



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 8th, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip; Mike Rickward and Paul Ziraldo

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Liz Stermsek

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (Virtual)
Leslie Harvie, Deputy Treasurer

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on June 8th, 2022 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on June 8th, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

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

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Neil Hutchinson, Muskoka Watershed Council Member re: 20 years of Championing Watershed Health – Update**

Mr. Hutchinson outlined the area of interest of the Watershed Council explaining the current initiatives as well as next steps, and invited a member from Kearney, to join their community round table.

(ii) **Bruce and Pauline Langmaid re: Funding of Island Lake Parking Lot**

Mrs. Langmaid thanked Council for recognizing that the Island Lake Parking area needed expansion and requested that the cost to complete this project be included in the overall Town budget.

(b) **Presentations** – Nil

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iii)/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, 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) Special Meeting, *Draft Minutes* – May 16th, 2022

(ii) Regular Meeting, *Draft Minutes* – May 18th, 2022

(iii) Special Meeting, *Draft Minutes* – May 30th, 2022 **CARRIED**

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes**

Res. No. 5(b)(i)-(ii)/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

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, Minutes – May 25, 2022

(ii) Kearney Regatta Advisory Committee re: Minutes – May 10, 2022 **CARRIED**

6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration** – Nil

7. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the Planning Act)**

(a) **Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments re: SHORT TERM RENTALS**

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

Res. No. 7(a)/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS on June 2, 2022, Council received a report entitled Short Term Rental Accommodations – OPA, ZBA & Licensing By-law, from EcoVue Consulting Services regarding amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law as well as a Licensing By-law, that would permit Short Term Rental Accommodations in the Town of Kearney;

AND WHEREAS on June 8, 2022, anyone wishing to address Council regarding Short Term Rental Accommodations, was invited to make comments during the public meeting portion of the Regular Council Meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall consider the proposed amendments to the Official Plan, to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law and to the Licensing By-law, subject to the inclusion of comments from the June 8th meeting that were supported by Council, during their next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for June 29, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE Requested by: Cheryl Philip

PHILIP, Cheryl No

RICKWARD, Mike No

STERMSEK, Liz Absent

ZIRALDO, Paul No

BALLANTYNE, Carol Yes

DEFEATED

(b) **Zoning By-law Amendment Application re: RZ-02-22 (Mitsopoulos)**

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

Res. No. 7(b)/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

WHEREAS Council has received a report from EcoVue Consulting Services regarding Application RZ-02-22 (Mitsopoulos);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the proposed amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2022-20, which will rezone the property from the Residential Waterfront (RWF) Zone to the Residential Waterfront Exception-XX (RWF-XX) Zone;

AND FURTHER that Council shall consider a By-law to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, at their Regular Meeting scheduled on June 29th, 2022.

CARRIED

8. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the Municipal Act)** – Nil

9. **Unfinished Business** – Nil

10. **Reports and By-laws**

(a) **Building** - Nil

(b) **Planning** - Nil

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report** - Nil

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Report and Resolution re: Proposed ski trails on Crown land**

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS the Town of Kearney has received a Municipal Comment Form to be completed and returned to the Ministry of Natural Resources for a Work Permit, submitted by Jeffrey Edwards on behalf of West Wind Highlands Ski Touring Association;

AND WHEREAS the Work Permit is to allow basic, necessary clearing and marking of trails on Crown Land, to create trails for use by ski enthusiasts;

AND WHEREAS Staff have reviewed this request in conjunction with our Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has no objection to this proposed work;

AND FURTHER our Clerk is authorized to complete the Municipal Comment Form in this regard.

CARRIED

(ii) **Resolution re: Appointment of Selection Team for Summer Students**

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby appoints Scott McKay, Councillor Ziraldo and Clerk Fraser as members of the Selection Team, for the Summer Student

positions.

CARRIED

(e) Treasury

(i) Report and Resolution re: Payment Register

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the 'List of Accounts' and has no objections to be noted with regard to Cheques #31681 to #31731 in the total amount of \$492,064.34.

CARRIED

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) Report re: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on June 8, 2022 – Report only.

(ii) Resolution re: Appointment of new fire fighter

Res. No. 10(f)(i)/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Amanda Mashinter to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter / first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement.

CARRIED

(g) Facilities and Buildings - Nil

(h) Council Presentations - Nil

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

(i) Kearney Legion re: Request for exemption to noise Bylaw

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/08/06/2022 Mike Rickward, Paul Ziraldo

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion, H. White Memorial Branch 276, is intending to hold outside dances on Saturday, July 2nd, 2022 and on Saturday, July 30th, 2022;

AND WHEREAS both these events will be outside at the Legion and held between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on the Saturday evening and 1:00 a.m. on the following Sunday morning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the request from the Legion, Branch 276, shall suspend By-law No. 2011-57, being the By-law to provide for the Regulation and Prohibition of Noise, during the hours specified above.

CARRIED

(ii) Municipality of Whitestone request for support of Resolution re: Bill 270, *Environmental Protection Amendment Act*

Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS microfibers are human-made strands less than 5 mm composed of either synthetic or natural materials and are shed through the wear and tear of textiles through the laundering process;

AND WHEREAS billions of microfibers are released into the Great Lakes daily from machine laundering of clothes;

AND WHEREAS studies have found a single load of laundry can release up to millions of microfibers into washing machine effluent, which flows to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment can capture up to 99% of microfibers in sewage sludge, but microfibers are still released into aquatic ecosystems through treated effluent. Billions of microfibers are released into the aquatic ecosystem daily in the Great Lakes basin either directly via treated final effluent or indirectly as runoff from land-application of treated sewage sludge;

AND WHEREAS microfiber contamination is widespread – worldwide and local studies have shown microfibers present in commercial fish, Great Lakes fish (including Lake Trout, Rainbow smelt, Brown bullhead, etc.) honey, salt, Great Lakes beer, tap water, bottled water and much more;

AND WHEREAS microfibers are the most prevalent type of microplastics in the environment and have been found in surface water, soil, biota, and atmospheric samples;

AND WHEREAS a 2014 surface water study in Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and their tributaries measured microplastics at abundances between 90,000 and 6.7 million particles per square kilometer. These levels of microplastics are similar to or exceed concentrations found in ocean gyres like the Great Pacific Garbage Patch;

AND WHEREAS microplastics do not biodegrade;

AND WHEREAS chemicals such as dyes and flame retardants are added to textiles during manufacturing that can absorb chemicals from their environment after manufacturing. Some of these chemicals are toxic and chemical compounds can be released into the environment via leaching from microfibers;

AND WHEREAS a growing body of research shows that the effects of microplastics on animal life are far-reaching. Researchers have investigated the impacts of microplastics on gene expression, individual cells, survival and reproduction. Mounting evidence shows that negative impacts can include decreased feeding and growth, endocrine disruption, decreased fertility and other lethal and sub-lethal effects. Some of these effects are due to ingestion stress (physical blockage), but many of the risks to ecosystems are associated with the chemicals in the plastic. Studies have shown that chemicals transfer to fish when they consume microplastics. When these fish end up on our dinner plates, we potentially increase the burden of hazardous chemicals in our bodies;

AND WHEREAS a recent set of laundering experiments in the laboratory have shown that an external filter can capture an average of 87% of fibres by count and 80% by weight before they go down the drain (Mcliwrath et al. 2019). On a wider scale and in real-life context, Georgian Bay Forever, the University of Toronto and the Town of Parry Sound are completing a study that is measuring the effect that about 100 filters in households has on reducing microfibre pollution in the effluent of a wastewater treatment plant. The results of this study are to be released in August;

AND WHEREAS add-on filters cost approximately \$180 - \$220 CDN to purchase and install which is prohibitive for the average household. Accordingly, voluntary filtering is low;

AND WHEREAS France has passed legislation (France 2020-105, Article 79) that requires future washing machines sold to have filters. California has introduced a bill (California AB 622) and Ontario has tabled Private Members Bill 279 to prohibit sales of washing machines without a filter of mesh size 100 microns or smaller. Companies such as Arclik have manufactured washing machines with filters built directly into them;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney recognizes the need to require future sales of washing machines to include filters with a maximum mesh size of 100 microns and calls on the Ontario Government to support Bill 279 and to provide funding and education to help reduce microfiber waste;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario. **CARRIED**

(b) Information Items

(i) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re: Chief Administrative Officer's Report – May 2022 – Information only.**

(iii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re: May 2022 Newsletter – Information only.**

12. **Other Business – Nil**

13. **Closed Session - Nil**

14. **Business Arising from Closed Session - Nil**

15. **Confirming By-Law**

Res. No. 15/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2022-22, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on May 30th, 2022; at its Special Meeting held on June 6th, 2022; and at its Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2022 be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-22 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**

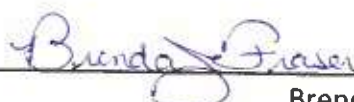
Res. No. 16/08/06/2022 Paul Ziraldo, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 2:33 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Carol Ballantyne, Mayor



Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk