



# The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

## MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer  
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official

**Regrets:** Councillor Cheryl Philip

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

**Res. No. 1/08/10/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

*Moment of silence to honour the memory of Mathilde Stoeger and to honour the memory of Graham Burke.*

2. **Approval of Agenda**

**Res. No. 2/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as amended.

**DEFER** 10(d)(i) By-law to Authorize Vote by Mail for 2022 Municipal Election

**DEFER** 10(e)(i) Payment Register

**CARRIED**

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

Mayor Ballantyne declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding "Request by Lions Club for signage for refundable bottles" with the reason being: Member of Kearney Club.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(a) **Ed Radonic, 126 Beaver Lake Lane re:** Garbage dump hours; Parking at boat ramp

Mr. Radonic explained his written complaints regarding the use of the Boat ramp and requested that our Transfer Stations remain open on holidays.

(b) **Presentations - Nil**

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

**Res. No. 5(a)(i)/08/10/2021 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 – September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**CARRIED**

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes**

**Res. No. 5(b)(i)/08/10/2021 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) **Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee re: Minutes – September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021; and September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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**

(i) **Report re: Building Activity – Report only.**

(b) **Planning** - Nil

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report – for the period September 17, 2021 to October 5, 2021 – Report only.**

(ii) **Report and Resolution re: ATV and Snowmobile Short-cut at KCC**

**Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** a complaint has been received regarding the ATV and Snowmobile access from the Kearney Community Centre parking lot to the Main Street of Kearney;

**AND WHEREAS** this access route has been used as a road path for many years;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town utilizes this access route for snow storage during the clearing of the Kearney Community Centre parking lot

**AND WHEREAS** many pedestrians also utilize this access route;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to block access to this path in summer months for ATV use and open it back up in the winter for snowmobiles and snow storage. Signs will be placed advising use for snowmobiles only, not ATV's.

**CARRIED**

(iii) **Resolution re: New Employee**

**Res. No. 10(c)(iii)/08/10/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** the Town recently advertised an employment opportunity for a Public Works Maintenance Worker;

**AND WHEREAS** interviews were held by the Selection Team;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the recommendation of the Selection Team, shall hire Cam Pawley in the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker, beginning October 12, 2021.

**CARRIED**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **By-law No. 2021-xx re: Authorize Vote-by-Mail for 2022 Municipal Election**

**DEFERRED**

(ii) **Report and Resolution re: Multi-function Printer/Copier/Scanner**

**Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has determined the need for a new Multi-Function Printer/Copier/Scanner unit due to the age and condition of the current unit;

**AND WHEREAS** this item has been included in the 2021 Budget;

**AND WHEREAS** quotation have been received from four different suppliers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney awards the Tender to LCOS in the amount of \$8,995.00 plus HST.

**CARRIED**

(iii) **Report re: OPP 2021 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary – Report only.**

(e) **Treasury**

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

(ii) **Resolution re: Authorize release of 2020 Consolidated Financial Statements**

**Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/08/10/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the 2020 Consolidated Financial Statements and authorizes the publication thereof. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Report re: Budgetary Control 2021-01-01 to 2021-06-30**

**(f) Fire and Emergency Services**

- (i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on October 8, 2021 – **Report only.**

- (ii) **Resolution re:** Fire Truck Tender

**Res. No. 10(f)(ii)/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has reviewed the Tender for a Pumper Fire Apparatus as attached hereto, and authorizes advertisement thereof.

**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. An updated Staff report regarding screening and protocols from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, to be available for our next meeting.

- (ii) **Councillor Ziraldo, discussion re:**

- Discussion regarding implementation of the new Zoning By-Law;
- Public Wi-Fi;
- Extend an invitation to have the Burks Falls Detachment Commander give Council an update of policing activities in our region.

**Discussion only.**

**11. Correspondence**

**(a) Action Items**

- (i) **Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario re:** Municipal and School Board Election Day 2022

**Res. No. 11(a)(i)/08/10/2021 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek**

**WHEREAS** Monday, October 24, 2022, is Municipal and School Board election day and municipal clerks who administer Municipal and School Board elections are in the middle of planning for this important democratic event;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities have statutory authority to use schools as polling places under section 45 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;

**AND WHEREAS** schools are often the largest, most centrally located and accessible facilities in communities which make them ideal locations to host polling stations;

**AND WHEREAS** many school boards across the Province already work with municipalities to schedule a Professional Development Day (PD Day) on municipal election day every four years;

**AND WHEREAS** in 2018, approximately 25% of school boards agreed to make Municipal and School Board Election Day, a PD Day. Approximately another 60% had PD Days in October already. Almost 30% had PD Days within a week of municipal election day and, there are a number of school boards that schedule PD Days on Mondays already, making it possible to arrange a PD Day to fall on Municipal and School Board Election Day;

**AND WHEREAS** school boards and municipalities can work together, to increase these rates and make it easier for local voters to cast their ballots while ensuring student safety;

**AND WHEREAS** partnering with municipalities once every four years to ensure that municipal and school board elections fall on a PD Day has a number of benefits to School boards, schools and the broader community including:

- Easing the facilitation of Election Day so that Clerks can ensure a smooth democratic process which elects school board trustees as well as local council members;
- Ensuring public health promotion and protection through more adequate physical distancing in these larger venues;
- Enhancing the principles of safe schools for both students and teachers by reducing the number of people in the school;
- Providing voters with a large, accessible location to cast their votes for their school board and municipal representatives;

**AND WHEREAS** school boards are entering into deliberations about the 2022-2023 School year calendar in order to submit their proposed calendars to the Ministry of Education by May 2022;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that the Near North District School Board schedule a Professional Development Day on Municipal and School Board Election Day, October 24th, 2022;

**AND FURTHER** that this Resolution be forwarded to: the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; AMCTO; and AMO.

**CARRIED**

- (ii) **Blair Ballantyne, President – Kearney Lions Club re:** Request for signage for refundable bottles

**Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in response to the written request from the Kearney Lions Club, authorizes the placement of signs, by the Kearney Lions Club, at both Transfer Station Sites, requesting that refundable bottles be donated to the Kearney Lions Club by depositing the refundable bottles at Fetterley's Garage.

**CARRIED**

**(b) Information Items**

- (i) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re:** Minutes – September 10, 2021 – Information only.
- (ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** August 2021 Newsletter Information only.

**12. Other Business – Nil**

**13. Closed Session**

**Res. No. 13(a)/08/10/2021 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 2:12 p.m. for discussion regarding:

- (a) *personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (x 3).*

**CARRIED**

**Res. No. 13(b)/08/10/2021 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 3:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**14. Business Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

**15. Confirming By-Law**

**Res. No. 15/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**By-law No. 2021-40**, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and at its Regular Meeting held on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2021-40 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. 16/08/10/2021 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:20 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on October 18<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