

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Thursday, July 16, 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)

Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent

The CAO/Clerk was present for the entirety of the meeting. The Treasurer and the Public Works Superintendent were present until their part for closed session completed. The Deputy Clerk was present for the Public portion of the meeting.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 2026-140

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of July 16, 2026, as circulated

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

Keven Beaucage declared a conflict of pecuniary interest based on:

Agenda item 5.3 – Payment Register due to family member receiving payment in the amount of \$40.03

Michael Rickward declared a conflict of pecuniary interest based on:

Chq#35604 – cheque payable to Rickward's Small Motors

4. 4.1 Public Meeting - DRAFT Official Plan

Resolution 2026-141

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recesses the Regular Meeting of Council on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:05 pm to hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 c.P. 13 as amended to consider the proposed update to the Town's Official Plan, pursuant to Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13.

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-142

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Report from EcoVue Consulting Services regarding the Draft Town of Kearney Official Plan; AND FURTHER THAT Council thanks the Public for their comments, which are considered in conjunction with the Report; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to incorporate comments received and bring back a final draft at a later date.

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-143

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby adjourns the Public portion of the Council meeting, held pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended at 6:36 pm

CARRIED

4.2 Presentations – BDO – Auditor's Report

Resolution 2026-144

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks BDO Representatives Dean Decaire and Shelagh Graham for their presentation regarding the Auditor's Report; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the audited financial statement.
CARRIED

5. Consent List

Resolution 2026-145

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, July 16, 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 SR2026-36 re: Facilities Master Plan and Parks & Trails Master Plan

Resolution 2026-146

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives SR2026-36 regarding the evaluation of proposals received for RFP 2026-01 – Facilities Master Plan and Parks & Trails Master Plan from the CAO/Clerk & Treasurer; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the award of RFP 2026-01 to Tocher Heblom Design Inc. (thinc design) in the amount of \$88,010 plus HST for the preparation of the Town of Kearney Facilities Master Plan and Parks & Trails Master Plan

CARRIED

7.2 SR2026-37 EV Charging Stations

Resolution 2026-147

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives SR 2026-22 EV Charging Stations from the Treasurer; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of 2 EV charging stations for the Kearney Community Centre at an expense of \$288,003 to be paid for from a grant and reserves; AND FURTHER THAT the CAO-Clerk and Mayor are hereby authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to complete this project; AND FURTHER THAT the revenue generated from the charging stations reimburse the reserve; AND FURTHER THAT once the reserve is reimbursed, the revenue be used to offset future operations.

CARRIED

7.3 SR2026-39 DRAFT Kearney/Perry Road Maintenance Agreement

Resolution 2026-148

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney support the proposed Kearney/Perry Road Maintenance Agreement as presented which will take place later in the meeting.

CARRIED

7.4 DRAFT Bylaw to open Patton Road (South)

Resolution 2026-149

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 and accepts the DRAFT bylaw regarding the opening of Patton Road South AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the renaming of Woodland Lane/Patton Road to Patton Road South; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to bring back both bylaws to rename the road and to open the road at the next Council meeting; AND FURTHER THAT Staff provide notice to the public regarding the proposed renaming of Woodland Lane to Patton Road South.

CARRIED

7.5 Memo: Purchase Carbide Teeth

Resolution 2026-150

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 Memo regarding the purchase of carbide teeth for the brusher head; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to purchase these teeth from the lowest quoter as long as it's under \$9,000.00; AND FURTHER THAT payment for these teeth come out of year end surplus or reserves.

CARRIED

7.6 MEMO: Echo Ridge Road subdivision road upgrade letter response

Resolution 2026-151

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Staff Memo regarding Echo Ridge Subdivision Roads Property Owner Feedback regarding Proposed Upgrades; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to 1) Continue with a quotation for a survey verification of the unopened road allowances.

CARRIED

7.7 DRAFT Rescind By-law 2024-13 in Part (Alexanian SRA Sale)

Resolution 2026-152

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the passing of a bylaw to rescind the Sale of Shore Road Allowance Bylaw 2024-13 (Alexanian); AND FURTHER THAT this bylaw be passed later in the meeting.

CARRIED

7.8 DRAFT By-law to Stop up, close and sell Shore Road Allowance in front of 51 & 53

Main Street (Mackay)

Resolution 2026-153

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received and approved in principle the purchase of the Shore Road Allowance in front of # 51 and #53 Main Street (MacKay); NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and supports the DRAFT Bylaw to Stop Up, Close and Sell the Shore Allowance in front of # 51 and # 53 Main Street (MacKay); AND FURTHER that this bylaw be passed later in the meeting.

CARRIED

7.9 Memo: 102nd Kearney Regatta – Request to declare a festival & authorize Road Closure

Resolution 2026-154

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Staff Memo regarding the Kearney Regatta; AND FURTHER the Council hereby declares the Kearney Regatta to be a Festival; AND FURTHER THAT any bylaws which do not support the events/ activities of the Regatta be suspended for Town sanctioned events for this Festival and return to force once the Regatta is complete; AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the closure of Main Street from 56 Main Street to 80 Main Street from 6 pm Friday, July 31 until 11 pm Sunday, August 2, 2026

CARRIED

7.10 DRAFT Delegation of Authority Bylaw during Lame Duck Period

Resolution 2026-155

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

WHEREAS Section 275 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, restricts acts that a Council can take after Nomination Day (August 21st, 2026) and after Voting Day (October 26th, 2026) if the Council is in a "lame duck" position; AND WHEREAS Section 275(3) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, restricts Council from taking action on the following:

(a) The appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;

(b) The hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;

(c) The disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding \$50,000 at the time of disposal; and

(d) Making any expenditure or incurring any other liability which exceeds \$50,000;

AND WHEREAS Section 275(6) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, states that nothing in this section prevents any person or body exercising any authority of a municipality that is delegated to the person or body prior to nomination day for the election of the new council; AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient to delegate authority to the CAO/Clerk to take action, where necessary, on certain acts during the "Lame Duck" periods; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports approval of the DRAFT Delegation of Authority By-law as presented; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to bring a bylaw back to the next regular Council meeting.

7.11 DRAFT Amendment to Schedule C "Planning Fees" of By-law 2025-71 the Town of Kearney Fees and Charges Bylaw

Resolution 2026-156

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney anticipates to be removed from the Southeast Parry

Sound District Planning Board; AND WHEREAS this change will impact the manner in which Staff and Council will be required to interact with Planning matters; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines it necessary to update the Fees and Charges bylaw to address these changes; AND FURTHER instructs Staff to post Public Notice of these changes

as per the Town of Kearney Notice Bylaw.

CARRIED

8. **Notice of Motion – nil**

9. **Correspondence for Information**

Resolution 2026-157

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from July 16, 2026 for information; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs staff to write letters of support for the following items:

9.3 Support Resolution – Request for Provincial Action on Accuracy of Municipal Voters Lists

9.4 Support Resolution from PHSD – Healthy Smiles Ontario – Access to Dental Care

9.5 Support Resolution – Updates to Highway 11 and Highway 17 Corridor

9.6 Support Resolution – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness

9.7 Support Resolution – Rural Hospital Funding

CARRIED

10. **By-laws**

Resolution 2026-158

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

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 Bylaw 2026-33 Bylaw to Enter into an RFSC Agreement with other municipalities to own and maintain a Live Fire Unit

10.2 Bylaw 2026-34 Being a Bylaw to rescind 2024-13 in part (Alexanian SRA)

10.3 Bylaw 2026-35 being a Bylaw to Stop Up, Close and Sell Shore Road Allowance in front of 51 & 53 Main St.(MacKay)

10.4 Bylaw 2026-36 Being a By-law to Enter into an Agreement with the Township of Perry for the purposes of road maintenance

CARRIED

11. **Closed Session**

Resolution 2026-159

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session, at 8:29 p.m., under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

2(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual

2(c) Acquisition or Disposition of Land

2(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

Resolution 2026-160

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:35 pm

12. **Confirming By-law**

Resolution 2026-161

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-37 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of July 16, 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**

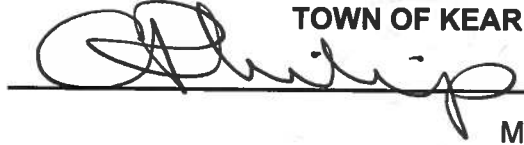
Resolution 2026-162

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

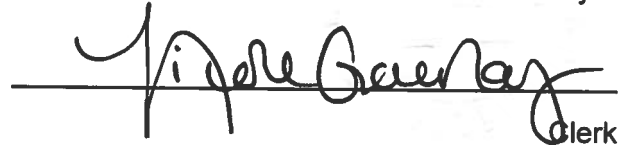
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 9:36 pm

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

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Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Gaudin", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk

