

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Beaucage

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, CAO Clerk
Jenny LeBlond, Treasurer (T)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

CAO, T and DC were present for the entirety of the meeting.

A moment of silence was held to honour the memory of Adam MacKay

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2025-128
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adopts the Agenda of May 1, 2025 as circulated.
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest**
Nil
4. **Delegations/Presentations/Public Meetings**
 - 4.1 SolarBank – Lithium Battery Storage in Armour Township
Resolution 2025-129
Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks the representatives of SolarBank for their presentation regarding the proposed Battery Energy Storage System facility in Armour Township.
 - 4.2 Environmental Defense – Lithium Battery Storage in Armour Township
Resolution 2025-130
Moved by Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks the representatives of Environmental Defense for their presentation regarding the proposed Battery Energy Storage System facility in Armour Township
5. **Consent List**
Resolution 2025-131
Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Council Meeting of Thursday, May 1, 2025, 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 Request for Noise By-law Exemption for Regatta

Resolution 2025-132

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, in accordance with the request from the Regatta Committee, hereby declares the Kearney Regatta to be a community festival being held on August 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2025; AND FURTHER that all By-laws that this festival contravenes (i.e. Noise By-law regarding fireworks and the Fireworks By-law) shall be suspended during the 2025 Kearney Regatta event; AND FURTHER Council authorizes the use of the Kearney Community Centre and equipment, the beaches, docks and facilities, as needed, as well as assistance from Custodial Services, the Summer Students and the Town Public Works equipment and employees, as available for the 2025 Kearney Regatta event; AND FURTHER Council requests the Chief Building Official to inspect the tents as necessary for permit purposes; AND FURTHER Council authorizes the closure of the section of Main Street from the intersection of Lakeview Avenue and Main Street, to the parking lot of the LCBO near the intersection of Rain Lake Road and Main Street from Friday August 1, 2025 at 6pm until Sunday August 3, 2025 at 11pm.

CARRIED

7.2 Revised DRAFT HR Policy

Resolution 2025-133

Moved by: Councillor Sharer; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the DRAFT Human Resources (HR) Policy with the noted changes from the March 27 Regular Meeting; AND FURTHER that Council supports the passing of this Policy by bylaw, which will take place at a later date.

CARRIED

7.3 SR2025-26 Waste Management Recommendations

Resolution 2025-134

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town directs Staff to create a survey for the residents to comment to change of days of operation at the two Transfer Stations

CARRIED

Resolution 2025-135

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives SR2025-26; AND FURTHER that Council approve the following recommendations:

- 1) Change Transfer Station hours to 8am to 4pm
- 2) Continue with the Transfer Stations being closed on statutory holidays after Labour Day to before Victoria Day
- 3) Add a construction waste bin to King William site, if allowed
- 4) Cancel curbside garbage pick up as of October 1st, 2025
- 5) Get quotes on a good used vehicle.

CARRIED

7.4 MEMO: Nicole Gourlay Appointment By-law

Resolution 2025-136

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the Memo regarding Nicole Gourlay's Appointment By-law; AND FURTHER that a by-law outlining this change to CAO/Clerk will be passed later in the meeting, being By-law 2025-30

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT Remuneration By-law for Mayor and Members of Council

Resolution 2025-137

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives DRAFT Remuneration By-law for Mayor and Members of Council; AND FURTHER directs Staff to bring the completed bylaw back to the next meeting.

CARRIED

7.6 DRAFT Councillor Parental Leave Policy

Resolution 2025-138

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the REVISED DRAFT Pregnancy, Parental and Caregiver Leave Policy as required under

Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended; AND FURTHER directs Staff to bring back the policy for passing at the next regular meeting.

CARRIED

7.7 MEMO: Commercial Credit Card change

Resolution 2025- 139

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney hereby resolves:

1. That Royal Bank of Canada ("Royal Bank") is appointed banker for the Customer
2. That Anyone of Mayor or Deputy Mayor with anyone of CAO/Clerk Administrator or Treasurer are authorized on behalf of the Customer from time to time:
 - (a) To withdraw or order transfers of funds from the Customer's accounts by any means including the making, drawing, accepting, endorsing or signing of cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, other orders for the payment of money or other instruments or the giving of other instructions;
 - (b) To sign any agreements or other documents or instruments with or in favour of Royal Bank, including agreements and contracts relating to products or services provided by Royal Bank to the Customer; and
 - (c) To do, or to authorize any person or persons to do, any one or more of the following:
 - (i) To receive from Royal Bank any cash or any securities, instruments or other property to the Customer held by Royal Bank, whether for safekeeping or as security, or to give instructions to Royal Bank for the delivery or other transfer of any such cash, securities, instruments or other property to any person named in those instructions;
 - (ii) To deposit with or negotiate or transfer to Royal Bank, for the credit of the Customer, cash or any security, instrument or other property, and for those purposes to endorse (by rubber stamp or otherwise) the name of the Customer, or any other name under which the Customer carries on business, on any security or instrument;
 - (iii) To instruct Royal Bank, by any means, to debit the accounts of third parties for deposit to the credit of the Customer; and
 - (iv) To receive statements, instruments and other items (including paid cheques) and documents relating to the Customer's accounts with or any service of Royal Bank, and to settle and certify the Customer's accounts with Royal Bank.
3. That all instruments, instructions, agreements (including contracts relating to products or services provided by Royal Bank) and documents made, drawn, accepted, endorsed or signed (under the corporate seal or otherwise) as provided in this Resolution and delivered to Royal Bank by any person, shall be valid and binding on the Customer, and Royal Bank is hereby authorized to act on them and give effect to them.
4. That Royal Bank be furnished with:
 - (a) A copy of this Resolution; and
 - (b) A list of the names of the persons authorized by this Resolution to act on behalf of the Customer, and with written notice of any changes which may take place in such list from time to time, and with specimens of the signatures of all such persons; each certified by the (1) Mayor and (2) Clerk Administrator of the Customer; and
 - (c) In writing any authorization made under paragraph 2(c) of this Resolution
5. That any document furnished to Royal Bank as provided for in paragraph 4 of this Resolution shall be binding upon the Customer until a new document repealing or replacing the previous one has been received and duly acknowledged in writing by the branch or agency of Royal Bank where the Customer has its account.

CARRIED

7.8 DRAFT Resolution to MMAH on removal of Tree Canopy Policy in Section 270 of the Municipal Act, 2001

Resolution 2025-140

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires all municipalities in Ontario to adopt and maintain policies addressing the protection and enhancement of the tree canopy and natural vegetation; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities often lack the resources and urban contexts that necessitate such policies, making this requirement impractical and unnecessary for their unique circumstances; AND WHEREAS local municipalities are best positioned to determine the environmental policies that are most relevant and effective for their communities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs the Mayor and CAO to write a letter to formally call on the Province to amend Section 270 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* to remove the mandatory requirement for all

municipalities to adopt a Tree Canopy Policy; AND FURTHER that the letter be circulated to all relevant provincial stakeholders and rural/northern municipalities.
CARRIED

7.9 DRAFT Tax Rates and Ratios By-law
Resolution 2025-141

Moved by: Councillor Pateman; Seconded by: Councillor Rickward
WHEREAS Section 312 of the Municipal Act, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, requires Council to pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the By-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes; AND WHEREAS Council has received and reviewed the DRAFT Tax Rates and Ratios bylaw; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney support the passing of the Tax Rates and Ratios Bylaw for 2025, which will take place later in this meeting.
CARRIED

8. Notice of Motion
NIL

9. Correspondence for Information
Resolution 2025-142
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 Correspondence list for May 1, 2025 as information.
CARRIED

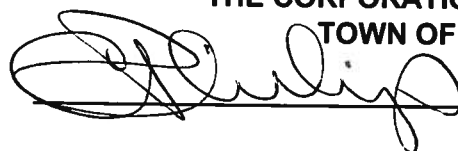
10. By-laws
Resolution 2025-143
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by Councillor Sharer
BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, be passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:
10.1 By-law 2025-28 Being a By-law to provide for the Adoption of the 2025 Budget
10.2 By-law 2025-29 Being a By-law to set the 2025 Tax Ratios and 2025 Tax Rates
10.3 By-law 2025-30 Amendment to By-law 2023-37 for clarity purposes
10.4 By-law 2025-31 Being a Bylaw to govern the relationship between Staff and Council
10.5 By-law 2025-32 Being a Bylaw to enter into an Agreement with the Royal Bank of Canada for the provision of credit cards
CARRIED

11. Closed Session

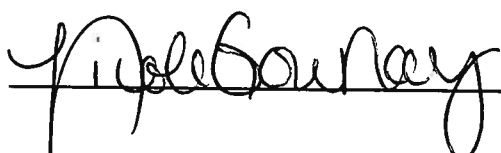
12. Confirming By-law
Resolution 2025-144
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward ; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2025-33 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2025, be read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book.
CARRIED

13. Adjournment
Resolution 2025-145
Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward; Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:06 pm
CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY



Mayor



Clerk