



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, January 29th, 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
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager (Virtual)

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on January 29th, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Shirley Palmer and to honour the memory of Louis J.D. Ward.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/29/01/2021 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 29th, 2021 be adopted as amended.

ADD 10(a)(iv) Resolution re: Request from North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit for information to assist in Health Unit planning of Immunization Clinics. **CARRIED**

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof** – None noted.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Paul Shermet re: Winter maintenance – West Bay Road**

Mr. Shermet requested the Town begin to provide winter maintenance operations past the bridge on West Bay Road. Council requested a Staff report prior to further discussion.

(b) **Presentations – Nil**

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

(i) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – January 8th, 2021

(ii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – January 8th, 2021

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(ii)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

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) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – January 8th, 2021

(ii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – January 8th, 2021 **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) **Resolution re:** Authorization to purchase running boards for the new Dodge Pick-up truck

Res. No. 10(a)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the purchase of “running boards” for the new Building Department Dodge Pick-up truck, from Mac Lang Sundridge Ltd., in the amount of \$739.00, plus tax, plus installation at a rate of \$109.95 per hour. **CARRIED**

(b) Planning – Nil

(c) Operations

- (i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period December 27, 2020 to January 19, 2021 – **Report only.**

- (ii) **Verbal update re:** Cashman Creek Bridge
Operations Manager Ross Gattozzi provided a brief summary of the replacement, noting that the bridge is now open to traffic.

- (iii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Echo Ridge Culvert replacement

Res. No. 10(c)(iii)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement, as attached hereto, with Tulloch Engineering Inc. for the replacement of the Echo Ridge Culvert, in the amount of \$22,640.00 plus HST. **CARRIED**

(d) Administration

- (i) **Report and Resolution re:** Appointment of Planning Consultant

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the recommendation of the Selection Team for a Planning Consultant, accepts the Proposal for Planning Consulting Services submitted by EcoVue Consulting Services Inc., as attached hereto. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Report re:** 2020 By-law Enforcement Stats – **Report only.**

- (iii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To Regulate Dogs

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

By-law No. 2021-04 Being a By-law to Regulate Dogs within the Town of Kearney, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-04 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**

- (iv) **Resolution re:** Request from North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit for information to assist in Health Unit planning of Immunization Clinics.

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is requesting information only, in order to assist the Health Unit in planning for COVID-19 immunization clinics; **AND WHEREAS** information is being requested from each municipality regarding potential venues as, in accordance with provincial requirements, venues must meet certain criteria;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to complete the Health Units ‘information sheet’ for the possibility of an immunization clinic to be held at the Kearney Community Centre. **CARRIED**

(e) Treasury

- (i) **Report and Resolution re:** Payment Register

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

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 #30414 to #30459 in the total amount of \$155,924.10. **CARRIED**

- (ii) **Annual Report re:** 2020 Council Honouraria & Expenses

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the annual report for the 2020 Council Honouraria and Expenses, attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Resolution re: EMS request for extra funds**
Res. No. 10(e)(iii)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
WHEREAS in September 2020, the Town of Kearney received correspondence from the Town of Parry Sound regarding a Supplemental Emergency Medical Services Levy indicating cost overruns had occurred due to significant increases in needed Personal Protective Equipment, COVID related sick time and overtime costs associated with sick time;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound sent a request for funding from the contributing Parry Sound District municipalities in the amount of an additional \$450,000.00, apportioned to each municipality, with the Town of Kearney's share being \$11,898.96;
AND WHEREAS Council did not support this Supplemental Levy and suggested the Town of Parry Sound petition the Province for the funds rather than adding a supplemental levy to our area Municipalities;
AND WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound has recently sent a new Invoice in which has been added, a Finance Charge in the amount of \$148.74;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to not pay this until further information is provided by the Town of Parry Sound;
AND FURTHER request which, if any, other municipalities have paid. **CARRIED**

(iv) **Discussion and Resolution re: 2021 Interest and Penalty**
Res. No. 10(e)(iv)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek
WHEREAS in 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council resolved to keep the tax installment due dates in effect, however no late payment penalty would be applied;
AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions are continuing in 2021;
AND WHEREAS the Province has provided Ontario Municipalities with funding expressly for COVID-19 expenses;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, determines to continue to offer a 0% late payment penalty effective March 1, 2021, on current 2021 outstanding property taxes.
RECORDED VOTE requested by: Mayor Ballantyne

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

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) **Report re: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on January 29, 2021 – Report only.**

(g) Facilities and Buildings

- (i) **Discussion re: Date for next meeting regarding KCC building**
 Subject to the Stay at Home Order being lifted, Council requested a meeting be scheduled the morning of a Regular Council meeting.
- (ii) **Discussion re: KCC Electronic Sign**
 Council requested a Staff report for our next regular meeting.

(h) Council Presentations

(i) **Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re: Public Access to Town Office;**
 Discussion of Council resulted in the decision for Municipal Buildings to continue to remain closed to the public at this time.

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

- (i) **Statistics Canada re: Resolution requesting support for 2021 Canadian Census**
Res. No. 11(a)(i)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca as accurate and complete census data supports programs and services that benefit our community. **CARRIED**
- (ii) **Almaguin Adult Learning Centre re: Resolution requesting financial support**
Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in

accordance with the request from the Almaguin Adult Learning Centre, shall donate \$0.00 to support new and existing learners through increased online services. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Township of Matachewan re:** Resolution requesting future grant application deadlines to be extended

Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermseck

WHEREAS Municipalities have been receiving numerous announcements of available grants; **AND WHEREAS** we are very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for offered grants, however, the turn around time for many of these applications is very short and restrictive for small municipalities with few employees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the Resolutions from the Township of Matachewan and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming in their request to have longer turn around times on grant application deadlines;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to AMO and FONOM.

CARRIED

(b) Information Items

(i) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re:** Minutes – January 8, 2021; Key Areas of Focus & Progress – **For information only.**

(ii) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re:** Monthly Report – January 2021 - **For information only.**

(iii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** Newsletter – January 2021 - **For information only.**

(iv) **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare re:** Covid-19 Update – January 19, 2021 - **For information only.**

(v) **COVID-19 UPDATE:** General (Ret's0 Rick Hillier, Chair of the Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force; Vaccine Update - **For information only.**

12. **Other Business – Nil**

13. **Closed Session**

Res. No. 13(a)-(b)/29/01/2021 Liz Stermseck, Mike Rickward

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 2:16 p.m. for discussion regarding:

(a) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (x2)

(b) Labour relations or employee negotiations (x3)

CARRIED

Res. No. 13(c)/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermseck

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 4:14 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 Regular Meeting held on January 29th, 2021.

Res. No. 15/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermseck

By-law No. 2021-05, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on January 29th, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-05 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. 16/29/01/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermseck

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 4:16 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on February 19th, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

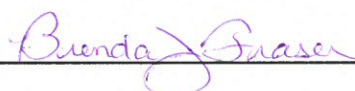
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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk