The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, September 3, 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/C) Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T) Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC) Tom Young, Public Works Superintendent (PWS) Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official / Fire Chief (CBO/FC) Scott Woodworth, Deputy Chief Building Official/Facilities Manager (DCBO/FM)	

The CAO/C was present for the entirety of the meeting. The T was present for the public portion of the meeting and a portion of the closed session. The CBO/FC, the DCBO/FM, the PWS and the DC were 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.

A Moment of Silence was held to honour the memory of Jeff Johnston

2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2026-190
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of August 13, 2026, as amended:
Amended to Add:
7.12 Discuss Colonization Road
CARRIED

3. **Disclosure of Interest**
None Noted

4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings - nil**

5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2026-191
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, September 3, 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. SR2026-46 on Tandem Plow Truck
Resolution 2026-192
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives and accepts the Staff Report SR2026-46 regarding the Tandem Dump Truck; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the purchase of prebuilt 2027 Freightliner Tandem Dump Truck for $374,770 plus HST (includes box, plow and wing, box painted yellow and cab painted white, plus screens) from Gin-Cor.
CARRIED

7.2. DRAFT Dormant Permit Policy – Building Department
Resolution 2026-193
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the DRAFT Dormant Building Permit Policy for the Building Department; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to bring back this policy for passing at a future Council meeting.
CARRIED

7.3. DRAFT Agreement with the Town of Huntsville Building DepartmenT
Resolution 2026-194
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the DRAFT Bylaw to enter into an agreement with the Town of Huntsville Building Department; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to bring back this bylaw to a future Council meeting for passing.
CARRIED

7.4. DPSMA Fall Meeting – September 25 – Carling Twp.
Resolution 2026-195
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the information regarding the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall Meeting; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the following Council to attend the meeting in Carling, ON: Councillor Beaucage, Councillor Sharer, Mayor Philip.
CARRIED

7.5. Road deviation re: Bennett Severance
Resolution 2026-196
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Staff Memo regarding the Road Deviation of Echo Ridge Road and the Bennett Severance; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the passing of the Bylaw to accept these deviation portions, which will take place later in this meeting.
CARRIED

7.6. Road deviation on Echo Ridge re: Algonquin Heights
Resolution 2026-197
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Staff Memo regarding the deviation of Echo Ridge Road that passes through land belonging to Algonquin Heights.
CARRIED

7.7. Memo: Echo Ridge Road Culvert Failure
Resolution 2026-198
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby directs Staff to replace 1500mm culvert on Eco Ridge Road at Lynx Lake for a cost of up to a maximum of $75,000.00; AND FURTHER THAT the money comes from Surplus or Reserves; AND FURTHER, if the culvert cannot be completed before the hard surfacing is scheduled that the section from Stoeger's Road to Balsam Drive remain gravel till spring and be completed then.
CARRIED

7.8. Discussion regarding Colonization Road
Resolution 2026-199
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 10:30 am to meet with all owners on the Colonization Road and their legal counsel and Staff to determine how all would like to go forward and that all construction on the road cease until after the meeting; AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to Staff to provide the following options as information at the Public Meeting noted above: 1) Gift unopened road allowance in its

entirety 2) gift a portion of the unopened road allowance 3) create 2 maintained roads with a cul de sac at each end 4) create a through road that be municipally maintained.
CARRIED

Resolution 2026-200
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney agrees to continue the meeting contrary to Section 3.5 of the Town of Kearney's Procedure Bylaw
CARRIED

7.9. SR2026-47 on EV charging stations update
Resolution 2026-201
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives and accepts SR2026-47 regarding the EV Charging Stations Update; AND FURTHER THAT Council approve an additional cost of up to $59,000 to implement the EV charging stations project; AND FURTHER THAT this additional cost be recovered from the revenue generated by the charging stations.
CARRIED

7.10. Memo: Ecovue Consulting OP Budget update
Resolution 2026-202
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the report from EcoVue Consulting Services; AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the anticipated additional work of EcoVue Consulting to complete the passing of the new Official Plan for the Town of Kearney at a cost of $6,500.00
CARRIED

7.11 SR2026-48 Public Works Building – Interim Safety Repairs and LT Replacement Strategy
Resolution 2026-203
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives Staff Report 2026-38 regarding the Public Works Building – Interim Safety Repairs and LT Replacement Strategy for information; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to follow through with the recommendations included in the Staff Report SR2026-48, which states Immediate Actions to be taken within 90 days
CARRIED

7.12 Support in Principle Road and Shore Road Allowance Application – Duck Lake
Resolution 2026-204
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 applications form Future Dwelling Limited regarding their proposed purchases of various portions of Shore Road and Road Allowance adjoining their properties; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves in principle the shore road allowances within the application, pending investigation and advice from legal counsel; AND FURTHER THAT Council directs Staff to hold a public meeting at the next regular meeting of Council regarding the unopened road allowances leading to water
CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion – nil

9. Correspondence for Information
Resolution 2026-205
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives correspondence list from September 3, 2026, for information; 9.1 KWEF August Newsletter.
CARRIED.

10. By-laws
Resolution 2026-206
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
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: 1. By-law 2026- 45 Being a Bylaw authorize the acquisition of paper title to part of Echo Ridge Road legally described as Part of Lot 8, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Bethune, now in the Town of Kearney, designated as Part 4 on Plan 42R22986
CARRIED

11. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-207
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session, at 7:56 p.m., under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:
2(b) Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, including municipal or local board employees;
2(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations
2(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege
CARRIED

Councillor Beaucage left the meeting during closed session and did not return due to a noted interest in a closed session matter.

Resolution 2026-208
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:50 pm

12. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2026-209
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-46 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 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 2026-210
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 9:52 pm
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

Mayor

Clerk