



# The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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**Council Members Present:** Mayor Carol Ballantyne  
Councillors: Cheryl Philip, Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo

**Staff Present:** Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer  
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official  
Ross Gattozzi, Operations Manager (Virtual)

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

**Res. No. 1/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**Res. No. 2/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

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

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Jasmin Rosh re: Meeting update regarding snowmobile trail**

Ms. Rosh briefly summarized the recent meeting held regarding the use of Fisher Lake/Woodland Land/Patton Road portion of D-trail, and thanked Council for their attention to the safety issue raised by the residents by implementing an additional, alternate trail route.

(ii) **Dawn Eveley & Matthew Vettese re: 1819 Highway 518 East**

Mr. Vettese approached Council to request support for Ms. Eveley to purchase a portion of Shore Road Allowance. The following Resolution resulted.

**Res. No. 4(a)(ii)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall defer discussion regarding property 1819. **CARRIED**

(b) **Presentations**

(i) **Timothy Brown, Chairperson, Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee re: Update to Council**

Mr. Brown summarized the findings of the Committee, noting that this has completed the Mandate that Council had given the Committee. Further conversation resulted in Council determining to continue this Committee and to assign a second mandate.

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

**Res. No. 5(a)(i)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**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) **Regular Meeting, Draft Minutes – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**CARRIED**

**(b) Receive Committee Minutes**

**Res. No. 5(b)(i)-(ii)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receive the following Advisory Committee Minutes:

- (i) **Joint Waste Management Committee re: Draft Minutes – June 23, 2021; 2020 Financial Statements**
- (ii) **Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee, Minutes – June 23, 2021; June 30, 2021; Minutes – July 7, 2021** **CARRIED**

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** - Nil

(b) **Planning**

- (i) **Report and Resolution re: 3401 Chetwyne Road – Request to Purchase adjoining land**

**Res. No. 10(b)(i)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney received a request in 2020, from Matthew Johnson, to purchase the Town-owned lot adjoining his property;

**AND WHEREAS**, at their June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, Council directed Staff to have the lands appraised, in order to obtain a current market value for this property;

**AND WHEREAS** the completed appraisals have valued the property between \$79,000 and \$90,000;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall offer Mr. Matthew Johnson the opportunity to purchase the property identified as Roll No. 4918 030 001 43310 for the amount of \$90,000 plus other expenses related to the property sale. **CARRIED**

(c) **Operations**

- (i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period June 25, 2021 to July 13, 2021 – **Report only.**

- (ii) **Report and Resolution re: Tender – Double Surface Treatment**

**Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requested tenders for the Provision and Application of Double Surface Treatment for the roads within the Town of Kearney.

**AND WHEREAS** the tender concluded on July 14, 2021, and two tenders were received as follows:

- 1. Miller Paving                      \$199,920.00 + HST = \$225, 909.60
- 2. Duncor Enterprises              \$199,920.00 + HST = \$225, 909.60
- 3. Nil

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney awards the tender to: DunCor Enterprises in the amount of \$199,920.00 + HST. **CARRIED**

- (iii) **Report and Resolution re: Tender – Gravel Crushing and Application**

**Res. No. 10(c)(iii)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requested tenders for the Crushing, Applying, Stockpiling and Application of gravel for the 2021 construction season, for designated roads within the Town of Kearney;

**AND WHEREAS** no Gravel tenders were received by the Tender closing date of July 14, 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney direct Staff to re-issue this Tender. **CARRIED**

- (iv) **Report and Resolution re: Tender – Surface Pulverization**

**Res. No. 10(c)(iv)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requested tenders for the provision of Road Pulverizing for designated road within the Town of Kearney:

**AND WHEREAS** the tender concluded on July 14, 2021, and two tenders were received,

as follows:

1. Roto Mill Inc. \$37,324 + HST = \$42,176.12
2. Miller Paving \$59,899 + HST = \$67,685.87
3. Nil

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney awards the tender to Roto Mill Inc. in the amount of \$37,324 + HST. **CARRIED**

(v) **Report and Resolution re:** Tender – Winter Sand

**Res. No. 10(c)(v)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requested tenders for the provision and stockpiling of 3200 cubic metres of Winter Sand, for the roads within the Town of Kearney; **AND WHEREAS** the tender concluded on July 14, 2021, and one tender was received, as follows:

1. Jeff Maki \$44,320.00 + HST
2. Nil
3. Nil

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney awards the tender to Jeff Maki in the amount of \$44,320.00 + HST. **CARRIED**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** Employee Benefits Service Provider

**Res. No. 10(d)(i)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the proposal to renew the Town Benefits Program from our current provider indicates a significant increase from last year;

**AND WHEREAS** proposals were invited from two other companies, for comparison purposes;

**AND WHEREAS** the Proposals received were as follows:

1. Mosey and Mosey (current provider) \$109,287.29 plus applicable tax
2. ALG. Brown & Associates \$ 89,436.22 plus applicable tax
3. Meldrum Horne (recommended) \$ 84,124.57 plus applicable tax

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts the proposal from Meldrum Horne in the amount of \$84,124.57, plus applicable taxes. **CARRIED**

(ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re:** Sale of undeveloped lots on Plan M-361

**Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**By-law No. 2021-29**, Being a By-law to Authorize a Land Exchange between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney (the "Town") and Bosch Holdings Ltd., be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-29 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) **Resolution re:** Appointment of Selection Team for Full Time Equipment Operator position

**Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby appoints: Mr. Gattozzi, Brenda Fraser and Paul Ziraldo as members of the Selection Team, for the Equipment Operator position. **CARRIED**

(e) **Treasury** - Nil

(f) **Fire and Emergency Services**

(i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on July 16, 2021 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Tender for New Fire Truck

**Res. No. 10(f)(ii)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Fire Chief Paul Schaefer to Tender for a Pumper Fire Truck, in accordance with his information package dated June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(g) **Facilities and Buildings** - Nil

(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) **Township of Hudson re: Support for Fire Departments**

**Res. No. 11(a)(i)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the role of Ontario's 441 fire departments and their approximate 30,000 full, part-time and volunteer firefighters is to protect Ontarians and their property;

**AND WHEREAS** according to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's latest data, in Ontario there was over 11,000 loss fires; 9,500 no loss fires; 784 injuries; 91 fatalities; and over \$820 million dollars of estimated loss in 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** fire emergencies make up only a portion of the total calls for help received by fire and emergency service departments as they respond to nearly every public emergency, disaster or 9-1-1 call;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario's fire department infrastructure deficit continues to grow annually and is almost entirely borne by the municipality and local taxpayers with the majority having populations under 25,000;

**AND WHEREAS** due to antiquated structures and equipment that do not meet current industry standards, the safety of the Ontario public and Ontario firefighters, is being jeopardized;

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

**THAT** the Federal and Provincial Government include apparatuses, training, equipment and structures for fire departments as eligible categories to any further infrastructure programs which will not only provide immediate stimulus to the local, provincial and federal economies given current economic uncertainty but also ensure the safety of Canadians and dedicated firefighters; and

**THAT** this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure; our local MP and MPP; Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal; and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. **CARRIED**

(ii) **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit re: Public Health Funding for 2022**

**Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario in its budget of April 11, 2019, initiated a Public Health Modernization process which included a change in municipal cost-sharing from 25% of mandatory public health programs covered by municipalities to 30% of almost all public health programs based on 2018 third quarter spending levels;

**AND WHEREAS** on August 21, 2020, the Ministry of Health (Ministry) announced that provincial mitigation funding would be provided to offset the increase to municipal cost-sharing for 2020 and 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic, which started in early 2020, has further affected municipalities' ability to pay levy increases, has stalled modernization processes, has increased the cost-of-living, and has affected the health and well-being of the public, and more specifically, public health clients and staff;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit in their position to return to the 2018 cost-sharing formulas at 25%/75%, with 100% provincially funded programs;

**AND FURTHER** that Council supports continuing mitigation funding for 2022 to eliminate the additional financial burden of a 42-50% levy increase to the Health Unit's 31 member municipalities if it is not possible to return to the 2018 cost-sharing formula with 100% provincially funded programs;

**AND FURTHER** that Council supports the request for the 2022 public health funding to include increases to reflect cost-of-living increases, public health program changes related to ongoing COVID-19 response, and funding to assist with program and community recovery efforts;

**AND FURTHER** that Council supports the Board of Health's request for a base funding increase to fund an Associate Medical Officer of Health to support the Medical Office of Health with the continual demands of 24/7 on call coverage that has been highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;

**AND FURTHER** that Council supports a letter being sent to the Minister of Health from our Board of Health detailing the financial and organizational pressures on public health, including outlining the urgency for establishing the funding levels for 2022 to assist public health and community budget planning. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Municipality of St. Charles re: Municipal Land Transfer Tax**

**Res. No. 11(a)(iii)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** Municipalities in Ontario have an infrastructure deficit of \$34 billion dollars;

**AND WHEREAS** there is extremely limited grant money being given by the provincial and federal governments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that Municipalities have the authorization to apply a charge to all land transfers within their boundaries and that this amount go directly to the Municipality. **DEFEATED**

(iv) **City of St. Vaughan re: Raising the legal age for a licensed driver**

**Res. No. 11(a)(iv)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the continued occurrence of serious motor vehicle collisions involving drivers under the age of 18 years is concerning;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recommends that the Provincial Government investigate raising the current minimum driving age for licensed G1 operators of motor vehicles from 16 years old to 18 years old;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation. **DEFEATED**

(b) **Information Items**

- (i) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re: June 2021 Newsletter; Letter of Thanks**

**12. Other Business – Nil**

**13. Closed Session**

**Res. No. 13(a)/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**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 3:01 p.m. for discussion regarding:

- (a) *Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Town lands* **CARRIED**

**Res. No. 13(b)/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**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 3:40 p.m. **CARRIED**

**14. Business Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

**15. Confirming By-Law**

**Res. No. 15/16/07/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**By-law No. 2021-30**, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-30 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**

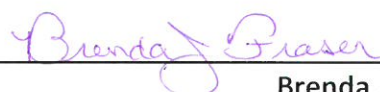
**Res. No. 16/16/07/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:42 p.m. to meet again at 7:00 p.m. on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk