



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Thursday, April 1st, 2021

1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip (Virtual), 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
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager (Virtual)
Cindy Filmore, Administrative Services Co-ordinator (Virtual)

Regrets: Councillor Mike Rickward

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on April 1st, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:02 p.m. **CARRIED**

Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Marilyn Pudsey.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on April 1st, 2021 be adopted as amended.

DEFER 10(d)(iii) By-law to enter into a Shared Services Agreement for By-law Enforcement **CARRIED**

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

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

- (i) **Yasmin Rosh re:** Follow up to the Recreational Vehicles use of a portion of D-Trail presentation
Ms. Rosh was unable to connect virtually due to technical difficulties.

(b) **Presentations**

- (i) **Ryan Mannings, CET, Project Manager, Tatham Engineering Limited re:** Roads Needs Study
Mr. Mannings provided an overview of the 2020 Roads Needs Study prepared by Tatham Engineering Limited.

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iii)/01/04/2021 Cheryl Philip, 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 – March 12th, 2021
(ii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – March 12th, 2021
(iii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – March 26th, 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 for Credit Card for Building Department
Res. No. 10(a)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to obtain a Visa Credit Card from the Kawartha Credit Union with a maximum limit of \$5,000.00, for use by our Building Department. **CARRIED**

(b) **Planning**

(i) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To authorize a property to be a Site Plan Control Area
Res. No. 10(b)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

By-law No. 2021-11, Being a By-law to authorize Part Lots 12, 13 & 14 Concession 14, geographic Township of Bethune, Roll Numbers 4918 020 007 30500, 4918 020 007 30700 and 4918 020 007 30800 respectively, to be designated as a Site Plan Control Area, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-11 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**

(ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To authorize a property to be a Site Plan Control Area
Res. No. 10(b)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

By-law No. 2021-12, Being a By-law to authorize Concession 6, Part Lots 14 & 15, RP42R11933 Parts 4 & 6 PCL 24581, geographic Township of Proudfoot, Roll Number 4918 030 001 44350, to be designated as a Site Plan Control Area, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-12 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**

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period March 5, 2021 to March 23, 2021 –
Report only.

(ii) **Resolution re:** Hazardous Waste Day

Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby directs Staff to engage the services of Brendar Environmental Inc. for the Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Day Event on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 149 King William Street, Kearney, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

AND FURTHER that Staff are authorized to enter into the necessary agreements in this regard. **CARRIED**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Resolution re:** Accept Resignation from Regatta Committee

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with his letter, accepts the resignation of Dan Desbiens as Chair of the Regatta Festival Committee;

AND FURTHER, Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan for his past commitment as Chair and to also thank him for his interest in continuing as a volunteer to assist on the day of our Regatta event. **CARRIED**

(ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To enter into an Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

By-law No. 2021-13, Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-13 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**

(iii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** To enter into a Shared Services Agreement for By-law Enforcement - **DEFERRED**

(iv) **Resolution re:** ICON Letter of support for broadband funding

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

WHEREAS Internet connectivity for our residents, businesses and visitors is a strategic priority;

AND WHEREAS our area has historically been underserved for affordable, fast and reliable broadband infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS Cogeco has submitted an application to the 'Improving Connectivity for Ontario' program;

AND WHEREAS this project would provide access for approximately 621 premises in and around our Town Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports Cogeco's Application to the 'Improving Connectivity for Ontario' program. **CARRIED**

(e) **Treasury**

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

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, 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 #30614 to #30632 in the total amount of \$37,695.02. **CARRIED**

(f) **Fire and Emergency Services**

(i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on April 1, 2021 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Resolution re:** New Fire Fighter

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Michael Ballantine to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

(g) **Facilities and Buildings**

(i) **Resolution re:** Appointment of Members from the public for the KCC Building Committee

Res. No. 10(g)(i)/01/04/2021 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appoints: Timothy Brown and Cathy Hare as members from the public, on the Kearney Community Centre Building Committee. **CARRIED**

(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) **Almaguin Community Economic Development re:** Almaguin Staycation Proposal

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

WHEREAS Council has received and reviewed the **Staycation Almaguin Proposal** circulated by Dave Gray, Ec.D, Director of Economic Development, Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED);

AND WHEREAS this proposal outlines a collaborative approach to encouraging community connectedness through the promotion and development of COVID-safe recreation, culture, arts and community based activities;

AND WHEREAS ACED is seeking a financial contribution of \$1,900.00 in support of this proposal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney

does not want to participate at this time.

CARRIED

(ii) **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: Vaccine allocation**

Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/01/04/2021 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit);

AND WHEREAS the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions;

AND WHEREAS vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation;

AND WHEREAS COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province;

AND WHEREAS due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in Phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2;

AND WHEREAS 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census);

AND WHEREAS the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics;

AND WHEREAS due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa;

AND FURTHER that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health; Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing; Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka; Ontario Boards of Health; and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

CARRIED

(iii) **Township of Perry re: Support for repurposing of Project D.A.R.E.**

Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

WHEREAS the Township of Perry has declared their support to the Government of Ontario for continuing to fund the facility and programs that are operated by Wendigo Lake Expeditions (WLE) which is located near the Village of South River;

AND WHEREAS WLE provides programming to improve social determinants of health for a variety of marginalized populations which includes child welfare, addictions, mental health and rehabilitation services that are in demand regionally;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney also supports WLE efforts to collaborate with various stakeholders while allowing the continuation of world-renowned services that addresses gaps in social and health services;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound Muskoka.

CARRIED

(iv) **Town of Kingsville re: Support for Resolution - Firearms**

Res. No. 11(a)(iv)/01/04/2021 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS municipalities have never been responsible for gun control laws in Canada;

AND WHEREAS law abiding residents who own legal handguns have already been thoroughly vetted through the DFSC, PAL and ATT applications;

AND WHEREAS illegal gun owners and smugglers do not respect postal codes;

AND WHEREAS if one municipality enacts a ban and not a neighbouring municipality, this will create a patchwork of By-laws;

AND WHEREAS a municipal ban would be difficult to enforce and easy to get around;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is OPPOSED to the adoption of any local By-laws restricting the possession, storage and transportation of legally obtained handguns;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; and Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Official Opposition.

CARRIED

(b) **Information Items**

(i) **District Social Services Administration Board re: March 2021 Report - For information only.**

(ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re: March 2021 Newsletter –
For information only.**

12. **Other Business – Nil**

13. **Closed Session – Nil**

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session - Nil**

15. **Confirming By-Law**

Res. No. 15/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

By-law No. 2021-14, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on March 26th, 2021 and at its Regular Meeting held on April 1st, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-14 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. 16/01/04/2021 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo

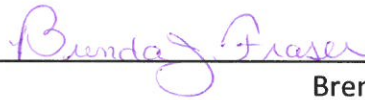
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 2:10 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on April 23rd, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk