

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor: Cheryl Philip
Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward
Councillors: Keven Beaucage, Heather Pateman
and Jill Sharer

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, Clerk Administrator (CA)
Matt Clouthier, Chief Building Official
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief
Paul Audette, Public Works Superintendent
Jason Newman, By-law Enforcement Officer
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk

Public Present: 31 members of the public appeared at the meetings while
15 members of the public appeared on-line

1. **Call the Meeting to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.
Resolution 2024-263
Moved by Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney deems it necessary to suspend the Procedural By-law for the Town Hall meeting on August 20, 2024 to hear public comments regarding the agenda items.
CARRIED
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2024-262
Moved By: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney of August 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED
3. **Resolution to suspend the Procedural By-law for the Town Hall Meeting**
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4. **MAHC Hospital Restructuring Video**
Due to technical difficulties, the video was unavailable for viewing. Staff have uploaded the video and linked to the Town of Kearney website
5. **Topics Requested by the Public:**
 - 5.1 **Trailer By-law**
 - Staff Member Jason Newman (By-law Enforcement Officer) discussed the proposed Trailer By-law and its' implications for the municipality. The floor was opened for the Public to speak.
 - A resident of Rock Point Road spoke to the proposed by-law:
 - CMH & Housing
 - Have regard for Human Rights Code
 - 68 families in housing crisis in our area, 7 people within the Town of Kearney are without shelter
 - For some, trailers may provide accommodation in extreme circumstances
 - As full-time accommodation, can be unsafe environments
 - Right to own more than one trailer, how can this be limited?
 - Do need to ensure safety/health risks (stoves, septic)

- One other resident spoke to the Trailer By-law, stating that now was NOT the time to pass such a by-law (housing crisis, economic difficulties)

5.2 Park creation and refurbishment to existing parks

Clerk Administrator Nicole Gourlay outlined the budgeted items for Park creation and refurbishment in 2024.

5.3 Housing crisis and the impacts from Short Term Accommodations

- Staff member, Deputy Clerk Cindy Filmore spoke to the presentation slide regarding the Housing Crisis and the impacts from Short Term Rental and explained the need for updates to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to enable changes to housing options.
- A member of the public requested clarification of the OP/Townsite boundaries.
 - DC Cindy Filmore responded
- A member of the public requested clarification of the STA definition
 - DC Cindy Filmore responded
- A member of the public requested to know how the agenda was set.
 - CA Nicole Gourlay responded
 - Deputy Mayor Rickward spoke to the public Town Hall meeting taking place on September 8th and requested that additional topics be included on the upcoming agenda
 - CA Nicole Gourlay expressed that Council could address this at the September 5 Regular Council meeting

Mayor Cheryl Philip thanked Staff and the Public for their attendance.

A member of the Public stood to address the Council and Staff regarding the garbage issue. He spoke to the garbage being thrown in ditches, etc. and was concerned that transfer station fees were too high.

CA Nicole Gourlay advised that Staff were busy preparing a report for the September 5th or 26th Council meeting to address Transfer Station issues.


Resolution 2024-264

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 7:28 pm.

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Mayor



Clerk