat Defender	2,253.97	
			78488	Vanquish Structural Boots	621.50	5,288.13
350	5/14/2026	Trackmatics Inc.				

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EFT

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Reference	Invoice Amount	Payment Amount
			44985 Trk4	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			44985 Trk6	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			44985 Trk10	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			44985 Trk11	May GPS Monitoring	72.13	
			44985 Trk12	May GPS Monitoring	72.14	
			44985 Grader	May GPS Monitoring	72.14	
			44985 BD	May GPS Monitoring	66.67	
			44985 FD	May GPS Monitoring	287.01	
			44985 PK	May GPS Monitoring	110.73	
			44985 TS	May GPS Monitoring	66.67	963.88
351	5/14/2026	Young, Tom				
		TY May3/26Reimb		Reimburse shop supplies	49.99	49.99
352	5/14/2026	Beaucage, Keven				
		KB May 13/26		FONOM Conference Expenses	782.78	782.78
353	5/14/2026	Gourlay, Nicole				
		NG May 11/26		Bargaining Mar 25, 26 & Apr 1 (KM	18.39	
		NG May 11/26-1		Elections Training (KMS)	24.50	
		NG May 11/26-2		AMCTO Conference (KMS)	335.80	
		NG Mar-May CP		March, April, May Cell Phone Usage	150.00	
		NG May11/26 Rec		Tennis Balls for Gym Floor Exp.	4.30	532.99
354	5/14/2026	Mathews, Dinsdale, & Clark				
		516348		HR Legal - March	9,458.10	
		516347		Negotiations	10,678.50	20,136.60
355	5/14/2026	Russell Christie LLP				
		52097467 May1		Legal Building	1,388.43	1,388.43
356	5/14/2026	TransCanada Safety				
		79451		Marshall Fire Fighting Boot	565.00	565.00
357	5/21/2026	Tatham Engineering Ltd				
		106774		Flood Hazard Assessment (011-66	590.43	590.43
				Total EFT:		43,975.83
				Total AP:		165,596.86

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Municipal Partners POA Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda November 20, 2025

Agenda

Date:

November 20, 2025

Time:

1:30pm

Location:

Zoom – zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 844 1568 7557

Passcode: 816839

Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84415687557?pwd=ZbaX9JMVtqQ5Xk1b6GObbJrFaaaf71.1>

Members Present:

Bonnie Keith – Parry Sound

Wendy Hawes – Archipelago

Pearl Ivens – Machar

Tom Bryson – Joly

Janice Bray – Whitestone

Mike Kekkonen – McKellar

Sheri Brisbane – McDougall

Delynne Patterson – Ryerson

Rod Ward – Armour

Staff Present:

Andre Couture – Parry Sound

1. Agenda

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

1.2 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

1.3 Prioritization of Agenda

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

That the Committee agenda for November 20, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Moved by Pearl Ivens

Seconded by Tom Bryson

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of May 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes from the committee meeting held May 22, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Moved by Sheri Brisbane

Seconded by Janice Bray

3.2 Questions of Staff

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 POA Court Services

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Municipal Partners POA Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda November 20, 2025

9.1.1 POA Court Manager's Report Q3 2025

That the POA Court Manager's Report Q3 2025 be accepted.

Moved by Wendy Hawes

Seconded by Delynne Patterson

9.1.2 2026 POA Budget - DRAFT

That the 2026 POA Budget – DRAFT be accepted.

Moved by Sheri Brisbane

Seconded by Janice Bray

9.2 Other Business

9.2.1 2025 General Ledger

9.3 Date of Next Meeting

That the next POA Municipal Partners Meeting will be held May 28, 2026, at 1:30pm.

Moved by Wendy Hawes

Seconded by Janice Bray

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm

Moved by Sheri Brisbane

Seconded by Delynne Patterson

Personal Information collected in *Section 2. Public Meeting, Section 4. Correspondence and/or Section 5. Deputations* is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), Section 21. (1) c* and will be used to create a record available to the general public.



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

Minutes: Thursday, May 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. 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, Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston, (Secretary), Sandy Zurbrigg, Cheryl Harrison, Joel Baylis.

Regrets: Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, David Gravelle, Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Raynard

Guests: Austin Toth, Leah Toth, Bobbie Clark, Sarah Cooke.

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

1. 2026-10 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail - Seconded by Sean Cotton.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of April 2, 2026, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** Austin Toth & Leah Toth
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
 - a) 2026-10: Approve AHHC minutes from April 2, 2026.
 - b) 2026-12: Approve payment of \$271.20 to Vista Print for hosting AHHC website.
 - d) 2026-13: Accept bank statement for period of Mar. 31 to Apr. 30, 2026.
 - e) 2026-14: Approve the AHHC Infographic.
 - f) 2026-15: Adjourn the meeting.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Petition for Cancer Clinic to Remain in Huntsville (Austin Toth)

Introductions presentation by Almaguin Highlands residents Austin & Leah Toth who shared their story and purpose of the petition, followed by discussion of oncology care options, MAHC capital planning and decision-making guidelines, and AHHC options.

Links will be shared with meeting participants and the Toth's will present delegations to Councils throughout the region.

Town of Kearney will share the wording of their resolution for Councils to use.

b) Payment of Invoice | Vista Print for Hosting of AHHC Website (Rod Ward)

2026-12 Moved by Tom Bryson - Seconded by Sean Cotton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approve payment of the Vista Print Invoice for the amount of \$271.20 for hosting the AHHC website for one year. Carried.

c) Accept Bank Statement | March 31, 2026 to April 30, 2026 (Rod Ward)

2026-13 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail- Seconded by Sean Cotton.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council accept the RBC Bank Statement for the period from March 31, 2026 to April 30, 2026. Carried.

d) Update - Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (Cheryl Harrison)

Awaiting news on capital development but great work occurring as well as annual recognition of volunteers.

e) Update – MAOHT PFCPAC (Sandy Zurbrigg)

MAOHT communications and engagement at events such as Belonging Without Borders (May 7th Gravenhurst) and Healthy Living Fair (June 10th Bracebridge). PFCPAC is open to attending events in Almaguin. Also, there is someone who can share the palliative care voice/story, please connect with the MAOHT.

MAOHT leads (PCN and Admin) met with Dr. Jane Philpott to share information. The AHHC will invite the MAOHT to attend the next AHHC meeting to share highlights of the meeting.

e) Almaguin Highlands Health Council Infographic (Rod Ward | Courtney Metcalf)

Overview of the infographic that highlights key areas, accomplishments, how it can be used and shared to build stronger relationships.

2026-14 Moved by Brad Kneller - Seconded by Cheryl Philip.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approve the AHHC Infographic as agreed at the AHHC meeting of May 7, 2026. Carried.

f) Extension of Township of Armour EOI | Almaguin Health & Innovation Hub (Rod Ward)

The EOI has been extended to June 10, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-15 Moved by Sean Cotton - Seconded by Tom Bryson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:22 pm to meet again on June 4, 2026 at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2026- _____

Date: June 11, 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 determines that, due to Staff and Council scheduling, the Council meeting scheduled for September 24, 2026 be moved to September 23, 2026.

CARRIED _____

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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"/> |



Memo

Date: June 11, 2026
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Stefanie Allen, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator
Subject: Ralph Bice Bursary 2026

Recommendation:

That Council receives this memo from staff regarding the 2026 Ralph Bice Bursary agrees to:

- award the Ralph Bice Bursary in the amount of \$1000 to Jesse Woodruff
- not award the Bursary in 2026, due to the applicant not attending a post secondary program within the bursary scope.

Background

Staff received three applications for the Ralph Bice Bursary for 2026. Two applicants live in Kearney and one lives in Magnetawan. One Kearney applicant has been accepted to attend College Boréal in 2026.

Considerations

The Ralph Bice Committee created this bursary to award \$1,000 to a Kearney resident enrolled in forestry or a related field. The fund supported last year's award and has enough remaining to continue for about eight more years.

Although the recommended applicant is not entering a Forestry program, his commitment to continuing his education aligns with the intent of the bursary.

Analysis

Awarding the bursary supports the legacy of Ralph Bice and meets the purpose for which the fund was established.

Prepared by: Stefanie Allen, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2026 - _____

Date: June 11, 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 hereby receives Staff Memo regarding the 2026 Ralph Bice Bursary;

AND FURTHER that Council agrees to:

- award the Ralph Bice Bursary in the amount of \$1000 to Jesse Woodruff
- not award the Bursary in 2026, due to the applicant not attending a post secondary program within the bursary scope.

CARRIED _____

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill

Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council, Town of Kearney

From: Kent Randall and Jessica Rae Reid (EcoVue Consulting Services Inc.)
Town Planning Consultants

Subject: Application for Consent (Right-of-Way)
SPSDPB File No. B-008/26

File: 764 Grass Lake Road;
Part of Lot 17, Concession 9, Town of Kearney (Proudfoot)
EcoVue Project No: 25-2095-08

Date: June 8, 2026

Recommendation

That Council recommend approval of Consent for Right-of-Way Application B-008/26 to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board, with the following conditions:

1. That all Municipal taxes to date shall be paid in full.
2. That all Town fees and disbursements (legal, engineering, planning), if any incurred by the Town with respect to this application shall be paid for by the owner.
3. An updated Draft Reference Plan of Survey be provided to the Town of Kearney for review and approval prior to registration.

Background and Proposal

The following is a review of Consent Application B-008/26 in the context of applicable land use planning policies and provisions.

The subject lands are known as Grass Lake Road, located at Part of Lot 17, Concession 9, in the former geographic Township of Proudfoot, now in the Town of Kearney, District of Parry Sound. The lands are currently vacant.

The purpose the Consent application is to establish right-of-way (ROW) over the subject lands in order to provide vehicular access from the municipally-maintained Grass Lake Road to a property without municipal road frontage, held in separate ownership to the south (Part of Lot 17, Concession 8). The ROW will be located on the western side of the applicant’s property and form a 6-metre wide strip from Grass Lake Road to the southern boundary of the subject property. Access to the benefitting lands will then cross an unopened road allowance between the retained property and benefitting property.

The proposed ROW will only provide vehicular access over subject lands and will not result in any changes to the existing land use permissions on the subject property or benefitting lands.

Based on the submitted application and the available Provincial GIS information, the proposed severed (ROW) and retained lands will be configured as follows:

	“Severed” (ROW) Lands	Retained Lands
Lot Area	567 sq. m	1.4 ha
Lot Frontage	6 metres	~150 metres
Lot Depth	97.8 metres	~140 metres
Current Zone	Rural Residential (RR) Zone	Rural Residential (RR) Zone
Current Uses	Vacant	Vacant
Proposed Uses	Driveway	N/A
Existing Structures	Vacant	Vacant
Proposed Structures	N/A	N/A
Road Access	Grass Lake Road	Grass Lake Road

The property is designated Rural Lands according to Schedule ‘A’ in the Town of Kearney Official Plan. The lands are zoned Rural Residential (RR) according to Schedule ‘A’ in the Town of Kearney Zoning By-law No. 2022-20.

Analysis

Provincial Planning Statement (2024)

The proposed ROW constitutes a technical consent and does not meet the definition of “development” as is defined in the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) (“*the creation of a new lot, change in land use, or the construction of buildings and structures requiring approval under the Planning Act*”, or “site alteration” which is defined as “*grading, excavation and the placement of fill that would change the landform and natural vegetative characteristics of a site*”). Further, the proposed ROW will not alter or change the existing development rights on the retained and benefitting lots (see TKOP section below related to access).

Therefore, the policies of the PPS generally do not apply to the application.

As such, it is our opinion that the consent is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement.

Town of Kearney Official Plan

As noted, the subject property is currently designated Rural Lands, according to Schedule ‘A’ to the Town of Kearney Official Plan (TKOP). However, the proposed consent will have no impact on the existing land uses permissions on the subject lands.

That said, the proposed ROW will provide access to a landlocked parcel, which is subject to several policies within the TKOP.

Firstly, the establishment of private rights-of-way is discussed in Section 8.2 (Roads) of the TKOP. Section 8.2.4 states that private roads are defined as roads under private ownership that serve two or more legally conveyable lots and may include a right-of-way registered on title. However, this section further notes that an access service only one property or legally conveyable lot would be considered a “driveway”, rather than a private road. In this case, the proposed ROW will only serve the benefitting lands as the retained lands contains an existing driveway from Grass Lake Road that

serves the single detached dwelling. Therefore, it is our opinion that the proposed ROW should be considered a driveway in the context of the TKOP.

Further to this, Section 8.2.5 speaks to Unopened Road Allowances and notes that any improvements to URAs wherein a member of the public is exercising their “right to access” their property shall conform to the following requirements:

- 1. It should be the responsibility of the applicant to determine the location of the road allowance on the ground, by Legal Plan of Survey.*
- 2. The Town does not want to get itself into a position where it is deemed to have assumed a proposed road for public use and thereby incur the obligation of repair.*
- 3. The Town wants to make it clear to the public that the road is not an opened public highway maintained by the Town.*
- 4. The Town should know and control the extent of the work or improvement.*
- 5. The applicant should agree to indemnify the Town in respect to any claims.*
- 6. Where permitted, access over an unopened road allowance shall be developed under agreement with the Town and will be required to meet a minimum standard of construction and maintenance to ensure that access can be gained for emergency vehicles in accordance with the Ontario Building Code.*
- 7. Registration of the agreement against the title to the lands to be served by the road would serve as notice to anyone purchasing or mortgaging the land that the access road is not a Town maintained road.*

Although this application is only related to the ROW on the subject lands, the applicant and benefitting owner should be aware of the above policies, which generally outline the provisions and directions of an agreement for use of the URA, if and when development occurs on the benefitting parcel.

While these access policies outline the parameters for permitting development on parcels within municipal road frontage, it is our opinion that the ROW does not alter the existing development rights provided for in the TKOP and Zoning By-law, as described below. The establishment of an ROW and any subsequent access agreements constitutes the necessary steps for development on properties without municipal road frontage that are outlined within the Town's planning documents. No changes to the land use designations or zones are required.

Therefore, the proposed consent will conform with the policies of the Town of Kearney Official Plan.

Town of Kearney Zoning By-law No. 2022-20

The subject lands are currently zoned the Rural Residential (RR) Zone in the Town of Kearney Zoning By-law No. 2022-20 (TKZBL). The benefitting lands are zoned the Rural (RU) Zone.

As previously stated, the proposed ROW will not interfere with the existing land use permissions on the subject lands. The dimensions of the ROW do not form a separate lot, so there are no performance standards to consider.

Of particular note, however, is Section 3.3.2 of the TKZBL, which outlines provisions related to development on lots that do not have direct municipal road frontage, including those properties that front upon *"a private road or private right-of-way or crown road, or original road allowance"*. This section stipulates that *"a use, building or structure permitted within the Zone shall be permitted on such lot, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Zone and provided...there is an agreement in place with the municipality to address the construction standard and maintenance, liability, provision of services, etc."*

As with the TKOP, the TKZBL contemplates and permits development on lots without direct municipal road frontage but requires an agreement between the landowner and Town related to access and maintenance. While the development of the benefitting parcel is not the subject of this application, the applicant and landowner should be aware of this requirement.

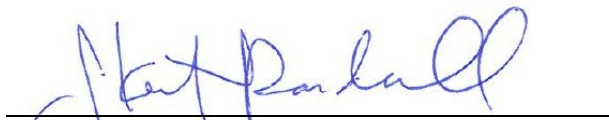
Notwithstanding, Section 3.10 permits the construction of hunt camps on lots greater than 10 hectares within the RU Zone without municipal road frontage, and without the need for an agreement under Section 3.3.2.

Summary

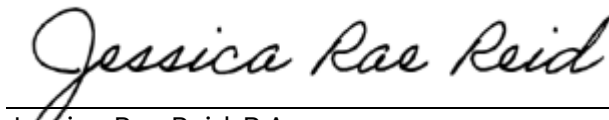
Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that Consent Application B-008/26 is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement (2024) and conforms to the Town of Kearney Official Plan. The application also complies with the Town of Kearney Zoning By-law 2022-20.

Therefore, we respectfully recommend that Council endorse Consent Application B-008/26 and recommend approval to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board, subject to the conditions provided as part of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,
ECOVUE CONSULTING SERVICES INC.



J. Kent Randall B.E.S. MCIP RPP
Town Planning Consultant



Jessica Rae Reid, B.A
Town Planning Consultant

Key Map

Peace Valley Drive; Part of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Concession 6, Bethune
Town of Kearney, District of Parry Sound



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 –

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: , 2026
Councillor G. ASHFORD	_____	_____	MOVED BY:
Councillor J. BELESKEY	_____	_____	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____	_____
Councillor B. KEITH	_____	_____	SECONDED BY:
Councillor D. McCANN	_____	_____	
Councillor C. McDONALD	_____	_____	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	_____	_____	

CARRIED: _____ **DEFEATED:** _____ **Postponed to:** _____

WHEREAS the delivery of Court Services is governed by Transfer Agreements entered into with the Province (MOU & Local Side Agreement); and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) entered into between The Town of Parry Sound and the Corporation of the Township of Armour, Township of Seguin, Township of Carling, Township of Perry, Town of Kearney, Village of Burk’s Falls, Village of South River, Village of Sundridge, Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Joly, Township of Joly, Township of Machar, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of Ryerson, Township of Strong and Township of the Archipelago, as amended, in addition to applicable legislation, including the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA); and

WHEREAS The POA Advisory Committee, on May 28, 2026, recommended that the Town of Parry Sound Council, along with the Councils of the 18 municipalities within the Parry Sound Catchment Area support the *POA Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA* and call upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council **of the Town of Parry Sound** call upon the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to request a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario be urged to modernize set fines as necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario regularly review and adjust set fines to keep pace with inflation and maintain their effectiveness as a deterrent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, OMTRA and ROMA.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-Law No. 2026-XX

**Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official (DCBO)
For Enforcing the Building Code Act within
The Corporation of the Town of Kearney**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25* as amended, authorizes the Council of any municipality to appoint certain officers and employees as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation, or for carrying into effect or enforcing any Act or By-law of the Council;

AND WHEREAS the *Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, s.3(2)* provides that the Council of each municipality shall appoint a Chief Building Official and such Inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of the Building Code Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction;

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

1. **That** Scott Woodworth is hereby appointed as Deputy Chief Building Official for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney;
2. **That** Scott Woodworth, in his position of Deputy Chief Building Official shall fulfill all statutory requirements and carry out duties applicable to the Office of the Chief Building Official (CBO) under the Ontario Building Code Act, and its Regulations including the Ontario Building Code only in the capacity by which he is trained and directed by the current CBO;
3. **That** Scott Woodworth, in his position of Deputy CBO will only step in to provide all statutory requirements and carry out duties applicable to the Office of the Chief Building Official (CBO) under the Ontario Building Code Act, and its Regulations including the Ontario Building Code immediately and on an interim basis should the current appointed CBO in By-law 2025-42 be unable to fulfill the requirements as stated above in this paragraph;
4. **That** all By-laws inconsistent with this By-law, By-law 2025-42 or By-law 2025-55 that make mention of any other persons as, Chief Building Official are hereby repealed;
5. **That** this By-law shall 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 11th day of June, 2026.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

BY-LAW 2026-31

**Being a By-law to set the 2026 Tax Ratios and 2026 Tax Rates
and to further provide for tax collection
and penalty and interest in default of payment thereof**

WHEREAS Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, requires Council to pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the By-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby enacts as follows;

That Appendix "A" is the schedule of Ratios for 2018 and is hereby adopted;

That Appendix "A" is the Schedule of Tax Rates for municipal purposes to be applied and is hereby adopted;

Tax rates for education purposes will be applied as specified by Provincial

That every owner of land shall be taxed accordingly to the Tax Rates on Appendix "A" and such tax shall become due and payable as follows:

First
Installment 2026-08-27
Second
Installment 2025-10-27

and non-payment of the amount in full, on the dates stated in accordance with this section shall constitute default;

A percentage charge of 1.25% shall be imposed for non payment of taxes on the first day of default being the 1st day of the month following the due date and every month the default continues;

Penalties and interest added on all taxes of the final tax levy in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid final tax levy;

The Treasurer or designate may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice in the approved format specifying the amount of taxes payable.

