

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Sunday, September 8, 2024 1:00 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: 18 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 1:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2024-293
Moved by Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney of September 8, 2024, be adopted as circulated
CARRIED
3. **Resolution to suspend the Procedural By-law for the Town Hall Meeting**
Resolution 2024-263
BE IT RESOLVED that the 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 September 8, 2024 to hear public comments regarding the agenda items and allow for an open forum if time permits.
CARRIED
4. **MAHC Hospital Restructuring Video**
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 Chipmunk Lane:
 - Why is it needed here? (small town, etc.)
 - A resident of Fisher Lake asked if a license was needed for short term use, for storage, etc.
 - Clarification of the requirements for a license were reviewed
 - A resident from Grass Lake expressed concerns that:
 - People are hearing is not what is said creating tension/worries
 - Trying to have things be fair for everyone
 - Fear of being extracted from "home"
 - Fisher Lake resident returned to express:
 - Strength of community could bring aid to homeless/those needing extra supports
 - 5.2 **Park creation and refurbishment to existing parks**
Clerk Administrator Nicole Gourlay outlined the budgeted items for Park creation and refurbishment in 2024.
 - A resident wanted to know more information regarding Lions Park

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 more information regarding the STA by-law
 - DC Cindy Filmore responded that this had been a proposed by-law and not currently in process
 - DM Michael Rickward clarified that more work will take place, ie OP and ZBL to address STAs and *if necessary* an STA by-law would be brought forward for public comment prior to any determination to pass STA by-law
- A member of the public spoke to occupancy limits of STAs, the use of multiple trailers on properties used for STAs
 - Staff and Council responded to remind the Public that contacting the municipal office/staff when situations arise is best
 - The Mayor and Council reiterated that communication with the Office would provide the best access to answers

5.4 Waste Management and Tipping Fees

- CA Nicole Gourlay spoke to the current tipping fees and to the process of a yearly review taking place at the September 26 Regular Council Meeting
 - A resident spoke to the need for a consideration for brush, perhaps chipping rather than burning
 - Another resident spoke to the increased prices of brush, a "one off" could have been provided and that a re-evaluation of fees is needed
 - A Lynx Drive resident spoke to the sudden increase in fees, that a solution may be to provide access to Rain Lake (landfill site) and that ditches may be overrun with brush and debris
 - Forestry Tower Road property owner was replacing shingles and found Kallio to expensive. Seguin Township cost is \$6/bundle so he took them to his home
 - A Fisher Lake resident commented on high fees and enquired as to how they compare to neighbouring communities; once or twice per year there should be an opportunity to dump (large items) for free
 - Mayor and Council commented on the need for education on recycling and of the opportunity to attend JWMB meetings (public)
 - A resident commented that in other places (Belleville), disposal of brush is free
 - A Lynx Drive resident offered that many people just don't care, don't understand issues surrounding bears, and maybe a donation area would help.
 - A resident enquired as to the lifespan of the landfill
 - A resident spoke to the burning of garbage and process for disposal and thanked Council for the opportunity to speak at this forum

3:05 pm

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

6. Due to time constraints, item 6 on the Agenda could not be completed.

Resolution 2024-295

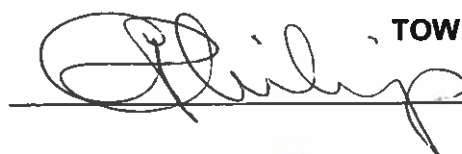
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:09 pm.

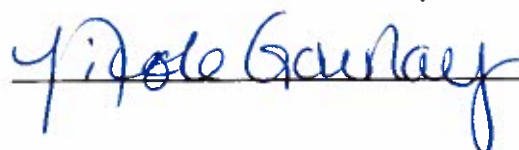
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE

TOWN OF KEARNEY



Mayor



Clerk