The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:	Mayor: Cheryl Philip Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward Councillors: Keven Beaucage, Jill Sharer
Regrets:	Councillor Pateman
Staff Present:	Nicole Gourlay, CAO-Clerk (CAO/C) Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T) Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC) Paul Schaefer, Chief Building Official / Fire Chief (CBO/FC)

The Staff were present for the entirety 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 2026-216
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of September 23, 2026, as amended:
Amended to Remove:
11. Closed Session
Amended to Add:
7.7 discussion of waiving of rental fee re All Candidates Meeting on October 4, 2026
CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest

Deputy Mayor Rickward declared a pecuniary interest to the payment register (item 5.3) due to a cheque payable to his family business (Cheque #35783)

4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
4.1 Public Meeting regarding Purchase of Unopened Road Allowances – Duck Lake
Resolution 2026-217
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOVLED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks the Public for their input regarding the proposed support in principle of the stopping Up, Closing and Selling of Road allowances in the vicinity of Duck Lake; AND FURTHER directs Staff to deny the request to sell the Road Allowances ; AND FURTHER THAT Staff bring back a report on the clearing and opening of the access via road allowance exiting from Grass Lake Road to Little Duck Lake and beyond to access Duck Lake.
CARRIED

4.2 Public Meeting regarding Fisher Lake Roads
Resolution 2026-218
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks the public for their input regarding the Fisher Lake Subdivision road system; AND FURTHER that Council supports investigating the following option included in SR2026-50: Option 3 Town to open and maintain all the roads within the subdivision, creating cul-de-sacs at the ends of each road; AND FURTHER that Council supports investigating the following option included in SR2026-51: Option 3 Special Fees and Charges By-law; AND FURTHER directs Staff to bring back a report to Council with comments from legal, planning, utilities and surveying on steps to move these options forward.
CARRIED

4.3 Delegation – Mark Menhennet – Chetwynd Road access to property
Resolution 2026-219
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Mr. Menhennet for his presentation to Council; AND FURTHER directs Staff to bring back a report to Council with options available to the Sundin, Cos, Wiser family with regard to formal access, including title search from the registry office with 3 weeks
CARRIED

5. **Consent List**

Resolution 2026-220
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Wednesday, September 23, 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 Flag Policy
Resolution 2026-221
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 Flag Policy; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the DRAFT Flag Policy and requests Staff to bring back for passing after the following changes have been made: Section 5.2 reads Flag shall be half-masted when a resident or property owner dies; Section 8 shall be a Council decision
CARRIED

7.2. Draft Festivals & Special Events Policy
Resolution 2026-222
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 Festivals & Special Events Policy; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the DRAFT Festivals & Events Policy for passing at a future Council meeting.
CARRIED

7.3. Memo Transfer Payment Agreement - NORDS
Resolution 2026-223
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the Memo regarding the Transfer Payment Agreement (NORDS); AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the signing of the agreement and authorizes the Treasurer to sign such an agreement as is necessary to receive the NORDS funding.
CARRIED

7.4. DRAFT Agreement for Road Use/Maintenance – Frank Heran and Rob Chiaramida (100551987 ON Inc.).
Resolution 2026-224
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the information regarding the signing of an agreement between Frank Heran/Rob Chiaramida regarding the use and maintenance of a portion of the Echo Ridge Subdivision Road known as Wolf Trail
CARRIED

7.5. DRAFT Consent Agreement: Bennett Severance
Resolution 2026-225
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the DRAFT Consent Agreement for consent applications B040-24 and B041-24; AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the passing of the Bylaw to enter into the agreement which will take place later this meeting.
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7.6 Clarification on Procurement Bylaw Process
Resolution 2026-226
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS Council wishes to clarify expectations regarding the implementation of the Town of Kearney's Procurement By-law; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to administer the Procurement By-law such that procurements between $20,001 and $75,000 are publicly posted through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) or Request for Proposal (RFP) process, as appropriate to the goods or services being procured; AND FURTHER THAT Staff establish and maintain a Vendor List of suppliers and service providers within the local and surrounding area and utilize this list to provide direct notice of procurement opportunities posted on the Town's website for purchases of $20,001 or greater, and for lower-value procurements where required or permitted under the Procurement By-law; AND FURTHER THAT Council encourages Staff, where practical, cost-effective, and compliant with applicable legislation and trade agreements, to prioritize the purchase of Ontario and Canadian goods and services whenever possible, beyond the minimum requirements of provincial and federal legislation.
CARRIED

7.7 Discussion regarding Waiving of Rental Fees for Lions Meet the Candidate Meeting
Resolution 2026-227
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to allow private contractors to continue maintaining the following municipally owned roads for the 2026-2027 winter season without an agreement with the Town of Kearney: West Bay Road and Fisher Lake subdivision roads.
CARRIED

Resolution 2026-228
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the waiving of the rental fee for the Lions Club to put on the All Candidates Meeting on October 4, 2026; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes Staff to waive any fees for rentals for any other candidate nights, meet & greets, etc., that are put on by a community group or organization.
CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion – nil

9. Correspondence for Information - nil

10. By-laws
Resolution 2026-229
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:10.1 By-law 2026-47 Being a By-law to approve a Dormant Permit Policy for the building department; 10.2 By-law 2026-48 Being a By-law to authorize entering into an agreement for alternate CBO services with the Town of Huntsville; 10.3 By-law 2026-049 Being a By-law to enter into a Development Agreement regarding consent application B-040-24 and B-041-24 (Bennett); 10.4 By-law 2026-50 Being a By-law to enter into a Road Use Agreement with Frank Heran / Rob Chiaramida (1001551987 ON Inc.)
CARRIED

11. Closed Session - nil

12. Confirming By-law
Resolution 2026-230
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2026-51 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of September 10th, and the Regular Meeting of September 23, 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.
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13. Adjournment

Resolution 2026-231
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:07 pm
CARRIED

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Mayor

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Clerk

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