That all monies owed to the Corporation of the Town of Kearney may be added to the tax roll and be collected in a like matter as taxes;

That taxes are payable in Canadian funds at the Town of Kearney Municipal Office, 8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Kearney, Ont. P0A 1M0 or at any Chartered Bank or Credit Union, or by direct deposit via telephone or internet banking. All payments shall be applied in accordance with Section 347 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended. All taxes shall be deposited to the credit of the Town of Kearney;

That this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the final date of passing.

Mayor

Clerk

Code	2026 Municipal Tax Rates	2026 Education Tax Rates	Total Rates	2026 Tax Ratios
RT	0.01079523	0.00153000	0.01232523	1.000000
MT	0.01079523	0.00153000	0.01232523	1.000000
CT	0.011874753	0.00602794	0.01790269	1.100000
XT	0.011874753	0.00602794	0.01790269	1.100000
CU	0.008312327	0.00602794	0.01434027	0.770000
CX	0.008312327	0.00602794	0.01434027	0.770000
IT	0.0095052	0.00789639	0.01740159	0.880500
IU	0.00617838	0.00789639	0.01407477	0.880500
IX	0.00617838	0.00789639	0.01407477	0.880500
FT	0.002698808	0.00038250	0.00308131	0.250000
TT	0.002698808	0.00038250	0.00308131	0.250000
VT	0.007734437	0.00511000	0.012844437	0.716468
N/A				

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-law No. 2026-XX

**Being a By-law to provide for the
Adoption of the 2026 Budget**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* Chapter 25 S.O. 2001 Section 290 provides that for each year, a local municipality shall, in the year or the immediately preceding year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality, including

- (a) amounts sufficient to pay all debts of the municipality falling due within the year;
- (b) amounts required to be raised for sinking funds or retirement funds; and
- (c) amounts required for any board, commission or other body;

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

1. That Appendix 'A' being the Operating Budget and Capital Budget attached hereto be hereby adopted as the Budget for 2026;
2. That this 2026 Budget may be amended from time to time by a Resolution of Council with appropriate Notice having been given;
3. That this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND AND THIRD TIME, passed, signed and the Corporate Seal attached hereto, this 11th day of June, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

2026 Budget Package

See attached

DRAFT



COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2026 - _____

Date: June 11, 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

WHEREAS access to primary healthcare services is a critical component of the health, safety, and well-being of residents in the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith; and

WHEREAS the Burk’s Falls and District area serves as the local catchment area for primary healthcare services, including physician recruitment and retention initiatives; and

WHEREAS concerns have been raised that the populations of the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith have been excluded, in whole or in part, from the population counts used to determine the number of physicians allocated to serve the Burk’s Falls catchment area; and

WHEREAS such exclusion, if substantiated, may negatively impact equitable access to healthcare services for residents of these municipalities; and

WHEREAS it is essential that population data used for healthcare planning accurately reflects all communities served within a defined catchment area to ensure fair and adequate physician resourcing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney formally requests that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and the Ministry of Health undertake a review to:

1. Determine the methodology used to define the Burk’s Falls local healthcare catchment area for the purposes of physician recruitment and allocation; and
2. Investigate the reason(s), if any, why the populations of the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith were excluded or not fully considered in determining the number of physicians allocated to this service area; and
3. Confirm whether current population figures used in physician allocation accurately reflect all residents who rely on healthcare services within the Burk’s Falls catchment area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, should the review identify discrepancies or omissions, the Ministries take immediate steps to rectify the situation by:

- a) Including the full populations of the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith in healthcare planning and physician allocation calculations; and
- b) Adjusting physician recruitment targets and resource allocations accordingly to ensure equitable access to primary care services for all affected residents;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Minister of Health
- The local Member of Provincial Parliament
- The Township of McMurrich/Monteith
- The Village of Burk's Falls
- Parry Sound–Muskoka Ontario Health Team (or relevant healthcare body)
- All municipalities in the District of Parry Sound

CARRIED _____

DEFEATED _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
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"/>

POA Parry Sound Ticket Issuance						
	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
January	340	406	368	326	257	369
February	398	387	303	284	188	332
March	394	395	292	370	284	505
Q1 SUBTOTAL	1132	1,188	963	980	729	1,206
April		436	293	273	281	416
May		490	430	537	297	442
June		317	258	439	205	484
July		425	407	484	346	674
August		422	571	483	266	394
September		380	284	342	267	350
Q3 SUBTOTAL		3,658	3,206	3,538	2,391	3,966
October		359	403	324	223	275
November		290	416	281	309	226
December		217	199	168	169	150
Total		4524	4,224	4,311	3,092	4617



POA Court Services
52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1B4
Tel: (705) 746-2101 www.parrysound.ca

May 25, 2026

RE: Set Fines Under the Provincial Offences Act – Integrity and Sustainability of Ontario’s POA Court Administration

Dear POA Advisory Committee Members,

Over the past 25 years, Provincial Offences Act (POA) fine revenues in the Town of Parry Sound court service area have generally produced annual surpluses that were distributed among our 18 municipal partners. As a result, partner municipalities have typically received quarterly distributions and a year-end reconciliation payment.

For 2025, however, that pattern has changed. For the first time since POA court administration was transferred from the Province of Ontario to the Town of Parry Sound, the program has ended the year in a tax levy position rather than generating an operating surplus. Accordingly, partner municipalities will receive an invoice for their respective share of the levy requirement.

While recent years included several quarters that were close to break even, and some that ended in deficit, the 2025 year-end result confirms that the historical surplus model should no longer be assumed. Set fines have remained largely unchanged for approximately 25 years, while operating costs, including prosecution, facilities, technology, and other inflation-related pressures have continued to rise. The financial margin that once supported surplus distributions has steadily narrowed and is no longer sufficient to offset program costs.

This is not unique to Parry Sound. Some Ontario municipalities have funded POA court operations through the general tax levy for many years, while many others are now

experiencing similar financial pressures or approaching operational deficits. This raises two broader concerns: first, whether current fine levels continue to provide an effective deterrent; and second, whether the continued municipal administration of POA courts is financially sustainable without unfairly shifting costs onto local taxpayers.

The issue is compounded by the fact that the Province has not meaningfully updated many set fines since the POA transfer period, and the mandatory \$5 court administration fee has remained unchanged since 2001. That amount no longer reflects the actual cost of administering a charge. Data from the Municipal Benchmarking Network Canada indicates that average operating court costs increased from \$52.82 per charge filed in 2009 to \$97.28 in 2023, an increase of 84%. It is reasonable to conclude that the gap is even greater when measured from 2001 to 2026.

When fine amounts and administrative fees remain static while court operating costs continue to rise, the result is an erosion of both financial sustainability and the deterrent value of fines. Where most POA matters are resolved through ticketing and out-of-court payment, fine amounts must retain sufficient weight to support compliance, accountability, and community safety objectives.

For these reasons, it is imperative that the Attorney General of Ontario review the set fine amounts and the costs payable upon conviction, including the court administration fee, set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*, and establish a process for regular review and adjustment going forward. Without action, municipalities will increasingly be required to subsidize a provincial enforcement system through the property tax base.

A number of municipal and sector organizations, including the Municipal Court Managers' Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and Rural Ontario Municipal Association, have raised similar concerns and are advocating for provincial action. We believe this issue now requires urgent attention to preserve the integrity, fairness, and long-term sustainability of POA court administration in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Andre Couture
Manager of POA Court Services

Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the Provincial Offences Act

Key Facts

Delivery of Court Services is governed by Transfer Agreements entered into with the Province (MOU & Local Side Agreement); and the Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) entered into between The Town of Parry Sound and the Corporation of the Township of Armour, Township of Seguin, Township of Carling, Township of Perry, Town of Kearney, Village of Burk's Falls, Village of South River, Village of Sundridge, Township of Hagerman, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Joly, Township of Joly, Township of Machar, Municipality of McDougall, Township of McKellar, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, Municipality of Magnetawan, Township of Ryerson, Township of Strong and Township of the Archipelago, as amended, in addition to applicable legislation, including the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA).

With the majority of POA charges resulting in the issuance of tickets and completion of out-of-court fine payments, it is imperative that set fine values act as a strong deterrent to prevent repeat offences in support of community safety and other policy objectives of legislation.

Since transfer in 1999, many POA set fine amounts have remained frozen, while the costs of operations and service delivery have increased substantially for The Town of Parry Sound as well as other municipalities delivering Provincial Offences Court services. The total cost of Court Services in the District of Parry Sound per charges filed in 2025 was approximately \$105.00 per charge. In comparison, in 2010, it was approximately \$51.00 per charge; a 106% increase within a 15-year period.

A mandatory \$5 administration fee is added to every POA fine under Ontario Regulation 945; this amount has not changed since 1999 and does not reflect current court administrative costs. Any change to set fine amounts or administration fees would require legislative changes through the Ministry of the Attorney General.

Consequently, the POA Court has concerns regarding the effectiveness of fine values as a deterrent, in addition to the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level. Several municipalities and associations have been advocating for an increase in POA fines, including the Association of

Municipalities of Ontario.

Background

Municipalities are required to deliver justice outcomes that depend on policy levers we do not control, including the level of set fines. While municipalities administer court operations, they do not control the regulatory framework that determines fine amounts and administrative fees.

