



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, January 8th, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip (Virtual), Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo (Virtual)

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on January 8th, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on January 8th, 2021 be adopted as amended.

ADD 10(a)(i) Verbal request from McMurrich/Monteith for temporary building department services **CARRIED**

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

Councillor Mike Rickward declared a pecuniary interest with Cheque #30404; the reason being "Purchase made by Fire Department".

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Stephanie Sharp, Planner, Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc. re:**

Request to place solar panels on Town Road Allowance

Ms. Sharp presented the request of her client. Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

Res. No. 4(a)(i)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS a written request has been received from the property owners at 218 Emsdale Lake Road to install solar panels on the Town Road Allowance which will function as the main energy source for a future dwelling on their adjacent private land;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, supports in principle, the installation of private solar panels on Town lands.

RECORDED VOTE requested by: Deputy Mayor Stermsek

PHILIP, Cheryl	No
RICKWARD, Mike	No
STERMSEK, Liz	No
ZIRALDO, Paul	Abstain/No
BALLANTYNE, Carol	No

DEFEATED

(b) **Presentations – Nil**

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

(i) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – December 11th, 2020

(ii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – December 14th, 2020

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(ii)/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) as follows:

- (i) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – December 11th, 2020
- (ii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – December 14th, 2020 **CARRIED**

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes – Nil**

6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration** - Nil

7. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the *Planning Act*)** – Nil

8. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*)** – Nil

9. **Unfinished Business** – Nil

10. **Reports and By-laws**

(a) **Building**

- (i) **Verbal request from McMurrich/Monteith for temporary building department services**

Res. No. 10(a)(i)/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS on May 15, 2020 Council determined that we do not have the resources to expand our building department at this time;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received from McMurrich/Monteith asking if we would provide building department services to them, beginning immediately;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reaffirms that we do not have the resources to supply building services to McMurrich/Monteith at this time.

RECORDED VOTE requested by: Mayor Ballantyne

PHILIP, Cheryl	Yes
RICKWARD, Mike	Yes
STERMSEK, Liz	Yes
ZIRALDO, Paul	Yes
BALLANTYNE, Carol	Yes

CARRIED

(b) **Planning** – Nil

(c) **Operations**

- (i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period December 4, 2020 to December 22, 2020 – **Report only.**

(d) **Administration**

- (i) **Resolution re:** Appointment of Selection Team for Planning Consultant

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby appoints: Deputy Mayor Stermsek, Clerk Fraser and Mayor Ballantyne as members of the Selection Team, for the Planning Consultant. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Information and By-law No. 2021-xx re:** Agreement for Fire Department shared Joint Training Officer

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

By-Law No. 2021-01 being a By-law to authorize the signing of an Agreement for a Regional Fire Training Program between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, the Municipality of Magnetawan, the Townships of Ryerson, Armour, Perry and McMurrich/Monteith, and the Village of Burk's Falls, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-01 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

- (iii) **Resolution re:** Funding for Summer Experience Program

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to submit applications for funding for summer student positions. **CARRIED**

- (iv) **Resolution re:** Authorization to submit application for COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to submit applications for funding to the COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund to acquire digital technology and e-business and marketing solutions. **CARRIED**

(e) Treasury

(i) Report and Resolution re: Payment Register

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the 'List of Accounts' and has no objections to be noted with regard to Cheques #30341 to #30413 in the total amount of \$355,339.46. **CARRIED**

(ii) By-law No. 2021-02 re: To authorize the levying of Interim Tax Rates

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

Being a By-law to Authorize the Levying of Interim Tax Rates, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-02 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) Report re: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on January 8, 2021 – Report only.

(g) Facilities and Buildings - Nil

(h) Council Presentations

(i) Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re: Public Access to Town Office; Cashman Creek Bridge update

Discussion of Council resulted in the decision for Municipal Buildings to continue to remain closed to the public at this time. It is hoped that the bridge will open on January 12th, as the bridge arches have been installed and cement is being poured today. Guardrails and barriers are still needed. Updates will continue to be given.

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items - Nil

(b) Information Items

(i) Regional Fire Department re: Notes – December 10, 2020

(ii) Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re: December 2020 Newsletter

(iii) Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re: Minutes – December 6, 2020; Key Areas of Focus & Progress

(iv) District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re: Monthly Report – December 2020

(v) Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce re: Update

12. Other Business – Nil

13. Closed Session

Res. No. 13(a)/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239, (1), (2), (3) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, c. 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney will convene in Closed Session at 1:48 p.m. for discussion regarding:

(a) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 13(b)/08/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvene in Open Session and report on matters discussed in Closed Session. Closed Session adjourned at 3:21 p.m. **CARRIED**

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law No. 2021-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 14th, 2020; at its Special Meeting held on January 8th, 2021; and at its Regular Meeting held on January 8th, 2021.

Res. No. 15/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

By-law No. 2021-03, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 14th, 2020; at its Special Meeting held on January 8th, 2021; and at its Regular Meeting held on January 8th, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and

numbered 2021-03 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

16. Adjournment

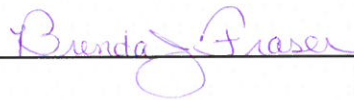
Res. No. 16/08/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:23 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on January 29th, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk