

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - April 7th, 2015
KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Councillors: Stephen Aitchison, Dennis Jibb, Mark Lenover, Carter Seymour

Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Roads Superintendent: Guy Godmaire

Others: Ed Hewitt

Regrets: Reeve: Terry Phillips

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

2015-069 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
Be it resolved that Councillor Mark Lenover will be chairperson for this Regular Public Meeting of Council
"CARRIED"

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2015-070 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of April 7th, 2015.
"CARRIED"

2015-071 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
"CARRIED"

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2015-072 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 3rd, 2015, as circulated.
"CARRIED"

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

4- Delegations/Presentations

Mr. Ed Hewitt relayed to council that he is concerned about the speeding on Milberta Rd at the Milberta Bridge. There are kids playing or people walking beside the road. Council agreed to install children signs.

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2015-03

2015-073 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2015-03 in the amount of \$ 14,772.48.
"CARRIED"

2015-074 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2015-03 in the amount of \$59,767.20.
"CARRIED"

2015-075 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2015-03 in the amount of \$691.95.
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6- Reports from Staff and Others

a- Roads

There are many frozen culverts. Hauled 6 loads of gravel on North Quarry Rd because mud was showing. Plow truck is jumping out of gear; need to open the transmission and fix it.

b- Fire

No fires this month. There was one CO Alarm call. Josh Dufresne is a new fireman and Les Tulpin has moved away.

2015-076 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and accept the following reports/minutes, and that it be filed:

- i) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - Minutes of March 19, 2015
- ii) Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health - Minutes of January 28, 2015
“CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

- a- Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum - Donation
- b- Ernie Hardeman, MPP - *Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act*
- c- DTSSAB - 2015 Budget
- d- D. M. Wills Associates limited - 2015 Bridge Inspection Quote
- e- Township of Gillies - Chicken Farmers of Ontario Exempt Flock Limit
- f- Dave Hemingway - Support of Charter Challenge - Wind Turbine Projects
- g- ETR Airport -Request for Contribution

2015-077 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to become a Junior Corporate Sponsor to the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum, with a membership fee of \$200.00 for the Year 2015.
“CARRIED”

2015-078 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

WHEREAS social housing providers in Ontario currently required to purchase natural gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) or pay a fee to purchase elsewhere;
WHEREAS social housing providers should have the right to obtain natural gas and insurance at the lowest cost to provide value to those in need of affordable housing and all taxpayers; and
WHEREAS the HSC should be subject the same level of accountability and oversight as government agencies;
THEREFORE BE IT resolved that the Council of the Township of Kerns supports the Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act introduced by Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman which would remove the mandatory requirement for social housing providers to purchase gas and insurance through the HSC, require HSC to report salaries over \$100,000, and give the Provincial Auditor General the authority to audit HSC.
“CARRIED”

2015-079 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board Budget for 2015.
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2015-080 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of
Gillies Resolution dated February 10th, 2015, requesting the Chicken Farmers of
Ontario to increase current exempt flock limit from 300 broiler birds to 4,000 broiler
birds.

“CARRIED”

8- Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Jim Wilson, MPP - Reply Letter Concerning OPP billing
- b- Ministry of Natural Resources - 2015-2016 Work Schedule Timiskaming Forest
- c- District School Board Ontario North East - Reply Letter Kerns School
- d- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs - OAFIC Municipal Officials Seminar
- e- City of Belleville - OSUM Annual Conference & Trade Show

9- Other business:

- a- Consent Decision - B01-2015-Kerns -Willard

2015-081 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Eric Willard
Consent Application as File Number B01-2015-Kerns-Willard, to allow a lot addition
under the conditions and notes attached from the Harriman Report dated March 3rd,
2015.

“CARRIED”

- b- Runnalls Municipal Drain update
The Clerk informed council that the proponent of the project has decided to
proceed without the covered tile in his field. The Drain will start on the
North side of Maybrook Rd between Lots 3 and 4 going Easterly to the
Wabi River.
- c- MDS II - Requirements
The Clerk informed Council that we received a building permit application
to build an addition to an existing barn. The Chief Building Official could
not issue a building permit because the addition did not meet the Minimum
Distance Separation requirements. A building permit will be issued if the
proponent can satisfy the MDS requirements.
- d- Draft 2015 Budget

2015-082 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of
the Draft Budget for 2015 as presented by the Treasurer.

“CARRIED”

10- By-laws:

- a) **By-law No. 2015-11** By-law to establish Tax Ratios for the Year
2015 [*three readings*]

2015-083 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-law No. 2015-11**, being a By-law to establish Tax Ratios for the Year 2015,
be received and read a first and second time.

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2015-084 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-law No. 2015-11**, being a by-law to establish Tax Ratios for the Year 2015,
be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

b) **By-law No. 2015-12** By-law to adopt optional tools for administering
limits for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-
Residential Property Classes for the Year 2015
[three readings]

2015-085 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-law No. 2015-12**, being a By-law to adopt optional tools for administering
limits for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year
2015, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2015-086 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-law No. 2015-12**, being a By-law to adopt optional tools for administering
limits for Commercial, Industrial and Multi-Residential Property Classes for the Year
2015, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.
“CARRIED”

11- Resolution to move to a closed session

a- None

12- Adjournment

2015-087 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular
Council Meeting at 10:00 p.m. and will meet again on May 5th, 2015 or at the call of
the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer