AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Friday, February 25th, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: A Closed Session will commence at the end of the meeting.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
4. **Delegations/Presentations**
   - **(a) Delegations** - Nil
   - **(b) Presentations** – Nil
5. **Minutes**
   - **(a) Adoption of Minutes**
     - (i) **Regular Meeting,** Draft Minutes – February 4th, 2022
   - **(b) Receive Committee Minutes**
     - (i) **Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee** – Minutes, February 7th, 2022
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 and Resolution re**: Building Activity for 2021
      - (ii) **Report and Resolution re:** E-Permitting
    - **(b) Planning**
      - (i) **Report and Resolution re**: Echo Ridge Road deviations
    - **(c) Operations -** nil
    - **(d) Administration**
      - (i) **By-law No. 2022-xx re**: To prohibit depositing snow and ice on highways within the Town
      - (ii) **Resolution re:** Regular Council Meeting 2022 dates
    - **(e) Treasury**
      - (i) **Report and Resolution re**: Payment Register
    - **(f) Fire and Emergency Services**
      - (i) **Report re**: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on February 25, 2022

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

(h) **Council Presentations**

(i) **Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re**: Public Access to Municipal Buildings

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

(i) **Village of Burk's Falls re:** 2022 Contribution towards AHHC 2020 Deficit

(ii) Township of Perth South re: 'Catch and Release' Justice

(b) Information Items

(i) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re**: Draft Minutes – February 4, 2022

12. Other Business – Nil

13. Closed Session

Council will enter into a Closed Session for discussion regarding:

(a) *litigation or potential litigation , including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board*

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law 2022-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on February 25th, 2022.

16. Adjournment

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

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MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Friday, February 4th, 2022
1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Mike Rickward; Cheryl Philip (virtual); Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo (virtual)

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO|Clerk|Treasurer
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official
Matt Clouthier, Deputy Chief Building Official
Leslie Harvie, Communications and Public Relations Coordinator

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on February 4th, 2022 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

Moment of Silence to honour the memory of Morry VanVliet and to honour the memory of Gary Lane.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on February 4th, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

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

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations** – Nil

(b) **Presentations**

(i) **Kent Randall, Planner, EcoVue Consulting Services re**: Cannabis Policy Review and Recommendations
In addition to his Planning Report regarding 'Cannabis Production and Processing', Mr. Randall answered questions from Council with respect to notice requirements, with the following Resolution resulting.

Res. No. 4(b)(i)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall add Cannabis wording to be included in our Comprehensive Zoning By-law;
AND FURTHER that Council shall hold a Public Meeting in the regard on March 16, 2022.

RECORDED VOTE Requested by: Paul Ziraldo

PHILIP, Cheryl	No
RICKWARD, Mike	Yes
STERMSEK, Liz	Yes
ZIRALDO, Paul	No
BALLANTYNE, Carol	Yes

CARRIED

5. **Minutes**

(a) Adoption of Minutes

Res. No. 5(a)(i)/04/02/2022 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 – January 14th, 2022; and Special Meeting *Draft* Minutes – January 17th, 2022. **CARRIED**

(b) Receive Committee Minutes

(i) Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee – Minutes, January 12th, 2022; Draft Minutes, January 24th, 2022.

Res. No. 5(b)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

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 – January 12th, 2022; *Draft* Minutes – January 24th, 2022. **CARRIED**

6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration**

(a) **Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee re**: Recommendation to complete repairs to KCC kitchen and gym
Discussion under Agenda Item 10(g) Facilities and Buildings.

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

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

9. **Unfinished Business**

(a) **Jerry Brant, Vice President, Almaguin Community Hatchery Program re**: Request for donation

Discussion of Council resulted in the following Resolution.

Res. No. 9(a)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program (ACHP), run by a dedicated group of volunteers, is focused on restoring the Walleye population within the Magnetawan River System of the Almaguin area;

AND WHEREAS a new approach taken, has resulted in the development of a mobile hatchery;

AND WHEREAS the ACHP presently has two micro hatcheries in Almaguin, (one in the Magnetawan Public School and the other in the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School) and would like to introduce an on-line education component which requires technical equipment at an estimated cost of $10,000.00;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received from the Almaguin Community Hatchery Program, for a donation in the amount of $500.00 to assist with the purchase of this equipment for the mobile hatchery;

NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall donate $500.00 to this program. **CARRIED**

10. **Reports and By-laws**

(a) Building

(i) **Report re:** Building Matters

Res. No. 10(a)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney acknowledges receipt of the report from CBO Brian Horsman regarding various concerns and complaints received from Rate Payers. **CARRIED**

(b) Planning

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** Request for Encroachment Agreement

Res. No. 10(b)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS a request has been received for an Encroachment Agreement to place a dock on the shore road allowance in front of a private property located at 571 B Island Lake Road;

AND WHEREAS the placement of a dock in this location does not appear to impact adjoining landowners nor public access points;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports in principle, entering into an Encroachment Agreement with the owners of Property Roll No. 4918 030 001 49355 0000;

AND FURTHER all costs to be the responsibility of the applicant. **CARRIED**

(c) Operations

(i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period January 7, 2022 to February 1, 2022 – **Report only**.

(ii) **Report and Resolution re:** Hwy 518 Winter Maintenance

Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS Council recognizes the need to safeguard the welfare of residents, ratepayers and visitors to the Town of Kearney;

AND WHEREAS one method of ensuring this safety, is to provide a continuous level of maintenance on our road surfaces;
AND WHEREAS Fowler Construction provides the winter maintenance services on Hwy 518 to both the easterly and westerly boundaries of our Town limits, but not within our Town limits;
AND WHEREAS Fowler Construction is willing to provide winter maintenance services through Town, on Hwy 518;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes Staff to enter into an Agreement with Fowler Construction, to provide winter plowing and sanding on Hwy 518 within the Town limits being Pineaire Lane to Cherry Hill Road;
AND FURTHER costs for this service are as follows:

2021 – 2022	$3,477.58
2022 – 2023	$5,014.20
2023 – 2024	$5,114.49
2024 – 2025	$5,216.78

CARRIED

(iii) **Report and Resolution re:** Town Excavator

Res. No. 10(c)(iii)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek
WHEREAS Council requested information regarding 'repair versus replacement' of the Town Excavator;
AND WHEREAS Staff have received quotes as follows:

Repair

CAT	$24, 756.94
Mactek	$23,559.50 - Aftermarket parts
Mactek	$26,329.18 - Cat parts

Replace

CAT	$164,920.20
CASE	$146,577.00
DOOSAN	$139,495.00

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines that we replace the Town excavator with the CAT at $164,920.20 after trade-in.

CARRIED

(d) <u>Administration</u>

(i) **By-law No. 2022-xx re:** To authorize the levying of Interim Tax Rates

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
By-law No. 2022-02, Being a By-law to Authorize the Levying of Interim Tax Rates, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-02 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

(ii) **By-law No. 2022-xx re**: Procedural By-law

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
By-law No. 2022-03, Being a By-law to Govern the Calling, Place and Proceedings of Meetings of Council and Committees, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-03 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

(iii) **Resolution re:** Late payment penalty

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward
WHEREAS in 2020 and in 2021, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council resolved to keep the tax installment due dates in effect, however no late payment penalty would be applied;
AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions are continuing in 2022;
AND WHEREAS the Province has provided Ontario Municipalities with funding expressly for COVID-19 expenses;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, determines to continue to offer a 0% late payment penalty effective March 1, 2022, on current 2022 outstanding property taxes.

RECORDED VOTE Requested by: Mayor Carol Ballantyne

PHILIP, Cheryl	Yes
RICKWARD, Mike	Yes
STERMSEK, Liz	Yes
ZIRALDO, Paul	Yes
BALLANTYNE, Carol	No

CARRIED

(iv) **By-law No. 2022-xx re**: To appoint a Deputy Clerk

Res. No. 10(d)(iv)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2022-04, Being a By-law to Appoint a Deputy Clerk, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-04 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(v) **By-law No. 2022-xx re**: To appoint a Deputy Treasurer

Res. No. 10(d)(v)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2022-05, Being a By-law to Appoint a Deputy Treasurer, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-05 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(vi) **Resolution re**: Adopt 2022 Asset Management Plan

Res. No. 10(d)(vi)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS O. Reg 588/17 under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015, requires every Municipality to prepare an Asset Management Plan on or before July 1, 2022;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the draft Asset Management Plan prepared for the Town of Kearney;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Asset Management Plan dated January 2022, attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(vii) **By-law Enforcement Officer Report re**: 2021 Year in Review – **Report only.**

(viii) **By-law No. 2022-xx re**: To enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement

Res. No. 10(d)(viii)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2022-06, Being a By-law to Authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-06 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(e) Treasury

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

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, 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 #31355 to #31451 in the total amount of $366,982.54. **CARRIED**

(ii) Report re: 2021 Council Honouraria & Expenses

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the annual report for the 2021 Council Honouraria and Expenses, attached hereto. **CARRIED**

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

(i) **Report re**: Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on February 4, 2022 – **Report only.**

(g) Facilities and Buildings

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** KCC kitchen and gym renovations and alterations

Res. No. 10(g)(i)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the information provided by Larocque Elder Architects Inc. detailing the renovations and alterations needed for the Kearney Community Centre kitchen and gymnasium;

AND WHEREAS without this needed construction work, the kitchen and gym will remain closed for public use;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports allocating funds to complete the renovations and alterations as follows:

- ☐ Borrow _____ %
- ☑ Grants _____ %
- ☑ Reserves _____ %
- ☐ Obligatory Funds _____ %
- ☑ Investments _____ %
- ☑ Sale of Surplus Lands _____ %
- ☐ Taxation _____ % **CARRIED**

(h) Council Presentations

(i) **Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re**: Public Access to Municipal Buildings

Mayor Ballantyne noted that the Province is allowing access to buildings at 50% capacity limits meaning that we can now allow bookings at the KCC once again. There was no update regarding yoga classes at this time.

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items

(i) **Township of Adjala-Tosorontio re:** Request for support for additional funding to rural municipalities related to major bridge and culvert replacements

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the request from other Ontario Municipalities for the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements.;

AND FURTHER that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister and AMO. **CARRIED**

(ii) Town of Aurora re: Request for support to dissolve the Ontario Land Tribunal

Res. No. 11(a)(ii)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community";

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community;

AND WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province;

AND WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Town of Kearney Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Town of Kearney Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Kearney;

AND WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy;

AND WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans;

AND WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings;

AND WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

DEFEATED

(b) Information Items

(i) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re:** Draft Minutes – January 7, 2022

12. Other Business – Nil

13. Closed Session

Res. No. 13(a)/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

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 3:12 p.m. for discussion regarding:

(a) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (x 3)

CARRIED

Res. No. 13(b)/04/02/2022 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

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 4:20 p.m.

CARRIED

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

15. Confirming By-Law

Res. No. 15/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-law No. 2022-07, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on January 17th, 2022; and at its Regular Meeting held on February 4th, 2022, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2022-07 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. 16/04/02/2022 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 4:22 p.m. to meet again at 1:00 p.m. on February 25th, 2022 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

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Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

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Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk

Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Monday, February 7th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

REMOTE ACCESS

In Attendance: Timothy Brown, Mike Rickward, Brian Horsman; Matt Clouthier; Cathy Hare; Mayor Ballantyne; and Brenda Fraser

Regrets: John Smeets and Ross Gattozzi

1. Call to Order

   Resolution No. 1/07/02/2022

   Moved by: Tim Brown **Seconded by:** Cathy Hare

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Meeting of the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee on Monday, February 7th, 2022 be called to Order at 10:01 a.m. **Carried**

2. Agenda

   Resolution No. 2/07/02/2022

   Moved by: Tim Brown **Seconded by:** Cathy Hare

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee on Monday, February 7, 2022 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None noted

4. Delegations - Nil

5. Minutes

   Resolution No. 5/07/02/2022

   Moved by: Tim Brown **Seconded by:** Mike Rickward

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee accepts the Minutes of the following Meetings, as circulated.

   - Monday, January 24th, 2022 **Carried**

6. Business

   6.1 Next Steps – Decision of Council to support funding for KCC kitchen and gym renovations

   Resolution No. 6.1 /07/02/2022

   Moved by: Cathy Hare **Seconded by:** Mike Rickward

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee thanks Council for their support to move forward with the Kearney Community Centre kitchen, gym and mechanical renovations. **Carried**

6.2 Discussion re: Committee Terms of Reference

Committee discussion resulted in the following Resolution.

Resolution No. 6.2/07/02/2022

Moved by: Tim Brown **Seconded by:** Cathy Hare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee requests Larocque Elder Architects, using information from the preliminary costings previously presented, provide cost estimates to complete each of the following as a stand alone renovation, removing the recently approved renovations for the kitchen and gym:

- Revalue the renovation cost of the expanded footprint with the Town Offices moved out of the building;
- Revalue the renovation cost of the original footprint with the Town offices moved out of the building;
- Suggest possible options for the space left vacant as a result of the Town Office moving.

Carried

7. Correspondence - None

8. Discussion re: Next Meeting date/time

9. Adjourn

Resolution No. 9/07/02/2022

Moved by: Tim Brown **Seconded by**: Cathy Hare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kearney Community Centre Building Advisory Committee adjourns at 11:01 a.m. to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on February 28th, 2022.

Carried

	By-Law Report
To:	Mayor and Council
From:	By-Law Enforcement Officer Caitlin Deevey
Date of Meeting:	February 25, 2022
Report Title:	Depositing of snow and ice bylaw
Report Date:	February 17, 2022

Recommendation

Receive for Information purposes and review attached bylaw.

Summary

Last year there were 46 related winter roadway concerns and investigations. The current bylaw 1993-16 is from 1993 and has not been updated since. It currently is not enforceable due to improper authorizing authorities.

In the proposed updated new bylaw before you, the authorizing authorities have been updated with current legislation and, set fines have been added to provide added support for the enforcement processes. The current process is a part 3 summons under the highway traffic act and a day in court. Adding set fines will allow an opportunity for the "charged" party to make a payment or dispute in court. This bylaw is also easily amended for administrative monetary penalties when Kearney is ready in the future. The language was kept simple and to the point so that there is little argument and discussion on the interpretation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caitlin Deevey

Caitlin Deevey
By-law Enforcement Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

BY-LAW NO. ####-##

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROHIBIT DEPOSITE OF SNOW AND ICE ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

WHEREAS Sections 8(1) and 10(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 as amended, authorizes municipalities to pass By-laws for health, safety, and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS: Section 27(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25 as amended, permits municipalities to pass By-laws in respect of a highway under the municipalities jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS Section 181(1) of the Highway Traffic Act RSO 1990, Chapter H.8 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Definitions**

"Contractor" – means a person alone or with other conducting work on a property or on behalf of an owner or occupant.

"Highway" – includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, designed and intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles, and includes the total width of the road allowance.

"Obstruction" -means to obstruct, encumber, damage or foul, and includes depositing of ice and snow.

"Officer" means a person employed by the Town to perform the duties of enforcing By-law and appointed as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

"**Owner/Occupier"**- includes:

(a) The person who is the registered owner of property;
(b) The person paying or employing the contractor;
(c) A lessee, tenant, mortgagee in possession or any other person who appears to have care and control of any property.

"Person" in addition to its regular meaning, includes an individual, firm, proprietorship, partnership, association, syndicate, trust, corporation, department, bureau and agency or any director, officer, manager or person in charge of such entity or the collecting of rent of any property, or any other person who is the occupier of the property.

"Roadway" – means the part of the highway that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, but does not include the shoulder.

"Town" means the Corporation of the Town of Kearney.

2. **General Provisions**

2.1 No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice onto any municipal roadway.

2.2 No person shall move snow from one side of the roadway to the other side of the roadway.

2.3 No person shall remove snow from or perform winter maintenance to any highways located within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Kearney without permission in writing to do so granted by the Council of the Town of Kearney.

3. **Hazardous condition**

3.1 If an officer determines that an obstruction of the roadway is, or may create, a hazardous condition to the safety of any person using the highway the Officer may take any action necessary to have the Obstruction immediately removed and the roadway repaired, if necessary, and all costs incurred by the Town in undertaking this work shall be expenses owed to the Town by the owner/occupier and/or contractor of the property from which the obstruction comes from, relates to, or was created by.

4. **Enforcement**

4.1 Pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, By-Law Enforcement Officers of the Town of Kearney are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this By-Law.

4.2 This By-law shall apply to the whole of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, except municipal employees and authorized agents who are tending to municipal business.

4.3 Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the ability of the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce this By-law at any time.

5. **Penalties**

5.1 Any person who is contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine up to a maximum of $5 000.00 as provided for under the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 33, as amended.

5.2 Every person guilty of an offence under this By-law may, if permitted under the Provincial Offences Act, pay a set fine and the Chief Judge of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) shall be requested to establish, pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, set fines in accordance with Schedule "A" of this By-law.

6. **Repeal**

6.1 By-Law 1993-16 is hereby repealed.

7. **Severability**

7.1 All sections of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent and the invalidity of any section or provision thereof shall not affect the remaining sections

7.2 This By-law will come into effect on the date of passage.

Read a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD time and finally PASSED this _____ day of _____, ____

_____ _____

Mayor Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. ####-##

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
BY-LAW NO. ####-##,
PROHIBIT THE DEPOSIT OF SNOW AND ICE ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

PART 1 PROVINCIAL OFFENCES ACT

ITEM	SHORT FORM WORDING	PROVISION CREATING/DEFINING OFFENCE	SET FINE
1.	Deposit snow or ice onto roadway without permission	2.1	150.00
2.	Move snow from one side to other side of roadway	2.2	150.00
3.	Remove snow from or perform winter maintenance to any highways without permission	2.3	500.00

Note: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is Section 5.1 of By-law ####-##, a certified copy of which has been filed.

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Matthew Clouthier CBCO, Deputy Chief Building Official

RE: Expression of Interest for E-Permitting.

DATE: February 24th, 2022

Background:

With the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, the Town of Kearney Building/Planning department was forced to re-evaluate the way the department accepted and processed applications. The department had begun, accepting more digital applications and with the recent purchase of a large printer, allowing the department to accept large format drawings digitally. This also allows large format scanning for backup purposes.

For the Building/Planning department to move forward and remain on par with the digitalization requirements of the future, the department and council will need to start planning on digitalization of all existing applications, digitalization of all existing files and exploring the use of different building/planning programs to provide a digital service.

Recently, the Town of Kearney was approached by AMO (Association of Municipalities Ontario), its business arm LAS (Local Authority Services) and MPAC seeking municipalities to participate in a pilot of the digital electronic building permits platform (Cloudpermit). A Council resolution of support for the project is required as part of the application to apply for the Expression of Interest. Background on the pilot program directly from AMO/LAS/MPAC is provided below.

Program Background:

Through surveying members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and discussions with both the AMO and the Local Authority Services (LAS) Boards of Directors, LAS identified the need to partner with a vendor to offer a professional, commercially available e-permitting solution that is scalable to the variety of sizes of municipal governments across Ontario.

On June 29, 2021, AMO, through its business services company, LAS, announced a project with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to identify a preferred digital provider of electronic building permits. The joint project was to identify an integrated e-permitting system(s) that could provide a one-stop shop for building permits that includes permit applications and review, inspections, communications with applicants, payment processing, data storage and coordination with MPAC.

An RFP was issued by AMO/LAS to identify a vendor(s) that could offer a scalable, market tested e-permitting system to all Ontario municipalities. AMO/LAS formed an RFP committee that was supported by representatives from MPAC, the Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario (MISA ON) to assist with the evaluation of submissions.

In searching for the most appropriate partner organization, the RFP committee evaluated six submissions and determined that the most scalable, out of the box, effective, cost effective, and market tested solution that was appropriate for all Ontario municipalities was the Cloudpermit system.

On January 17, 2022, Cloudpermit was announced as the successful candidate in LAS' RFP process. Cloudpermit is an international e-permitting company that is becoming a common solution in Ontario. Their goal is to provide a web-based service to make the building permit process faster and easier, while meeting the diverse needs of residents and the development industry.

The RFP process has confirmed Cloudpermit as a preferred and vetted e-permit solution that can digitize the building permit process to reduce costs, improve customer experience, and increase efficiency.

LAS is the business services arm of AMO and is mandated to provide valuable programs and services to Ontario's municipalities and the broader public sector. LAS facilitates a competitive solicitation and contracting process based on the needs of municipalities. This process results in province-wide procurement contracts with various vendors of products/equipment and services for use by these organizations. LAS offers competitively priced and sustainable business services to Ontario municipalities and the broader public sector. LAS' creative services and partnerships:

- ☐ Benefit municipal customers
- ☐ Aggregate at an Association level
- ☐ Are procured through a competitive and transparent process in line with current legislation
- ☐ Work with reputable organizations that understand the municipal sector.

MPAC is interested in the building permit process and this collaboration because it processes about 300,000 building permits annually, with a goal of efficiently turning building permits into new assessment, to enable municipalities to accurately levy property taxes.

Discussion:

Following the selection of Cloudpermit as the successful candidate in the AMO/LAS RFP process, AMO/LAS and MPAC are seeking municipalities to participate in a pilot of the platform. The pilot project will evaluate the broad benefits of e-permitting solutions for the municipal sector and will share all findings with AMO members to demonstrate the benefits of e-permitting in Ontario.

The goal for participating municipalities is an integrated e-permitting system that provides a complete solution for building permits. It will include permit applications and review, communications with applicants, inspection scheduling and documenting, payment processing, data storage and coordination with MPAC and other parties that require reporting information.

The Town of Kearney is committed to maintaining a high level of service to the development community, residents and business owners, and during the COVID-19 restrictions, building service has received an increasing number of requests from builders, developers and residents for the ability to apply for building permits and book inspections online. To support the evolution of municipal services, an online building permit portal is an important step to better serve builders, developers and the community.

With this objective in mind, municipal staff seeks council endorsement via a resolution and commitment of appropriate funds, to officially express interest in the AMO/LAS-MPAC e-permitting pilot project.

In recent years, a number of larger municipalities have made electronic building permit applications a reality, but this has come at significant cost and staff time and can involve complex software systems and implementations.

This pilot project offers a new opportunity to consider. Cloudpermit offers a cloud based and hosted e-permitting system that is maintained/updated by the service provider over the internet using industry best standards. With the service provider providing the updating and maintenance, it would ensure that Town of Kearney staff are not required to provide resources to ensure its proper function.

In general, and to demonstrate the benefit of this pilot, an electronic permitting process would proceed as follows:

Building Permit Application and Issuance

- Originating from a link on the Town of Kearney website, the applicant creates a project and uploads the required application, forms and drawings and makes the appropriate payment using a user-friendly process.
- Upon notification of a complete application, Town of Kearney staff logs into the website to view and download the information.
- Staff will then conduct the plans examination electronically using a document editing software. Once satisfied, the approved plans are uploaded back to the applicant's project with a building permit.

*Note, Cloudpermit can assist the municipality with possible solutions for choosing editing software.

Building Inspections

- Permit holders can log onto the website and request an inspection for their project.
- Staff receive the notification and confirm.
- Inspectors will visit the project and confirm status of the inspection to the permit holder through the software.

Benefits for the building industry would include:

- Online submissions of all documents and payment.
- Submissions can be made from any place at any time.
- No printing costs, documents are uploaded electronically.
- No travel time to and from municipal office.
- Ability to track several permits at one time.
- Inspection scheduling and results received electronically and immediately.
- Availability of approved plans on-line at all times.
- Building projects in multiple municipalities can be viewed and maintained on one 'dashboard'

Possibility that Cloudpermit, Can integrate with the Town of Kearney building permit database

Next Steps:
If Town of Kearney involvement in the AMO/LAS-MPAC pilot project is approved via the Expression of Interest process, the Cloudpermit system will be implemented for the Town of Kearney. Staff would then take part in the pilot project with initial startup and six (6) months of service being funded by Cloudpermit, followed by six (6) months of service (and continued ongoing service) being funded by Town of Kearney.

After the pilot period, Cloudpermit is offering the software for an annual fee that is currently unknown.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Participation in the AMO/LAS – MPAC pilot is an investment, followed by a future cost to maintain service with the Cloudpermit system once the pilot concludes. This is less than market rates due to the pilot project structure and supports, and the RFP process undertaken by LAS to select a preferred e-permitting vendor.

The pilot project participation will include support for initial data integration into the e-permitting system for the municipality.

IF APPLICABLE – discuss integration with existing database provider(s)

Consideration: With the movement towards a digital future, The Town of Kearney should apply through the Expression of Interest to be part of the pilot program. The pilot will evaluate the broad benefits of e-permitting solutions for the municipal sector and demonstrate the benefits of e-permitting for the Town of Kearney.

Further Consideration: The Town of Kearney Staff is willing to reach out to Cloudpermit for a Demo on the program and reach out neighboring municipalities on their experiences with Cloudpermit.

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Deputy Chief Building Official. That Council provides a Resolution allowing the Town of Kearney Building Department to show an Expression of Interest.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk

SUBJECT: Echo Ridge Road – Bennett

DATE: February 25, 2022

Resolution:

WHEREAS Council has received a request from the property owner, to transfer to the Town, ownership of the portion of Echo Ridge Road that traverses his property;
AND WHEREAS there are costs associated with this request;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs

- ❑ Survey costs to be borne by:
  - ☐ Applicant
  - ☐ Council via our Engineer of Record

- ❑ Value of the land to be determined by:
  - ☐ By-law No. 2021-25 (Tariff of Fees)
  - ☐ Appraisal

- ❑ Legal fees to be borne by:
  - ☐ Council
  - ☐ Applicant

Background

Property owner Ken Bennett reached out to Staff on December 6th, and requested assistance in resolving a situation he is facing in matters surrounding the estate of his father. Staff presented this information to Council and were directed to discuss the situation with legal counsel.

Legal counsel has advised that Mr. & Mrs. Bennett (Sr.) had conveyed a portion of the road to the Town in 1993 for a "nominal consideration".

The portions of the road which remain in the Bennett ownership lay east and west of this area, and as such would require a survey/reference plans to determine the exact lands to be transferred as Block Plans are not entirely accurate and portions of the road which the Town is interested in, may not fall completely within the areas indicated as road on the Block Map.

Considerations

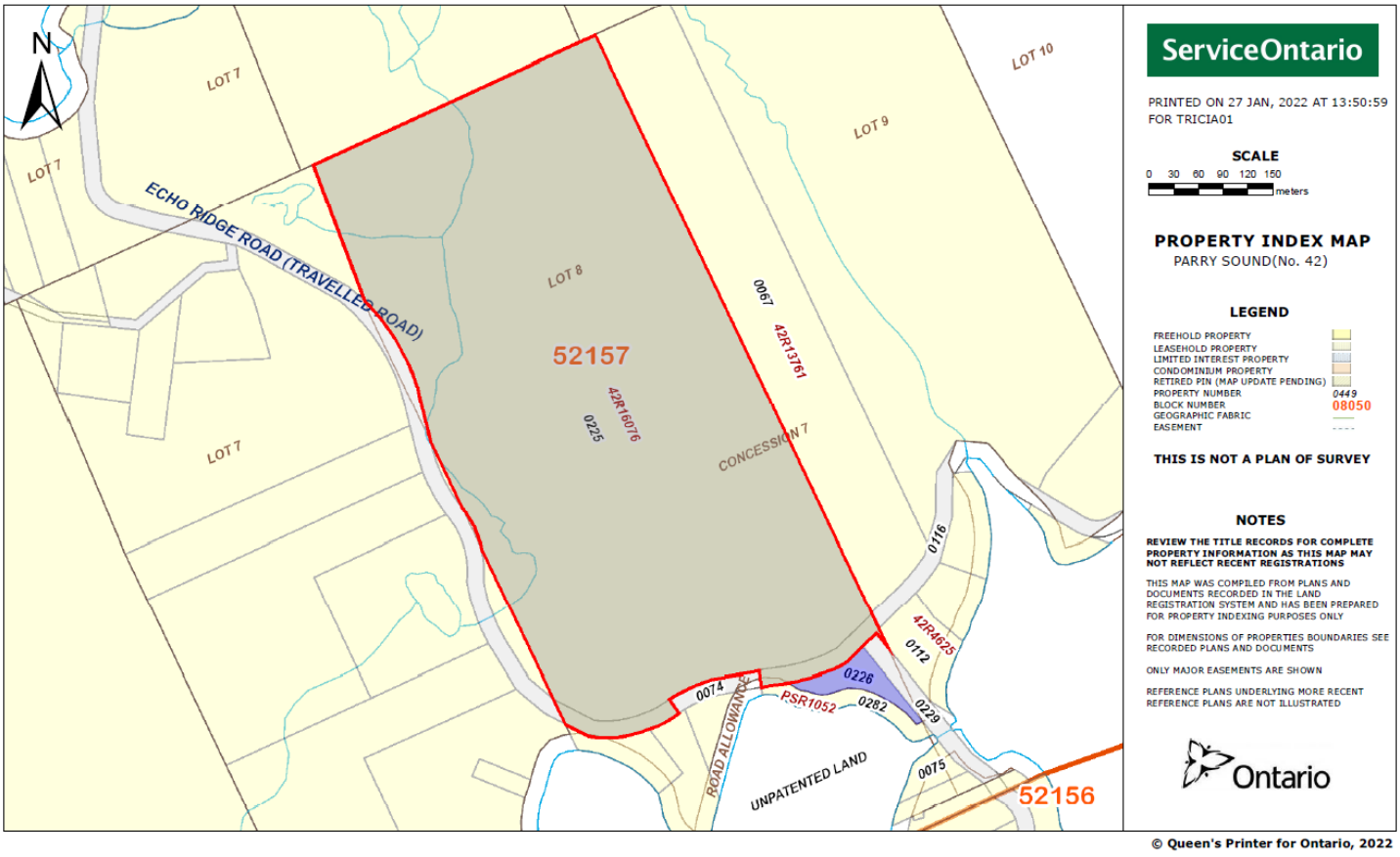
- Currently, throughout our municipality, portions of other roads exist in a comparable state, whose owners may seek to address the situation, in a similar fashion.
- The implications of liability of the road would not change based on ownership of the lands, therefore ownership of the road could continue to exist as it does currently, however the Bennetts have requested to address the situation while resolving matters regarding the estate of Mr. Bennett's father.
- **There are costs** associated with this request and as such staff will require direction:
  - ❑ Survey costs to be borne by:
    - ☐ Applicant
    - ☐ Council via our Engineer of Record

- ❑ Value of the land to be determined by:
  - ☐ By-law No. 2021-25 (Tariff of Fees)
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- ❑ Legal fees to be borne by:
  - ☐ Council
  - ☐ Applicant

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Filmore



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Town of Kearney
List of Accounts for Approval
Batch: 2022-00008 to 2022-00008

Bank Code: AP - GENERAL AP

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name		Payment Amount
31452	2022-02-16	ACI-Accelerated Connections	January Interest	375.58
31453	2022-02-16	Almaguin Community Hatchery Program	Council Donation	500.00
31454	2022-02-16	APC Auto Parts Centres	Parks Vehicle Parts	23.98
31455	2022-02-16	Bell Canada	Monthly Services	205.48
31456	2022-02-16	Bowman Fuels Ltd.	P/W Diesel Fuel / F/D Furnace	5,682.85
31457	2022-02-16	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	P/W Torch Kit Trigger	45.19
31458	2022-02-16	Canada Post Corporation	Interim Tax Mailings	1,572.65
31459	2022-02-16	CRA - Receiver General	Monthly Payroll Remittance	23,399.07
31460	2022-02-16	Cedar Signs	Roads Snowmobile Signage	1,989.57
31461	2022-02-16	Cupe Local 1813	Monthly Dues	816.58
31462	2022-02-16	Currie Truck Centre	P/W Def Fluid	360.19
31463	2022-02-16	Joshua Desilva	Reimburse Tailoring of Uniform	18.00
31464	2022-02-16	Dist. Parry Sound Soc. Ser.	1st Qtr levy	41,028.57
31465	2022-02-16	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc	Moore Consent	355.95
31466	2022-02-16	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience	Fuel For all Vehicles	3,048.64
31467	2022-02-16	FluentIMS	F/D Annual Subscription / Hardware	703.09
31468	2022-02-16	Glen Martin Ltd.	KCC Restroom Supplies	121.38
31469	2022-02-16	Cathy Hare	Reimburse (SALC) Christmas Tea	183.40
31470	2022-02-16	Hicks Morley	General - o/s invoice	2,409.16
31471	2022-02-16	Home Buillding Ctr-Burks Falls	P/W Paint / KCC Walkway Salt	133.27
31472	2022-02-16	Huntsville Truck Repair	P/W Repairs 2015 Freightliner	372.88
31473	2022-02-16	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Monthly Hydro	885.16
31474	2022-02-16	Lake Country Office Solutions	January Photocopy Use	131.18
31475	2022-02-16	LAS-Local Authority Services	Admin Office Supplies	198.60
31476	2022-02-16	LEA-Larocque Elder Architects	KCC Kitchen Renovations	3,995.87
31477	2022-02-16	David McKean	Reimburse Tailoring / Med. Supplies	182.18
31478	2022-02-16	Min Of Fin-Ontario	December OPP LSR's / Annual Fees	27,218.80
31479	2022-02-16	Munisoft	Interest Fee	114.38
31480	2022-02-16	Muskoka Hydrovac	Roads - Hydrovac Excavation	847.50
31481	2022-02-16	Muskoka Auto Parts	P/W Shop Supplies	179.53
31482	2022-02-16	Near North Business Machines	Library Photocopy Use	39.55
31483	2022-02-16	Northern Nerds	Various Computer Services	669.53
31484	2022-02-16	Novexco Inc	Admin & Bldg. Dept Office Supplies	107.85
31485	2022-02-16	Shane O'Hara	Reimburse Mileage Transfer Sta	13.42
31486	2022-02-16	OMERS	Monthly Remittance	10,728.98
31487	2022-02-16	Cam Pawley	Reimburse Mileage Transfer Sta	13.42
31488	2022-02-16	Reeder Web Design	Dog Sled Committee Website	126.96
31489	2022-02-16	Royal Bank Visa	Monthly Statement Payment	1,163.95
31490	2022-02-16	Russell Christie LLP	Sniderman/Pritchard SRA	2,781.60
31491	2022-02-16	Sands Canada Inc./Angus	F/D Medical Supplies	507.28
31492	2022-02-16	Smellies Copy & Print Shop	Printing of Interim Taxes	1,012.32
31493	2022-02-16	SPCA-Ontario	1st Qtr Animal Control Fees	415.54
31494	2022-02-16	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	F/D Monthly Tower Rental / Internet	315.78
31495	2022-02-16	Speedy Glass	P/W Ford 1550 Windshield	435.05
31496	2022-02-16	Toromont Ind. Ltd.	P/W Excavator Maintenance / Repairs	4,248.97
31497	2022-02-16	Town Of Parry Sound-Ambulance	Annual Ambulance Service	122,326.25
31498	2022-02-16	Village Of Burks Falls	Donation Re: Burks Falls Physiotherapist	606.81
31499	2022-02-16	Waste Connections of Canada	Metal and other Recycling	6,846.46
31501	2022-02-16	Workplace Safety & Ins.Board	Late Fee	2.28
31502	2022-02-16	D.M. Wills Assoc.Ltd	Landfill Monitoring	1,916.20
			Total Computer Cheque:	271,376.88

Town of Kearney
List of Accounts for Approval
Batch: 2022-00008 to 2022-00008

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Payment Amount

Total AP: 271,376.88

Moved by: Seconded by:

Be it resolved that Council has received and have no objections to be noted for Cheque #31452 to Cheque #31502 in the amount of $271,376.88

Cheque Number 31500 was spoiled during printing

Mayor Clerk/CAO/Treasurer Administrator

CHIEFS REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 21st, 2022.

Training

Our training for this report period has been, 3 ice water rescue, fire hose and appliances and hall maintenance and clean. As stated in previous reports we have moved forward with Firefighter certification. It now appears as new legislation has been brought forward to reinstate certification, which was shot down previously. As I gather more information, I hope to prepare a separate report.

Firefighters have been updated/reminded of COVID19 protocols with the new Omnicron variant. As well I have secured 25 rapid tests for the firehall.

Fire Prevention

Ongoing safety messages on our Facebook page. Sign at Community center. Availability of a limited supply of free smoke alarms at the firehall for residents.

Equipment

Equipment is working well. Regular truck and equipment checks are performed. First response 317 and unit 310 have been saftied.

We have had eight medical calls and three fire calls; one was an Automatic aid call to Burks Falls.

I have sent an email expressing my concern with a recent call and the use of turn arounds for parking, especially during the winter.

We attended a medical call; the state of living conditions was brought forward to town staff.

I have been working on the fire department budget, to date I have not received correspondence on upcoming meetings.

I have been attending many Chiefs meetings, Q&A sessions and a municipal session on the upcoming proposed certification for Firefighters.

I have also attended our regular Chief's meeting.

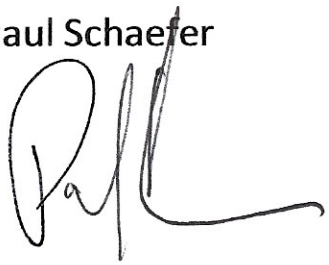
Medical supplies have been restocked, and as mentioned I have received a small supply of COVID tests for Fire Department use.

I can be reached on my cell at 705 571 3761 or at the firehall or email.

Stay safe

Sincerely;

Paul Schaefer



Fire Chief

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Matthew Clouthier CBCO, Deputy Chief Building Official

RE: Building Activity Report for 2021

DATE: February 3rd, 2022

Background: 1) Total permits processed by January 1, 2022 ----- 45 + 5 Abandoned
Total permits processed to January 1, 2021 ----- 47 + 2 Abandoned

2) Category of permits issued: New Cottages/Houses ---------- 14
New Commercial ---------- 2
New Private Garages ---------- 11
Misc. Additions/Reno --------- 15
Demolition ---------- 3

3) Permit fees generated to January 1, 2022 ------$121,151.84
Permit fees generated to January 1, 2021 ------$185,229.52

Construction value of permits to January 1, 2022 --------- $6,920,300.00
Construction value of permits to January 1, 2021 --------- $10,862,523.00

Year	No. of Permits	Building Permit Revenue	Construction Value
2021	45	$121,151.84	$6,920,300.00
2020	47	$185,229.52	$10,862,523.00
2019	53	$52194.70	$3,028,200.00
2018	57	$47671.10	$3,170,545.00
2017	50	$65,881.06	$4,704,391.09

- A Summary on legal matters include 3 matters moving forward within the court system with numerous minor orders working towards compliance.

Consideration: Year over year comparison.

Further Consideration: Visual aid for Budget purposes.

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Deputy Chief Building Official.

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February 8, 2022

Brenda Fraser
The Town of Kearney
P.O. Box 38
8 Main Street
Kearney, ON, P0A 1M0

Re: 2022 Contribution Towards AHHC 2020 Deficit

Dear Ms. Fraser,

As per the Town of Kearney's 2020 resolution, please find attached an invoice for the annual contribution towards the ongoing operating costs of the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre.

Statistics on the usage of the AHHC by postal code was collected for 2020. Additionally, Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare collected statistics on lab and x-ray usage by municipality between June 21 to October 29, 2021. For your interest, please find these statistics on the following page.

Thank you for your continued support of the facility and to healthcare services within the Almaguin Highlands.

Regards,

Nicky Kunkel
Clerk-Administrator

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Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Statistics

2020 Usage Statistics

Municipality	BFFHT- Patient Numbers	OTN- Patient Numbers
Burk's Falls- Included Armour and Ryerson	1709	26
Perry	485	0
McMurrich/Monteith	178	4
Magnetawan	275	4
Kearney	236	0
Sundridge- Included Strong, South River, Machar, Joly	1013	22

- Note- Due to COVID-19 OTN was closed for 8 months

June 21-October 29, 2021

Municipality	Lab and X-Ray Patients
Armour	389
Ryerson	171
Burk's Falls	760
Sundridge	712
Joly	70
Strong	322
Perry	270
Kearney	175
Magnetawan	338
McMurrich/Monteith	156

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Invoice to:
Town of Kearney
8 Main Street P.O. Box 38
Kearney, ON
P0A 1M0

Date: February 4, 2022

Invoice # 2022-016

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	2022 contribution towards the 2020 AHMC deficit	$ 3,300.00	$ 3,300.00

This invoice is payable upon receipt to:
The Village of Burk's Falls
PO Box 160
Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0

Total $ 3,300.00

Village of Burk's Falls

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E mail: treasurer@burksfalls.ca

Invoice to:
Town of Kearney
8 Main Street, PO Box 38
Kearney, ON
P0A 1M0

Date: February 4, 2022

Invoice # 2022-004

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
1	Physiotherapist - Rent Subsidy as per Council Resolution	$ 606.81	$ 606.81

This invoice is payable upon receipt to:
The Village of Burk's Falls
PO Box 160
Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0

Total $ 606.81

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre
150 Huston Street Burk's Falls ON P: 705-382-2900 E: ahhc@burksfalls.ca

INVOICE

C/O The Village of Burk's Falls
172 Ontario Street; Box 160 Burk's Falls ON P0A 1C0
705-382-3138

DATE: February 11, 2022
INVOICE # OTNR - 2022-05
FOR: *OTN Contribution*

Bill To:
Town of Kearney
Attention: Brenda Fraser
Box 38
Kearney, ON P0A 1M0

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Ontario Telemedicine Services (2023)	$ 500.00

HST# 107753410RT0001 **TOTAL** $ 500.00

Make all cheques payable to Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, Contact Camille Barr @ 705-382-3138

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Town of Kearney

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TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: E Stermsek SECONDED BY: M Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received correspondence from the Village of Burk's Falls with regard to physician recruitment/retention, ongoing operating costs at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre and the redirection of municipal derived Ontario Telemedicine Network funds and determines that Council will contribute as follows:

- $4,515.00 determined on an annual basis;
- a one time contribution of $1,000.00 for physician recruitment; and
- authorizes the use of the OTN monies for other costs related to OTN.

DEFERRED ☐ WITHDRAWN ☐ DEFEATED ☐ CARRIED ☑

RECORDED VOTE Requested by:			
Member	Yes	No	Absent
PHILIP, Cheryl			
RICKWARD, Mike			
STERMSEK, Liz			
ZIRALDO, Paul			
BALLANTYNE, Carol *Mayor*			

Mayor: C Ballantyne

Date: March 13, 2020

Res No: 11(a)(ii)/13/03/2020

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February 9, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice

At the regular meeting of the Township of Perth South Council held on February 1, 2022 the following resolution was passed:

That Council accepts the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommendation that they support the City of Sarnia resolution regarding Catch and Release Justice with the inclusion of the recommendations provided by the Stratford Police Services in their report dated January 19, 2022.

I have attached the letter received from the City of Sarnia as well as the report from the Stratford Police Services for your information.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Regards,

Lizet Scott
Clerk

Cc: Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth-Wellington
John Nater, MP Perth-Wellington
All Ontario Municipalities

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December 16, 2021

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: "Catch and Release" Justice

At its meeting held on December 13, 2021, Sarnia City Council adopted the following resolution with respect to "Catch and Release Justice":

That the City of Sarnia send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system. This resolution should also be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration; and

That the request also be referred to the Sarnia Police Services Board and be presented via AMO delegations for endorsement consideration.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Bob Bailey, MPP
Marylyn Gladu, MP
All Ontario Municipalities

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

DATE: 19 January 2022
TO: Stratford Police Services Board
FROM: Deputy Chief Gerry Foster
RE: "Catch and Release Justice"

BACKGROUND

Council for the City of Sarnia has passed a resolution on December 13, 2021, requesting the Federal and Provincial governments consider making meaningful improvements to the release of offenders. The so-called "Catch and Release Justice" refers to the release of offenders by the courts whereby the offender is re-arrested by police for breaches of the release conditions.

The resolution indicates this approach has a negative impact on police workload, officer morale, and potentially law-abiding citizens.

Locally, council has asked that the matter be discussed at the Police Service Board level and that *"a review of "catch and release justice" in the City of Stratford be referred to the Stratford Police Services Board to outline current challenges."*

Further, council is requesting a resolution with recommended changes be brought back to council for January 24, 2022.

ANALYSIS

On its surface "Catch and Release Justice" is a reference to the increase in offenders being released after being arrested. This term mostly refers to release by the courts although police officers (Officer in Charge) have release authorities similar to that of the court.

In response to the request of council, a review of charges laid for these instances was completed. Approximately 60 more charges were laid in 2021 in comparison to the average of charges from 2018 to 2020. In reviewing the data this increase would represent an approximate 43% increase

in breach of release condition charges being laid by members of the service. I would caution that the data, while it does show an increase from 2018-2021, could also be indicative of the COVID pandemic whereby the courts (and police) were actively exploring opportunities to keep offenders out of custody, where possible. The result was that more offenders were released on conditions where re-offending in the community could have occurred. Likewise, the stressful nature of the pandemic should not be discounted as a contributing factor on this data.

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

- The Stratford Police Service has experienced an increase in repeat offenders being released into the community only to re-offend.
- The impact of the pandemic on the police, justice and corrections system has been challenging to navigate
- More and more offenders are being released into the community on judicial release conditions that are continually breached leading to more arrests, charges, and court appearances.
- The community is frustrated with the lack of accountability on offenders and feel that their safety is being jeopardized.
- Police officers are resorting to "Officer in Charge" releases when offenders should be going to the courts for judicial releases because of workload.
- The court dockets will most likely be cleared of low-level offences resulting in no accountability for offenders
- Victims are feeling re-victimized by the system and losing faith/trust in the system.

For Council consideration:

That that City of Stratford endorse the Sarnia Catch and Release Justice resolution and add the following:

- The Federal and Provincial Governments recognize the linkage between mental health, addiction, homelessness, and crime.
- That all levels of government acknowledge that catch and release justice contributes to feelings of vulnerability within our communities and increases the cost of policing, social services, and health care in our communities.
- That all levels of government provide continued financial support to enhance funding in communities for Mobile Crisis Rapid Response Teams, Overdose Response Teams, Community Outreach Teams, Emergency Shelter facilities, Education and Awareness Programs, diversion programs, etc. under the umbrella of Community Safety and Well Being.
- That the Federal and Provincial Governments re-imagine a direct accountability framework specific to charges relating to failure to comply with release conditions.
- That consideration be given to provided holistic support to chronic re-offenders experiencing mental health, addiction, and homelessness issues with a multi-disciplinary team under one roof

Yours,

Gerry Foster
Deputy Chief of Police

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Minutes: February 4, 2022, 11:00am via Zoom and in person in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Tom Bryson, Carol Ballantyne, Brad Kneller, Dennis Banka, Delynne Patterson, Barbara Belrose, Carol Ballantyne, Marianne Stickland (Vice Chair), Cathy Still, Camille Barr (Secretary)
Guests: Kevin MacLeod (BFFHT), Courtney Metcalf (ACED), Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith (Nippising Wellness OHT), Elder Healer Josh, Bobbie- Lyn Roberts, Joseph Vella
Regrets: Norm Hofstetter

Called to order at 11:04 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2022-061 Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Carol Ballantyne
   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from January 7, 2022, as circulated. Carried.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST**: None.

3. **DELEGATIONS**: Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith of the Nippising Wellness Ontario Health Team to discuss item 5.a of agenda.

   Dr. Paul Preston and Wendy Smith provided a presentation on the concept of "Health Hubs" for areas in the north which would fall under the Nippising Wellness OHT.

   M. Stickland and R. Ward will follow up for more information. R. Ward will also reach out to the Muskoka and area OHT for feedback.

   Council will consider the information provided during this presentation and have further discussion.

4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED**:
   2022-062 Moved by Tom Bryson and Seconded by Cathy Still

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council receives an invoice from the Village of Burk's Falls for the purchase of the Bruce Campbell boardroom sign and;

FURTHER authorizes the Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of $50.85 to The Corporation of the Village of Burk's Falls from the AHHC fund. Carried.

2022-063 Moved by Seconded by

WHEREAS the life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average and one person in eight across the North do not have access to a family doctor,

AND these Northern Ontario communities advocate for equitable health care, especially for underserved rural, Indigenous and Francophone communities in Northern Ontario,

AND finding ways to encourage more physicians and health care professionals to stay and work in Northern communities will contribute to reducing the crisis for citizens in the North,

AND the Northern School of Medicine graduates far fewer health care professionals than the need requires and it would take five existing graduating classes at sixty-four physicians per year from NOSM just to address the current shortage,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council supports the Village of Sundridge Resolution #2021-381 and requests that the Provincial Government and the Ontario Medical Association expand NOSM's capacity for physician candidates to meet the needs of Northern Ontario,

AND find ways to bring additional health care support from other areas of the Province,

AND FURTHUR that a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Almaguin Highlands Health Council member Councils asking for support.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1) **Terms of Reference Discussion**
   R. Ward met with C. Still and N. Kunkel to review the Terms of Reference as it pertains to the Village of Burk's Falls as the building owner.

   Item deferred due to time and in light of "health hub" information.

2) **Update on Discussions with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Regarding Municipal Involvement with Ontario Health Teams**
   R. Ward met with a representative at AMO to discuss the work that has been done to have municipalities and social service organizations in an official role with OHTs. Advocacy is occurring by AMO. AMO may be interested in having a representative from the Council attend a future meeting to share the history of the AHHC and challenges experienced.

3) **Update on Discussions with Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)**
R. Ward, L. Hall and S. Hicks (Sundridge Medical Centre) met with NOSM to discuss an increase in the allotment of NOSM candidates to potentially provide more physician availability in the North. M. Stickland pointed out it is specifically family physicians needed.

The Village of Sundridge passed a resolution supporting increased enrollment which this Council supports. A resolution has been created and will be distributed to AHHC represented Councils for asking for their support.

4) **Monthly progress report review**
R. Ward provided a brief overview of the updates for Council.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None at this time

7. 2022-063 Moved by Barbara Belrose and Seconded by Marianne Stickland

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 12:11pm to meet again on March 4, 2022 at 11:00am. Carried.

Location will be via Zoom or in person

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AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- February 2022

This summary provides the information related to the key areas of Focus and Progress as outlined in June 2019 for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council…

Ontario Health Team Partnership	High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands	Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals	Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region
Document and communicate the specific healthcare needs of the entire Almaguin Highlands in order to create our vision of people-centred care within our own community. Establish partnership with OHT (or OHT's) which aligns with and supports our vision.	Ensure that high-speed internet, a key component in the future of healthcare delivery, is available to every resident of the Almaguin Highlands. The goal is to help level the playing field and ensure our residents can access existing and future digital healthcare options.	Ensure excellent healthcare to our region through continuous efforts to both attract new professionals and retain the ones we have. The goal is to build an exceptional team of healthcare professionals, working together across the region.	Advocate for new and expanded healthcare services and help influence decisions which protect our region. Continually partner with our healthcare providers in support of the specific healthcare needs of our community.

Progress: Items in red and bolded below are new this month…

- AHHC participation in MAOHT Digital Working Group (on-going)
- AHHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee (on-going)
- Continued sessions with Nipissing Wellness and the discussion of "health hubs" for Almaguin region
- **Follow-up with Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) with respect to municipal / OHT involvement completed**

- **Armour Township public wi-fi / internet point-of-presence at community centre (Katrine) completed / in use**
- **High-speed fibre build-out by Lakelands announced for southern Almaguin Highlands / Highway 11 corridor**

- Funding to assist with renovations for BFFHT approved by participating municipalities
- **Resolution will be sent to all AHHC-represented Councils to support increased physician-candidate enrollment at NOSM**

- Confirmed new physiotherapist to move into AHHC location in January 2022
- Finalized Almaguin Highlands Health Council Terms of Reference
- Working to extend physician catchment area in Burk's Falls to include Kearney and McMurrich-Monteith
- OTN services at BFFHT re-started in December

THE ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH COUNCIL

Resolution No: *2022-64*
Date: *February 4, 2022*

Moved By:
Seconded By:

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Pecuniary Interest Declared: None _____
Chairman: _____