

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 (T)
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

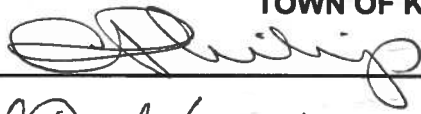
Resolution 2026-123

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