Modernizing set fines is necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device. This is not about harsher penalties or aggressive enforcement; it is about credibility, deterrence, and ensuring the justice system works as intended.

Fairness must be considered from a broader public perspective. When fines or fees do not reflect actual costs, the cost is shifted to the tax levy, meaning law-abiding individuals subsidize the system. This is a fairness issue, not a punitive one.

Community Safety and Deterrence

Set fine values under the POA must act as a strong deterrent to prevent repeat offences to protect community safety and achieve other important policy objectives of legislation when enforcement action is pursued. With the majority of POA charges resulting in tickets and out-of-court fine payments, higher fines such as under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) are essential to reduce recurrence and improve road safety. For example, given the safety risks posed by speeding, increasing set fines would achieve a greater deterrent effect for drivers generally and convicted offenders specifically.

According to the Evidence Synthesis on Impact of Traffic Fines to Improve Road Safety published in 2024 by Johns Hopkins University, increasing traffic fines by 50 to 100 percent can lead to a measurable reduction in violations (up to 15 percent fewer offences). The report emphasizes that the severity of penalties, alongside certainty and swiftness of enforcement, is a critical factor in influencing driver behavior. These findings reinforce that higher fines are not merely punitive; they serve as a proven deterrent to repeat offences and contribute significantly to improving road safety outcomes. For a full list of findings, please see link in Appendix 1 (at item 1.2).

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development/International Transport Forum Road Safety Annual Report 2024 reinforces that the deterrent

effect of traffic penalties depends on both the certainty of enforcement and the severity of fines. The report notes that jurisdictions which periodically increase fine amounts to maintain their real value against inflation achieve stronger compliance and greater reductions in speeding-related crashes. Countries that combined higher fines with automated enforcement observed significant declines in fatalities and serious injuries. These findings underscore that fine values must be regularly reviewed and adjusted to preserve their deterrent impact and support broader road safety objectives. The full report can be viewed at the link provided in Appendix 1 at item 1.3

The World Health Organization (WHO) Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023 emphasizes that effective enforcement and meaningful penalties are essential to reducing road traffic deaths and injuries worldwide. The report identifies speed management as a critical intervention and notes that penalties must be sufficiently severe to deter dangerous driving behaviors. WHO recommends that fine amounts be periodically reviewed and adjusted to maintain their deterrent effect, particularly in the context of inflation and rising enforcement costs. These findings align with global best practices and reinforce the need for Ontario to modernize POA set fines to support community safety objectives. This report can be accessed by using the link provided in Appendix 1 at item 1.4.

Lastly, the Government of Canada's Department of Justice Contraventions Act Program Report (2024) confirms that the deterrent effect of fines is strongly linked to their perceived severity, alongside certainty and speed of enforcement. Using behavioral science principles, the study found that individuals weigh the cost of non-compliance against the likelihood of detection, and higher fines significantly increase the perceived risk of offending. The report recommends that fine amounts be periodically reviewed to maintain their deterrent value and ensure fairness in cost recovery. These findings support the rationale for modernizing POA set fines to align with evidence-based criteria for deterrence. The full report can be viewed at the link in Appendix 1 at item 1.5.

These reports all emphasize that fines must be regularly reviewed and adjusted to keep pace with inflation and maintain their effectiveness as a deterrent.

Financial Considerations

Considering the increase in operating costs and general inflation since the 1999 transfer of POA to the Town of Parry Sound, a lack of adjustment to the Court Administration Fee (\$5) added to each POA fine as well as set fine amounts of POA charges, presents a risk to the financial sustainability of Court Services as a self-funded operation that is not dependent on the general tax levy. There is

concern that, despite efforts to reduce expenditures, any future shortfall may require supplemental funding through the general tax levy to cover an operational deficit. That means the cost would be shifted to law-abiding Ontarians who had no involvement in the offence and no opportunity to comply or not comply.

Analysis

Overall, the costs of operating the POA Court have increased significantly since the initial transfer from the Province to the Municipalities, whereas the set fine amounts for many POA charges have remained unchanged. Since 2020, set fines account for over two thirds of all expenses in Court Services. The total cost of Court Services in the District of Parry Sound per charges filed in 2025 was approximately \$105.00 per charge. In comparison, in 2010, it was approximately \$51.00 per charge; a 106% increase within a 15-year period. This increase in total costs is consistent with other POA courts across Ontario.

Municipal Benchmarking Network Canada stats indicate a median total of \$52.82 per charge filed in 2009 for all participating courts, contrasted with an increase to a median total cost of \$97.28 per charge in 2023 (84% increase). A key example of set fines that have remained largely consistent in structure over time are Part I speeding charges, issued under section 128 of the HTA. While responsibility for administering POA matters began to be transferred to municipalities in the late 1990s, the underlying per-kilometre approach to Part I speeding fines has changed only minimally over several decades, notwithstanding broader legislative and enforcement reforms. During this same period, however, the cost of living has increased substantially, resulting in a widening gap between the real-value impact of speeding fines and contemporary economic conditions.

Under Ontario's POA framework, set fines for speeding are established through set-fine orders issued by the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. Current set-fine schedules apply a graduated, per-kilometre model, with fines increasing as the degree of speed over the posted limit increases, and with the most excessive speeds requiring mandatory court proceedings rather than out-of-court resolution.

Within the District of Parry Sound, Part I speeding charges account for almost half of all Part I charges issued and approximately one third of Part I fine value.

Set fines for speeding as set out in Schedule B of the HTA are as follows:

Excess Speed (km)	Set Fine Amount
1 – 19 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$2.50 per kilometre
20 – 29 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$3.75 per kilometre
30 – 49 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$6.00 per kilometre
50 kilometres per hour or more over the maximum speed limit	No out of court settlement; court summons required

Note: In addition to the base set fine, a mandatory victim fine surcharge and court costs apply. Fines may also be doubled where the offence occurs in a community safety zone or construction zone, in accordance with provincial legislation.

A complete listing of POA set fines are provided in Appendix 1 at items 1.6 and 1.7.

Administration Fee

Every POA charge also includes a mandatory administration fee, established under Ontario Regulation 945. Under this regulation, a \$5 fee is listed for the service of an offence notice or summons. This is typically an administrative cost associated with initiating a provincial offence court proceeding. This fee has remained unchanged since the 1999 transfer of POA responsibilities to municipalities. While originally intended as a nominal cost-recovery measure, it no longer reflects the actual cost of administering a charge. After more than two decades of inflation and rising operational expenses, maintaining this fee at \$5 creates a significant gap between cost and recovery of this cost. Increasing this fee is essential to support financial sustainability and reduce reliance on general tax levy funding, while ensuring fairness in cost allocation. The full Regulation can be viewed using the link provided in Appendix 1 at item 1.8.

Appendices

Report Links

1.1 Delegation at the 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference

(<https://eowc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/ROMA-2026-Advocacy-Package-2-1.pdf>)

1.2 Evidence Synthesis on Impact of Traffic Fines to Improve Road Safety

(https://publichealth.jhu.edu/sites/default/files/2024-10/BIGRS_Evidence-Synthesis-Traffic-Fines_v3.pdf)

1.3 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development/International Transport Forum Road Safety Annual Report 2024

(<https://www.itf-oecd.org/sites/default/files/docs/irtad-road-safety-annual-report-2024.pdf>)

1.4 World Health Organization (WHO) Global Status Report on Road Safety 2023

(<https://www.who.int/teams/social-determinants-of-health/safety-and-mobility/global-status-report-on-road-safety-2023>).

1.5 Department of Justice Contraventions Act Program Report (2024)

(<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/cap-palc/findings-constatations.html>)

1.6 Set Fines I - Ontario Court of Justice

(<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/provincial-offences/set-fines/set-fines-i/>)

1.7 Set Fines II - Ontario Court of Justice

(<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/provincial-offences/set-fines/set-fines-ii/>)

1.8 R.R.O.1990, REGULATION 945 COSTS-

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900945>)



POA Advisory Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: May 28, 2026

Agenda Item: 9.1.4

Resolution Number: 2026-01

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That the POA Advisory Committee (Committee) receive the POA Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA from the Manager of POA Court Services, Town of Parry Sound; and

Further That the Committee recommend that the Town of Parry Sound Council, along with the 18 municipalities within the Parry Sound Catchment Area, hereinafter called *the Partners*:

1. Support the report and call upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in *Ontario Regulation 915* under the *Provincial Offences Act*, and
2. Direct staff to send this Resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; and
3. That this resolution be sent to *the Partners*, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities that administer Provincial Offences Courts for support.

