

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 6:00 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)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief (FC)

Staff were present for the entirety of the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was held to honour the memory of Jim Skelton

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2024- 389
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of December 19, 2024 as amended:
 - Remove SR 2024-57
 - Update Kennedy Insurance information
 - Remove 11.2(b) Identifiable IndividualCARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest - nil**
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
 - 4.1 **Presentation from Chris Bevan, Kennedy Insurance**

Resolution 2024-390
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Chris Bevan for his presentation and authorizes renewal of the 2025 Municipal Insurance Policy with Kennedy Insurance Brokers Inc/Intact Public Entities, in the amount of \$181,587.00 plus applicable taxes
CARRIED
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2024-391
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, November 28, 2024, be accepted and that all recommendations or support contained therein be adopted and approved as resolutions of Council
CARRIED
6. **Items Referred from the Consent List**
Nil
7. **Items for Discussion**
 - 7.1 DRAFT Emergency Management Plan
Resolution 2024-392
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
WHEREAS the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, requires every municipality in Ontario to have an Emergency Response Plan; AND WHEREAS the Emergency Management

Control Group together with the Emergency Management Coordinator have completed the required table top exercise along with updates to the Town of Kearney Emergency Response Plan as presented in item 7.2 on the agenda; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts the DRAFT Emergency Response Plan; AND FURTHER that a by-law accepting the Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Kearney will be passed later in the meeting.
CARRIED

7.2 Report to Council from Fire Chief Re: New Fire Fighter
Resolution 2024- 393

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the Fire Chief's report regarding an application from Carly Gordon to join the Fire and Emergency Services team; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts Carly Gordon's application to join the Fire and Emergency Services team.
CARRIED

7.3 Council Meeting Dates
Resolution 2024-394

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS Section 238 (2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, states that "Every council and local board shall pass a Procedure By-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings"; AND WHEREAS Section 5.2.1 of By-law No 2023-52, the Procedure By-law for the Town of Kearney, states "Regular Meetings of Council shall be held in the Council Chambers, at 8 Main Street, Kearney, every three weeks on Thursdays; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby gives notice that the Regular Council Meetings shall be held on the following dates in 2025: January 16; February 6 & 27; March 20; April 10; May 1 & 22; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 2 & 23; November 13; and December 11.
CARRIED

7.4 Revised DRAFT Agreement with Armour Township – Proudfoot Rd Maintenance
Resolution 2024-395

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
WHEREAS Staff received updated fees from the Township of Armour regarding the agreement of road maintenance for Proudfoot Road after passing of the by-law at the November 14th regular Council meeting; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the draft by-law and agreement with the Township of Armour for Proudfoot Road Maintenance; AND FURTHER that a By-law to this effect will be passed later in this meeting.
CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT Agreement Jillian Peever – Kids Dance Classes
Resolution 2024-396

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received a DRAFT agreement with Jilliam Peever (the Space Upstairs) to provide Children's Dance classes to the Town of Kearney; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports in principle entering into the agreement with Jillian Peever (the Space Upstairs); AND FURTHER THAT a by-law to authorize the execution of the agreement be passed later in the meeting.
CARRIED

7.6 FONOM Registration
Resolution 2024-397

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has a mission to improve the economic and social quality of life for northerners; AND WHEREAS FONOM is planning their annual conference in North Bay, ON on May 5th - 7th 2025; AND WHEREAS this conference and accommodations fill up quickly; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to register and book accommodations for the following Council Members and Staff for the 2025 FONOM Conference: Councillors Jill Sharer & Heather Pateman and 1 or 2 staff members to be decided later.
CARRIED

7.7 Letter to Minister Calandra Re: Additional Residential Units
Resolution 2024-398

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by Councillor Pateman

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received a communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, regarding changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024; AND WHEREAS this announcement from Minister Calandra does not fully address the needs of Rural or Northern municipalities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms their desire for the attached letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Paul Calandra; MPP Graydon Smith; MP Scott Aitchison; Premier Doug Ford; AMO; FONOM; ROMA and to affected municipalities in Rural/Northern Ontario for their support.
CARRIED

**7.8 AHHC Cost Recovery Options Discussion Paper – December 2024
Resolution 2024-399**

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the discussion paper from the Village of Burks Falls regarding cost-recovery for the Village of Burks Falls for the operation of 150 Huston Street (the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre); AND WHEREAS this paper identifies that the Centre operates with a perpetual deficit; AND WHEREAS it has been identified that the x-ray team, lab and diabetes team who are tenants of the Centre, have had spaces rent free since 2014; AND WHEREAS the deficit referenced in the discussion paper of \$30,000 could be covered through additional revenues such as rent paid by these tenants in the amount of \$834/month; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney urges the Village of Burks Falls to require the following tenants begin to pay rent; AND FURTHER THAT Council requests support from the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) in the form of reasonable rent as outlined above to show the same type of support the Almaguin municipalities have to MAHC the Almaguin local share commitment to the Hospital rebuild in the amount of \$9.5 Million dollars AND FURTHER THAT if MAHC declines the payment of rent for these tenants, that AHHC reduces the local share commitment to cover the AHHC deficit annually; AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to premier Doug Ford, MAHC, Sylvia Jones, the Ontario Minister of Health, Parry Sound/Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka MP Scott Aitchison, and surrounding, affected municipalities for their support.
CARRIED

**7.9 DRAFT Agreement of Purchase & Sale; Part Lot 1 Con 11 BETHUNE as in BE234
except Part 6 42R3606 (Follick)
Resolution 2024-400**

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the DRAFT by-law to transfer the lands currently in the ownership of the Town of Kearney back to the Follick family; AND WHEREAS through resolution, Council agreed to gift the land back to the Follick family deeming the land as surplus; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports in principle the draft By-law disposing of the land legally described as PART LOT 1 CONCESSION 11 BETHUNE AS IN BE234 EXCEPT PART 6 42R3606; KEARNEY; AND FURTHER THAT a By-law to this affect will be passed later in the meeting.
CARRIED

**7.10 DRAFT Treasurer Appointment By-law – Jenni Lablond
Resolution 2024-401**

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby supports in principle the DRAFT by-law to appoint Jennistine LaBlond as the Treasurer for the Town of Kearney; AND FURTHER THAT a by-law to this affect be passed later in the meeting.

8. Other Business

9. Correspondence for Information

Resolution 2024-402

Moved by Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the notice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024, which would impose changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006 by strengthening municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

CARRIED

10. By-laws

Resolution 2024-403

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, be passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:

10.1 By-law 2024-52 Procedural By-law

10.2 By-law 2024-53 Fees and Charges By-law

10.3 By-law 2024-54 Agreement with Armour Township re: Proudfoot Rd Maintenance

10.4 By-law 2024-55 Agreement with Jilliam Peever re: Recreation Classes

10.5 By-law 2024-56 Agreement for sale and purchase of land (Follick)

10.6 By-law 2024-57 Appointment of Treasurer – Jenny LeBlonde

10.7 By-law 2024-58 Emergency Response Plan

CARRIED

11. Closed Session

Resolution 2024-404

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

BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney moves into closed session at 7:35 pm, under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections: (2)(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

Resolution 2024-405

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 8:42 pm

CARRIED

12. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2024- 406

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by; Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2024-59 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024, be read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book.

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

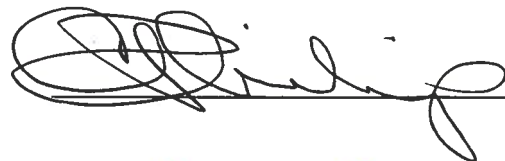
Resolution 2024-407

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:43 pm

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**



Mayor



Clerk