Carried _____

Committee Chair, Bonnie Keith

Defeated _____

Committee Chair, Bonnie Keith

Deferred _____

Committee Chair, Bonnie Keith

2025 POA General Ledger - DRAFT

Revenues	2025	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 YEAR END
Provincial Offences Revenues	<u>\$ 889,966.00</u>	<u>\$ 163,613.46</u>	<u>\$ 374,628.00</u>	<u>\$ 646,962.00</u>	<u>\$ 833,117.13</u>
Expenditures					
Salaries, Benefits & Contracted Services	\$ 311,342.00	\$ 78,535.00	\$ 155,500.00	\$ 236,916.00	\$ 307,658.16
Office Administration & Facilities	\$ 42,124.00	\$ 1,287.00	\$ 6,209.00	\$ 13,091.00	\$ 39,177.68
Partner's Administration Charge	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
Prosecutor, Crown & Justice of Peace	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 34,166.00	\$ 92,157.00	\$ 165,216.00	\$ 229,747.04
Interpreter Costs	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,781.00	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 4,427.00	\$ 6,496.22
Court related travel & witness fees	\$ 500.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 566.00	\$ 733.00	\$ 940.15
NCO & A1 Collection Costs	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,659.00	\$ 5,210.00	\$ 5,853.00	\$ 7,830.80
Amortization of Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Costs	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 5,444.16
Fines & By-Laws to Municipalities	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 3,680.00	\$ 5,315.00	\$ 10,575.00
Fines paid to other POA Offices	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 5,665.00	\$ 9,343.00	\$ 18,158.00	\$ 21,846.01
Municipal Partners	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,168.20
Certificate of Offence charges	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 626.00	\$ 1,181.00	\$ 1,181.00	\$ 1,181.11
POA IT & Software	\$ 19,300.00	\$ 3,253.00	\$ 4,241.00	\$ 11,935.00	\$ 20,032.55
Provincial Monitoring/Enforcement	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 2,345.00	\$ 4,221.00	\$ 5,628.00
VFS paid to Province	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 14,295.00	\$ 50,694.00	\$ 92,490.00	\$ 137,200.00
Dedicated Fines paid to Province	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,730.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,265.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,330.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,625.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 889,966.00</u>	<u>\$ 163,432.00</u>	<u>\$ 376,401.00</u>	<u>\$ 646,116.00</u>	<u>\$ 902,550.08</u>
		<u>\$ 181.46</u>	<u>-\$ 1,773.00</u>	<u>\$ 846.00</u>	<u>-\$ 69,432.95</u>

2025 POA Municipal Partners Distribution

	Population	% of Population	Households	% of Households	Distribution	Q1 Distribution	Q2 Distribution	Q3 Distribution	Year End Distribution	YTD
Armour	1,459	4.27%	1,087	3.87%	4.07%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,826.95	-\$2,826.95
Seguin	5,280	15.45%	4,827	17.20%	16.33%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$11,335.74	-\$11,335.74
Carling	1,491	4.36%	1,761	6.28%	5.32%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,693.43	-\$3,693.43
Perry	2,650	7.75%	1,710	6.09%	6.92%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,807.55	-\$4,807.55
Kearney	974	2.85%	1,195	4.26%	3.55%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,467.96	-\$2,467.96
Burk's Falls	957	2.80%	523	1.86%	2.33%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,619.19	-\$1,619.19
South River	1,101	3.22%	510	1.82%	2.52%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,749.36	-\$1,749.36
Sundridge	938	2.74%	458	1.63%	2.19%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,519.46	-\$1,519.46
Whitestone	1075	3.15%	1,427	5.09%	4.12%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,857.61	-\$2,857.61
Joly	293	0.86%	155	0.55%	0.70%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$489.40	-\$489.40
Machar	969	2.84%	875	3.12%	2.98%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,066.92	-\$2,066.92
McDougall	2,744	8.03%	1,673	5.96%	7.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,857.25	-\$4,857.25
McKellar	1,419	4.15%	1,515	5.40%	4.78%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,315.91	-\$3,315.91
McMurrich/Monteith	907	2.65%	735	2.62%	2.64%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,830.72	-\$1,830.72
Magnetawan	1,753	5.13%	1,717	6.12%	5.62%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$3,905.11	-\$3,905.11
Ryerson	745	2.18%	555	1.98%	2.08%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$1,443.45	-\$1,443.45
Strong	1,566	4.58%	953	3.40%	3.99%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2,769.83	-\$2,769.83
The Archipelago	979	2.86%	2,863	10.20%	6.53%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,536.94	-\$4,536.94
Parry Sound	6,879	20.13%	3,518	12.54%	16.33%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$11,340.19	-\$11,340.19
Totals	34,179	100%	28,057	100%	100%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$69,432.95	-\$69,432.95

Population & Households Count sourced from 2021 Statistics Canada Records

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Municipal Partners POA Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda May 28, 2026

Agenda

Date:

May 28, 2026

Time:

1:30pm

Location:

Zoom – zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 841 5370 2171

Passcode: 800785

Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84153702171?pwd=4lsO9idR2e9aCdOebbeJN1guOV1jil.1>

Members Present:

Staff Present:

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda/Notice of Motion

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

That the Committee agenda for May 28, 2026, be approved as circulated.

Moved by

Seconded by

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Municipal Partners POA Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda May 28, 2026

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Public Meeting

3. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

3.1 Adoption of November 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

That the Minutes from the committee meeting held November 20, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Moved by

Seconded by

3.2 Questions of Staff

9. Resolutions and Direction to Staff

9.1 POA Court Services

9.1.1 POA Parry Sound Ticket Issuance Summary

That the POA Parry Sound Ticket Issuance Summary be accepted.

Moved by

Seconded by

9.1.2 POA Advisory Committee Correspondence – Set Fines Under the POA

That the POA Advisory Committee Correspondence be accepted.

Moved by

Seconded by

9.1.3 POA Advisory Committee Report - Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs

That the POA Advisory Committee Report be accepted.

Moved by

The Corporation of The Town of Parry Sound

Municipal Partners POA Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda May 28, 2026

Seconded by

9.1.4 POA Advisory Committee Resolution 2026-01

That the POA Advisory Committee Resolution be accepted.

Moved by

Seconded by

9.2 Other Business

9.3 Date of Next Meeting

That the next POA Municipal Partners Meeting will be held November 19, 2026, at 1:30pm.

Moved by

Seconded by

11. Adjournment

Personal Information collected in *Section 2. Public Meeting, Section 4. Correspondence and/or Section 5. Deputations* is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), Section 21. (1) c* and will be used to create a record available to the general public.

Welcome to our May 2026 Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- Canada Geese
- A Successful Rescue, Rehab and Release Story
- Please Don't Feed The Bears
- A June 13th Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary Presentation at the KCC



With water nearby this is an area that geese would prefer for nesting & raising their young

Canada Geese

Canada Geese are grazers that prefer well-maintained lawns next to a body of water. They are very wary of predators, so they prefer large open areas where they can easily see an approaching predator. They also use lakes for rest and relaxation, where they feel safe. During breeding season, the population of geese can increase 10-17%. They tend to return to nest in the area where they were born. Chapter 1 in the government handbook on managing Canada Geese provides important information on their biology – when they nest, their eggs hatch and the length of the brood rearing period which also

coincides with the adult moult, when the adults are unable to fly because they have lost their flight feathers – all important information when trying to discourage them from settling in an area long term.

Canada Goose Impacts

Water quality is significantly impacted by the nutrient outputs of Canada Goose populations utilizing ponds or smaller water bodies with no flushing or water exchange. A mature goose can produce up to 2-4 lbs. of manure daily and it would just accumulate. Manure droppings contain an abundance of phosphorus, a key element in algae and aquatic weed growth. Increased levels of phosphorus can lead to eutrophication (out-of-control growth of aquatic plants and algae) in the water body. When the plants and algae die they decompose and that process uses up oxygen in the lake which could result in an unhealthy environment for aquatic creatures and even fish kills etc. Droppings along the banks will be washed into the lake during rainfall events through runoff and will eventually settle to the bottom but wave action can reintroduce these nutrients into the water column again.

Goose manure contains heightened levels of E. coli bacteria. Fecal bacteria count in goose droppings are 25 times higher than in human waste. The introduction of goose manure into a water body may lead to significant bacterial levels, creating a human health hazard . It can also cause swimmer's itch (cercarial dermatitis) which is caused by a microscopic parasite larvae that can penetrate human skin causing an allergic reaction. Geese, ducks and gulls are the primary hosts for the adult parasites . The parasite's eggs are then passed into the water along with the bird droppings.

KWEF is involved in two water quality monitoring programs on our lakes. The Lake Partner Program (LPP) takes water samples in the spring just after the lake water is thoroughly mixed by the spring turn over. Total Phosphorous (TP) and several other parameters are measured but the objective is to get an average for the whole lake so our sample point is a deep spot usually in the middle of the lake. We also do a temperature & dissolved oxygen profile versus depth in mid summer. We are especially interested in the oxygen levels in the colder water below the thermocline. In shallow lakes decomposition of plant material can seriously deplete the oxygen levels near the bottom, which can impact any fish species that require higher oxygen levels and cooler water to survive and thrive. Both these programs provide data on the overall health of the lake but would not necessarily detect higher phosphorous levels from a flock of geese congregating and feeding along a particular section of shoreline. One should automatically expect higher nutrient levels and more aquatic plant and possibly algae growth in that area especially if the water is also warm and shallow.

Management Strategies

There is no single solution to discouraging the presence of Canada Geese because geese will adapt or habituate to scaring techniques and because the effectiveness of these

techniques varies from season to season. Non-lethal techniques are most effective when two or more are combined. Supplemental feeding encourages a high concentration of geese year-round. Geese will not abandon a site if people feed them directly or provide food indirectly from lawns or crops.

Although this may not be perceived as an acceptable solution to some landowners, changing the landscape is the best long-term solution to many human-geese conflicts. It is environmentally friendly, easy to implement and non-lethal to geese. Effective barriers include: fences, plants, grids and flight path barriers.

- **Plant barriers.** Dense plantings of tall grass, shrubs, aquatic plants, trees and bushes can prevent geese from directly accessing shorelines, grazing areas or safe cover. Plants should be tall enough to prevent geese from seeing over them. Wide plantings are more effective than narrow ones.
- **Fences.** Fences can be made from woven wire, poultry netting, plastic netting, snow fencing, monofilament wire or electrified wire. Fences should be placed at adult and gosling height and should prevent geese and goslings from walking around, underneath or through them. Fences can block goose access to water and block walking routes favoured by geese.
- **Grids.** Grids or multiple parallel lines of wire, cable, twine or rope, stretched 30 to 50 centimetres above the surface of ponds or over new plantings, will prevent geese from accessing the area. If the spans or distance over ponds or fields are too great, floats and poles can be used as needed to support the grids.
- **Flight path barriers.** Planting more trees or using highly visible yellow ropes, flagging tape, shiny Mylar® tape or CDs strung elevated between trees can block flight paths, making the area less desirable. The ropes should have some slack so they will move in the wind, increasing their visibility and making it more difficult for the geese to predict approach and take-off flight paths.

Also, several lawn management techniques are available that may help discourage geese in your area.

- **Mow less frequently.** Geese prefer tender young grass. Longer grass, which has had time to become coarse and fibrous is not as palatable to geese. Either all of a lawn or the part bordering a body of water can be maintained this way.
- **Change the type of grass.** Alternative types of grass and hay may be naturally repellent to geese. Check with your local lawn seed supplier for coarse grass species suitable for your climatic conditions.
- **Apply goose repellent.** Application of "goose repellent" to grass can discourage geese from using a habitat, but it may have limited success. There are several

goose repellent chemicals available that act as a taste deterrent and are not considered harmful to grass, wildlife or people. Check with pest control service providers of wildlife control product suppliers for availability. The user must check to see if these chemical repellents are authorized for this type of use or if permits are required for their use.

Scaring or hazing works best when geese first move into an area or when several techniques are used in combination, as geese quickly habituate to any single method. Hazing involves chasing geese every time they arrive and must be consistently applied until geese leave the area. As mentioned above, it is important to start these hazing programs early in the spring before the geese start to select nesting sites.

Some scaring techniques which **do not** require a federal permit from Environment Canada are: propane cannons, air horns, strobe lights, distress calls, flagging tape, balloons or kites, scarecrows, flags, motion activated sprinklers and dogs. More information about each of these scaring techniques can be found in the link below. Please be sure that your neighbours agree with any scaring techniques you choose to try.

Some scaring techniques which **do** require a federal permit are: use of a firearm, use of aircraft, egg sterilization or destruction and raptors. More information about each of these scaring techniques can be found in the link below. Again - please be sure that your neighbours agree with any scaring techniques you choose to try.

Relocating and removal of geese are also possible solutions, but they may only be carried out under authority of a permit issued by Environment Canada to a landowner or land manager.

For further information please check the following sites:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-conservation/publications/handbook-managing-cackling-geese-southern/chapter-3.html>

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<https://blogs.clemson.edu/savannahvalley/canada-geese-impacts-on-pond-ecosystems-and-management-strategies/>

www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting/regulations-provincial-territorial-summaries/ontario.html

If you have any comments or questions about the impact of Canada Geese on our lakes, please contact john.kwef@gmail.com.

A Successful Rescue, Rehab and Release Story

Last spring we heard that our neighbours Ingrid & Karl Gough had rescued a badly injured Painted Turtle. When they contacted the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre for help, no transport services were available at that time to get it to their facility in Peterborough. An interim solution was for them to take it as far as the Orillia Pet Hospital and the folks there would take on primary care of the turtle and then facilitate its transfer to OTCC in Peterborough. They were surprised this spring when they got a call from OTCC telling them that their rescued turtle had made a complete recovery and had been released back into the wild. It sure is encouraging to be able to report such a happy ending to this rescue story. Keep those stories coming !

Please Don't Feed The Bears

It is really important to not feed the wildlife especially this time of year – even if we only do it accidentally it usually does not end well. Be sure to take down your bird feeders full of seeds and hang hummingbird feeders high. Even then bears will break limbs off trees trying to get to the feeders. Don't store garbage – take it to the dump on a regular basis and try to keep garbage containers odour free. You can compost in summer but no fruit or root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, turnip etc) and never put meat, fat etc into the compost. Don't leave your pet's leftover dinner outside and keep your BBQ clean. A failure in any of these areas generally results in a mess to clean up and usually something gets smashed as well. Unfortunately bears have an incredible sense of smell and remember everywhere they got a free meal. It takes no time at all for your place to get a 5 star rating. Now both you and the bear have a problem. You and your family run the risk of encountering a hungry and annoyed bear looking for its free dinner. The bear has become habituated. It is now used to being around people, who it associates with free food. At some point it is declared a “nuisance bear” and is live trapped and relocated 50-100 km away. It now has to find an unoccupied territory in the relocation area or find its way back home in a week or so. The relocation cycle could repeat itself but eventually those “nuisance” bears & humans will have an “incident” and those free meals will result in a death sentence for the bear. It is preventable !

“Protecting Our Wildlife” by The Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

There will be a free presentation at the Kearney Community Centre on June 13 9:30 am by the Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. A poster is attached. Learn about what they do and what happens at the sanctuary from rescue to release. They will talk about their rehab programs and provide some helpful tips on how to co-exist with wildlife. A linen donation drive for the sanctuary will be organized for June 9-12 with drop off of old clean sheets, pillow cases, towels etc at the KCC during the day. Hope to see you there.

PROTECTING OUR WILDLIFE

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



**Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary,
Rosseau, Ontario**

Keep wildlife wild.

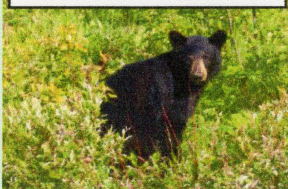
IF INJURED, RESCUE US BY
CALLING ASPEN VALLEY!



LIVE ALONGSIDE US.
DON'T FEED US.



KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE



Join us for an educational & interactive experience!

- About Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary
- What happens from Rescue to Release
- Species-Specific Rehabilitation Programs
- How to Safely Co-exist with Wildlife
- Stories on Permanent Sanctuary Residents
- Children's Activities @ the Library: 11-11:30 am

- FREE OF CHARGE
- OPEN TO ALL AGES
- DONATIONS WELCOME
- LINEN DONATION DRIVE

Saturday June 13, 2026, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Kearney Community Centre Gym

Many thanks to Sponsors & Volunteers from Town of Kearney including:

Kearney Watershed Environment Foundation (KWEF)

Town of Kearney

Kearney and Area Public Library

Almaguin Natural Therapies, Kearney



ASPEN VALLEY
WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

presents

Protecting Our Wildlife



Join us for an educational and interactive experience!
Saturday, June 13 • 9:00AM to 11:30AM
Kearney Community Centre

Free Admission • All Ages Welcome
Donations Accepted • Linen Donation Drive

Learn About:

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Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation



and Almaguin Natural Therapies, Kearney

Visit www.townofkearney.ca/aspen-valley to learn more



Protecting Our Wildlife Linen Donation Drive



Donations of clean towels, sheets, and pillowcases ONLY are appreciated to help care for injured and orphaned wildlife.

**Monday, June 8 to Saturday, June 13
between 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Kearney Community Centre**



Accepted Items:

- Towels
- Pillow Cases
- Sheets



NOT Accepted Items:

- Clothing
- Rugs & Carpets
- Soiled Linens

For the safety of volunteers and animals, please ensure the donated items are clean.

Visit www.townofkearney.ca/aspen-valley to learn more



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071

Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Date: April 20, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

WHEREAS municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

AND WHEREAS ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

June is Seniors Month

Ontario Seniors — Let's Get Moving

Information for Seniors in Ontario

The [Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility](#) works with community organizations to offer supports and services to help seniors stay active, safe and socially connected. Seniors and their families can find the information they need to connect to government services and community supports at ontario.ca/Seniors.

Seniors Community Grant Program

This program funds local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources for seniors that provide opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. Find more information at ontario.ca/SeniorsGrant.

Seniors Active Living Fairs

Seniors can find information about government programs and services as well as information about healthy aging and active lifestyles to keep them active and engaged. Learn more about [seniors fairs in your community](#).

Seniors Active Living Centre programs

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Ontario's Seniors Active Living Centres programs. These programs help local seniors stay active, become more involved in their community, and meet new friends in person or online.

These programs include:

- unique social activities
- learning and educational opportunities
- recreational programming.

The government has expanded the number of programs, so more seniors across the province can get the services that meet their needs close to home. There are now more than 400 programs across the province.

To find a Seniors Active Living Centre program, please:

- visit ontario.ca/SeniorsCentre
- contact your municipality
- call 2-1-1.

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Age-friendly communities

Age-Friendly Communities are inclusive, accessible environments with programs and services that help seniors stay connected. These communities can include improved transit and housing, as well as opportunities for civic and social participation.

Learn more at ontario.ca/AgeFriendly.

Health811

Health811 is a free, secure and confidential service Ontarians can call or access online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to receive health advice from qualified health professionals such as a registered nurse, locate local health services and find trusted health information.

This service is available in both English and French, with translation support offered in other languages.

- Call: 811
- Toll-free TTY: 711 and 1-800-855-0511
- Chat live online
- Visit ontario.ca/Health811

Seniors Safety Line

Seniors Safety Line is a 24/7, confidential and free resource. It provides counselling, information, safety planning and referrals in 240 languages for seniors in Ontario who are experiencing, or are at risk of, any type of abuse or neglect.

Call Toll-free: 1-866-299-1011. or
TTY 1-866-299-0008

More information

Learn more about:

- Seniors Month at ontario.ca/SeniorsMonth.
- ministry programs and services at ontario.ca/msaa.
- resources for seniors at ontario.ca/SeniorsGuide.
- other programs and services available in your area at 211ontario.ca.
- Seniors' INFOLine
Call: 416-326-7076
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26117	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cameron</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has raised serious concerns regarding the increasing incidents of harassment, threats, intimidation, and physical interference directed toward municipal public works employees and winter maintenance operators across Ontario; and

WHEREAS municipal public works staff and contractors perform essential services that are critical to maintaining safe roads, sidewalks, bridges, and municipal infrastructure, particularly during significant weather events and emergency situations; and

WHEREAS incidents involving threats of violence, obstruction of snowplows and equipment, and dangerous confrontations with municipal workers create unacceptable risks to employee safety, public safety, and municipal service delivery; and

WHEREAS the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors has requested that the Province of Ontario strengthen legislative protections for municipal workers by amending the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, establishing enhanced public safety interference provisions, and considering safe following distance requirements for snowplows similar to Manitoba's Bill 38;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports the requests and recommendations submitted by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to the Province of Ontario regarding enhanced protections for municipal public works employees, winter maintenance operators, and contractors; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to review and implement legislative and regulatory changes that improve worker safety, deter interference with municipal operations, and recognize municipal public works employees as essential service providers during significant weather events and emergencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and Ontario municipalities for information and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
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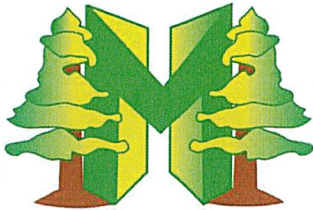
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Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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Jun 2, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON
M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Re: Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Jun 1, 2026, Township of Machar Council passed the following motion,

86-26 McLaren, Ivens

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Machar oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities. CARRIED.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Clerk Administrator

#73 Municipal Rd. N., P.O. Box 70, South River, On. P0A 1X0
Phone 705-386-7741, Fax. 705-386-0765

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

Resolution Number: 86-26

Moved by: Ron McLaren Blair Flowers Pearl Ivens Neil Scarlett
Seconded by: Ron McLaren Blair Flowers Pearl Ivens Neil Scarlett

Jun 1, 2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Machar oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Carried by: Lynda Cullen

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

P.O. Box 310, 41342 Morris Road, Brussels, Ontario N0G 1H0
Tel: 519-887-6137 Fax: 519-887-6424 Email: mail@morristorynberry.ca



May 20, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 19, 2026, the following resolution regarding the proposed consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities and the future of funding for regional Conservation Authorities was passed by the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

RESOLUTION: 99-2026

DATE: May 19, 2026

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Freiburger

SECONDED BY: Councillor Zinn

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced its intention to consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 9 large regional entities;

AND WHEREAS this Council, municipalities, and Conservation Authorities across Ontario have expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed consolidation, including the absence of a demonstrated business case and a lack of evidence that consolidation will improve service delivery, efficiency, or environmental outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities in Ontario were established on a watershed basis to provide locally informed, science-based management of natural resources, flooding, and erosion hazards;

AND WHEREAS the proposed consolidation will combine watersheds with significantly different characteristics, land uses, and environmental pressures into large regional entities, undermining the effectiveness of watershed-based decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities play a critical role in protecting public safety through the regulation of development in areas prone to flooding and erosion, and weakening locally informed decision-making will increase risks to life and property;

AND WHEREAS the proposed governance model will reduce local municipal representation and diminish the voice of rural municipalities in decisions affecting their communities and watersheds;

AND WHEREAS there is broad concern among municipalities that the proposed changes do not reflect local priorities, knowledge, or the established partnership model between municipalities and the Province;

AND WHEREAS municipalities fund the majority of Conservation Authority operations, with provincial contributions generally representing only a small percentage ranging from approximately 2 to 8 percent, and therefore municipalities have a direct and substantial interest in the governance, structure, effectiveness, and long-term sustainability of the watershed-based Conservation Authority system;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is advancing significant structural changes to the Conservation Authority system unilaterally, despite its limited contribution to Conservation Authority operational funding and without meaningful consultation or support from the municipalities that bear primary responsibility for funding these essential local services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry strongly opposes the consolidation of Conservation Authorities in Ontario; and,

THAT Council affirms that locally governed, watershed-based Conservation Authorities remain the most effective model for protecting natural resources, managing natural hazards, and supporting safe, sustainable development in Ontario; and,

THAT Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to immediately halt the proposed consolidation process and recommit to strengthening the existing watershed-based Conservation Authority system, including through the provision of appropriate provincial funding, enhanced municipal collaboration and support, and improved communication and coordination among Conservation Authorities to advance more efficient permitting and greater standardization of systems and processes; and,

THAT if the Province proceeds with the consolidation without addressing the concerns of municipalities, Council will direct staff to review all available options with respect to the potential withholding or reallocation of municipal funding to any restructured regional Conservation Authority model; and,

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Office of the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, the Honourable Lisa Thompson, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, Member of Parliament Ben Lobb, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED.

Thank you,



Trevor Hallam
CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26118	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>[Signature]</i>

WHEREAS municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the Province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements; and

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation; and;

WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably; and

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the Province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services; and

WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements; and

WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness, and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming calling upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite, and full-time fire departments across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to:

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, Bill Rosenburg MPP Algoma Manitoulin, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

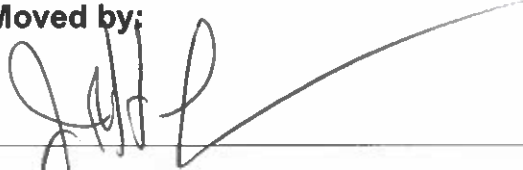
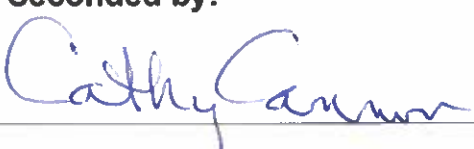


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Resolution # RC26116	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

WHEREAS there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

WHEREAS such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution passed by the City of Richmond Hill requesting that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an "Integrated Living and Participation Model"; and

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RESOLUTION

THAT Council supports consideration of opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

THAT Council supports a model that emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

THAT Council supports engagement with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of Richmond Hill, the Regional Municipality of York, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, local MPPs, and Ontario municipalities for information.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 10

Date: Monday May 25, 2026

Moved by: Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by: Carma Williams

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle, as presented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable peter Bethlenfalry, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens 'Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

CARRIED



DEFEATED

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA

**Resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in
Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

Date: May 8, 2026

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, County of Renfrew

Seconded by: Warden Robert Mullin, County of Hastings

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) serves over 1.1 million residents across 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities, encompassing a total of 103 municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Ontario are currently required to calculate property taxes based on property valuations from 2016, over a decade ago;

AND WHEREAS all other provinces in Canada have continued regular reassessment cycles, resulting in properties being reassessed multiple times since 2016, making Ontario the most outdated in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

AND WHEREAS outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

AND WHEREAS the continued pause on property tax reassessment in Ontario creates uncertainty for municipalities, property owners, and investors regarding future tax liabilities;

AND WHEREAS a current and predictable assessment system is essential to supporting strong communities, maintaining fairness in taxation, and encouraging economic investment consistent with the Ontario government's objective of being "Open for Business";

AND WHEREAS the lack of clarity regarding the timing of the next reassessment is contributing to delayed or deferred investment decisions, thereby impacting economic competitiveness across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments, particularly in rural and small-urban communities, rely on a stable and updated assessment system to address financial pressures including inflation, rising labour costs, and increasing service demands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the EOWC formally requests that the Government of Ontario commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle;

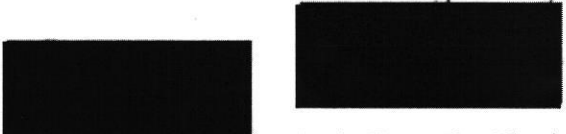
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province provide a defined timeline and transparent plan for implementing future reassessments on a regular and predictable basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario work in coordination with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to ensure properties are reassessed in an accurate and timely manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

Carried

Signed by:

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the EOWC Chair.

EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark
info@eowc.org



May, 27, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Grenville, at its Regular Meeting on May 26, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: C-2026-215

Moved By: Deputy Mayor John Barclay

Seconded by: Councillor Deb Wilson

THAT Council accept the OPP Board Resolution - Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques as information as submitted and circulated.

FURTHER THAT Council consider the request to support the OPP Board resolution as attached.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at clerk@northgrenville.on.ca.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey Lee".

Lindsey Lee
Municipal Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford
Minister of Transportation
Minister of Finance
MPP Steve Clark
AMO
ROMA
All Ontario Police Service Boards
And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.



Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Via Email:
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier of Ontario
and Minister of Health
Via Email:
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch
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Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
www.puslinch.ca

May 25, 2026

Honourable Marjorie
Michel, Minister of Health
Via Email:
hcminister.ministresc@hc-
sc.gc.ca

The Ontario Medical
Association
Via Email: info@oma.org

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-128, Regarding Consent item 6.8
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-128:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and

**Whereas Council supports the WOWC resolution that Council direct staff to send a
support resolution accordingly.**

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC:
The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



Monday, April 20, 2026

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2026, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus adopted the following motion in support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform:

#11 Moved by D. Bailey seconded by B. Clark:

WHEREAS growing pressures across the Ontario healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ER), requiring more complex care, and contributing to longer patient wait times in ERs for residents in Ontario's largest municipalities; and

WHEREAS Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients needing admission to the hospital waited an average of 19-20 hours, with high-urgency patients waiting close to 5 hours on average to be seen by a physician; and

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Auditor General of Ontario reported that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that ER wait times were increasing significantly with the longest wait times recorded in over 15 years and that provincial funding was \$21.3 billion short to maintain current health programs through 2028; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018; and

WHEREAS according to the OHA, approximately 4,200 alternate level care (ALC) patients remain in acute beds (40% awaiting long term care), worsening ER delays; and

WHEREAS Canadian ER researchers have highlighted that between 8,000 and 15,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of ER overcrowding; and

WHEREAS reports of patients dying in crowded ERs across Canada are increasing, such as 16-year-old Finlay van der Werken who waited over 8 hours in an Oakville ER without being seen by a physician and tragically passed away on February 9, 2024 from pneumonia that developed into sepsis; and

WHEREAS ER delays are contributing to excessive ambulance offload times, adding undue strain on response capacity of municipal paramedic services across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve health care in Ontario, however additional funding and staffing resources for hospitals to reduce ER wait times and increase capacity to provide timely access to care for all patients in ER's remains critical; and

WHEREAS despite growing concerns regarding staffing shortages in and closures of ERs across Ontario, as well as failure to meet federal standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale, the Provincial Government continues to receive full contributions of Canada Health Transfers from the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness;

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals by:

- Setting legal maximum ER wait times for children under 18 (e.g., physician assessment within 2 hours, admission within 8 hours).
- Mandating safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient ratios in emergency settings.
- Establish independent oversight to audit hospitals, investigate pediatric ER deaths, and enforce compliance.
- Mandate public, independent, and timely (within 1 year) inquiry by the Chief Coroner of Ontario of every pediatric death in an ER waiting area.
- Fund better pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training and infrastructure

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce the principles and requirements of the Canada Health Act through its spending power of Canada Health Transfers to Ontario by:

- monitoring compliance to national health standards, such as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in ERs;
- and establishing and ensuring compliance with a new sepsis care

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health
Ontario Medical Association
Ontario Hospital Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Western Ontario Municipalities

The Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC-098-2026

Date: May 21, 2026

Moved by *Alic Hoogenboom*

Seconded by *Michael Cameron*

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for the planning, construction, operation, rehabilitation, and replacement of critical public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS municipal engineers play a key role in supporting safe, reliable, and cost-effective infrastructure systems for residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Engineers Association has raised concerns and recommendations regarding the Province's proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, which have implications for municipal operations, long-term asset management, and financial sustainability; and

WHEREAS the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports advocacy that promotes effective infrastructure planning, responsible funding frameworks, and realistic implementation requirements for municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville supports the Municipal Engineers Association's position regarding the Province's proposed harmonization of municipal road construction standards, particularly the concerns about the exemption approval process, mandatory annual reporting, lack of clarity around governance/co-stewardship, and the need for meaningful municipal consultation before implementation proceeds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to engage with municipalities and the Municipal Engineers Association to implement practical solutions that reflect municipal capacity, infrastructure needs, and local government realities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of

Infrastructure, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and Ontario municipalities.

Carried Defeated Deferred


Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden



June 4, 2026

Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Town of Iroquois Falls is seeking support from neighboring municipalities regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification), which requires firefighters performing certain suppression and extrication activities to obtain prescribed certifications by July 1, 2026.

While we support the importance of firefighter training and safety, The Town of Iroquois Falls has concerns about the impact these requirements may have on volunteer and composite fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the Office of the Fire Marshal revisit the mandatory certification program and consider greater flexibility while maintaining high standards of public and firefighter safety.

We respectfully ask that you share the attached resolution with your Fire Chief for review and consideration. If your municipality shares similar concerns, we welcome your support and advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Reeder, Clerk
The Town of Iroquois Falls

ADDRESS

253 Main Street, PO Box 230
Iroquois Falls, Ontario P0K1G0

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney By-law

2026-27

A By-law to Adopt a Communications Policy

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney considers it desirable to adopt a Communications Policy to guide corporate communications, ensure transparency, and promote consistent messaging to the public;

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

1. Adoption

1.1 The Communications Policy attached hereto as **Schedule "A"** is hereby adopted.

1.2 The Policy forms part of this By-law.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Communications Policy is to:

- Ensure accurate, timely, and accessible information is provided to the public;
- Promote transparency and accountability;
- Establish standards for external and internal communications, including digital channels and social media.

3. Administration

3.1 The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)-Clerk, or their designate, is responsible for the administration of this By-law and the Policy.

3.2 Staff shall comply with the Communications Policy in the execution of their duties.

4. Authority to Update Procedures

4.1 The CAO-Clerk may approve administrative procedures, guidelines, or minor updates to the Policy, provided such updates do not alter the intent of Council.

5. Review

5.1 The Communications Policy shall be reviewed at least once every four (4) years or as directed by Council.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED

this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

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.

**The Corporation of the Town of Kearney By-law
2026-28**

A By-law to Adopt a Community Engagement Policy

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recognizes the importance of meaningful, inclusive, and transparent engagement with residents, stakeholders, and the community;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to formalize its approach to community engagement through the adoption of a Community Engagement Policy;

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

1. Adoption

1.1 The Community Engagement Policy attached hereto as Schedule "A" is hereby adopted.

1.2 The Policy forms part of this By-law.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of the Community Engagement Policy is to:
Establish principles and standards for engaging with the public;
Encourage meaningful participation in municipal decision-making;
Promote inclusivity, accessibility, and responsiveness;
Strengthen trust between the municipality and the community.

3. Application

3.1 This By-law applies to all departments, boards, and committees of the Corporation, unless otherwise exempted by Council.

3.2 The Policy applies to engagement activities related to municipal programs, services, plans, and projects.

4. Administration

4.1 The CAO-Clerk, or designate, is responsible for the implementation and administration of this By-law and the Policy.

4.2 Staff shall follow the Community Engagement Policy when planning and conducting engagement activities.

5. Authority to Establish Procedures

5.1 The CAO-Clerk may develop supporting procedures, tools, and guidelines to implement the Policy.

5.2 Such procedures may include engagement methods, standards, and reporting requirements.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED

this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk



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 

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.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION 

	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.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-Law No. 2026-XX

**Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official (DCBO)
For Enforcing the Building Code Act within
The Corporation of the Town of Kearney**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25* as amended, authorizes the Council of any municipality to appoint certain officers and employees as may be necessary for the purposes of the corporation, or for carrying into effect or enforcing any Act or By-law of the Council;

AND WHEREAS the *Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, s.3(2)* provides that the Council of each municipality shall appoint a Chief Building Official and such Inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of the Building Code Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction;

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

1. **That** Scott Woodworth is hereby appointed as Deputy Chief Building Official for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney;
2. **That** Scott Woodworth, in his position of Deputy Chief Building Official shall fulfill all statutory requirements and carry out duties applicable to the Office of the Chief Building Official (CBO) under the Ontario Building Code Act, and its Regulations including the Ontario Building Code only in the capacity by which he is trained and directed by the current CBO;
3. **That** Scott Woodworth, in his position of Deputy CBO will only step in to provide all statutory requirements and carry out duties applicable to the Office of the Chief Building Official (CBO) under the Ontario Building Code Act, and its Regulations including the Ontario Building Code immediately and on an interim basis should the current appointed CBO in By-law 2025-42 be unable to fulfill the requirements as stated above in this paragraph;
4. **That** all By-laws inconsistent with this By-law, By-law 2025-42 or By-law 2025-55 that make mention of any other persons as, Chief Building Official are hereby repealed;
5. **That** this By-law shall 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 11th day of June, 2026.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

By-law No. 2026-XX

**Being a By-law to provide for the
Adoption of the 2026 Budget**

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* Chapter 25 S.O. 2001 Section 290 provides that for each year, a local municipality shall, in the year or the immediately preceding year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality, including

- (a) amounts sufficient to pay all debts of the municipality falling due within the year;
- (b) amounts required to be raised for sinking funds or retirement funds; and
- (c) amounts required for any board, commission or other body;

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

1. That Appendix 'A' being the Operating Budget and Capital Budget attached hereto be hereby adopted as the Budget for 2026;
2. That this 2026 Budget may be amended from time to time by a Resolution of Council with appropriate Notice having been given;
3. That this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the date of final passing.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND AND THIRD TIME, passed, signed and the Corporate Seal attached hereto, this 11th day of June, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

2026 Budget Package

See attached

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

BY-LAW 2026-XX

**Being a By-law to set the 2026 Tax Ratios and 2026 Tax Rates
and to further provide for tax collection
and penalty and interest in default of payment thereof**

WHEREAS Section 312 of the *Municipal Act*, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, requires Council to pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the By-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby enacts as follows;

1. That Appendix "A" is the schedule of Ratios for 2018 and is hereby adopted;
2. That Appendix "A" is the Schedule of Tax Rates for municipal purposes to be applied and is hereby adopted;
3. Tax rates for education purposes will be applied as specified by Provincial Regulation;
4. That every owner of land shall be taxed accordingly to the Tax Rates on Appendix "A" and such tax shall become due and payable as follows:
First Installment 2026-08-27
Second Installment 2025-10-27
and non-payment of the amount in full, on the dates stated in accordance with this section shall constitute default;
5. A percentage charge of 1.25% shall be imposed for non payment of taxes on the first day of default being the 1st day of the month following the due date and every month the default continues;
6. Penalties and interest added on all taxes of the final tax levy in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid final tax levy;
7. The Treasurer or designate may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice in the approved format specifying the amount of taxes payable.
8. That all monies owed to the Corporation of the Town of Kearney may be added to the tax roll and be collected in a like matter as taxes;
9. That taxes are payable in Canadian funds at the Town of Kearney Municipal Office, 8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Kearney, Ont. P0A 1M0 or at any Chartered Bank or Credit Union, or by direct deposit via telephone or internet banking. All payments shall be applied in accordance with Section 347 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended. All taxes shall be deposited to the credit of the Town of Kearney;
10. That this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the final date of passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME passed, signed and the Corporate Seal attached hereto, this 11th day of June, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

**The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
Appendix "A" to By-law 2026-XX
Schedule of 2026 Tax Rates and Tax Ratios**

Class	Code	2026 Municipal Tax Rates	2026 Education Tax Rates	Total Rates	2026 Tax Ratios
Residential /Farm	RT	0.01079523	0.00153000	0.01232523	1.000000
Multi-Residential	MT	0.01079523	0.00153000	0.01232523	1.000000
Commercial Occupied	CT	0.011874753	0.00602794	0.01790269	1.100000
Commercial Occupied	XT	0.011874753	0.00602794	0.01790269	1.100000
Commercial Excess	CU	0.008312327	0.00602794	0.01434027	0.770000
Commercial Vacant	CX	0.008312327	0.00602794	0.01434027	0.770000
Industrial Occupied	IT	0.0095052	0.00789639	0.01740159	0.880500
Industrial Excess Land	IU	0.00617838	0.00789639	0.01407477	0.880500
Industrial Vacant Land	IX	0.00617838	0.00789639	0.01407477	0.880500
Farm Lands	FT	0.002698808	0.00038250	0.00308131	0.250000
Managed Forest	TT	0.002698808	0.00038250	0.00308131	0.250000
Aggregate	VT	0.007734437	0.00511000	0.012844437	0.716468
Special Area (lump Per Residence or Business	N/A				