

# TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips  
Councillors: Dennis Jibb, Carter Seymour, Mark Lenover, Stephen Aitchison  
Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle  
Guy Godmaire, Roads Superintendent

Guests: Jason & Rachelle Baker  
OPP, Wayne Brunkey  
Darlene Wroe - Timiskaming Speaker  
Don Fraser

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

#### 1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2016-135 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.  
“CARRIED”

2016-136 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
“CARRIED”

#### 2- Adoption of Minutes:

2016-137 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, as circulated.  
“CARRIED”

#### 3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

#### 4- Delegations/Presentations

Jason and Rachelle Baker want to know the status of the Runnalls Drain. The project started last year in the fall when it was damp. Nothing is happening this year. The quality of the work is not up to par. They want to know when the project will be completed. The Council ask the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Engineer, the Contractor and the people assessed on the drain, to clarify what needs to be done to complete the project.

Sargent Wayne Brunkey relay to Council that the OPP patrolled the North Quarry Road for speeding traffic but did not find any speeders. He wants to know the time of day that this is occurring.

Mrs. Darlene Wroe from the Temiskaming Speaker asked council about the status of the Old Milberta Church. The Reeve explained that we are at the end on our resources to maintain the old church. We need to replace the furnace (because it is defective) and the fuel tank. Nobody is using the building. It was offered to different groups but nobody wants it. The Fire Department will be using the building for now for fire drills, and than eventually it will be demolished.

Mr. Donald Fraser relayed to Council that he received a Supplementary Tax bill for previously omitted assessment, that dates back to 2014. He explained that he never omitted any assessment. He is refusing to pay the supplementary taxes

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for 2014 and 2015 taxation year.

The clerk mentioned that MPAC provides a list of Previously Omitted Assessment twice a year to each municipality. Then the municipality has to submit a supplementary tax bill to each land owner that has supplementary assessment. MPAC allows to go back 3 years. The supplementary assessment usually starts to be assessed on the month that the occupancy permit was issued. Mr. Fraser asked Council if they can disregard the supplementary tax bill. Council denied his request. Mr. Fraser left the meeting and said that he will get legal counsel.

2016-138 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Public Works Superintendent to disconnect the Hydro and Heating Fuel in the Milberta Church; And furthermore, the Milberta Church Building will be used by the Kerns Fire Department for practices.  
“CARRIED”

### 5- **Payments of Accounts** - Vouchers No. 2016-08

2016-139 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Denis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2016-08 in the amount of \$17,476.47.  
“CARRIED”

2016-140 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2016-08 in the amount of \$23,744.59.  
“CARRIED”

2016-141 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2016-08 in the amount of \$447.89.  
“CARRIED”

### 6- **Reports from Staff and Others**

#### a- Road

Roads Superintendent reported that Connors have completed the gravel contract. Gravel was layed on Wabi Pit Road. Crusher was in today at Firstbrook Pit. At the Ball Park we have to remove the old backstop and old playground equipment. We still have some brushing to do.

#### b- Fire

No fire calls this month.

#### c- Other

Hall needs some work - needs painting. On 3 doors, seals need to be fixed; there is frame damaged by the tables that need to be repaired, and some baseboards need to be fixed. Also we should install steel corners.

2016-142 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

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 July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- ii) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - Minutes of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- iii) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - July Manager's Report
- iv) Treasurer's Report of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

“CARRIED”

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**7- Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**

- a- Cheryl Gallant, MP - Small Campground Taxation Issue

2016-143 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Cheryl Gallant, MP, requesting the Federal government to recognize small, mostly family-run campgrounds as small businesses, and pay the same tax as other small businesses.  
"CARRIED"

**8- Correspondence for Council's Information:**

- a- KG Municipal Consulting Services - Services Offered

**9- Other business:**

- a- Runnalls Drain Update

The clerk is to set up a meeting with the Engineer, the Contractor, the Township and the people assess on the drain, as soon as possible.

- b- Milberta Church

Discussion took place earlier in the meeting. As reported by the Roads Superintendent, the building needs a new furnace and new fuel tank. The water has been cut off and the pipe drained and fill with anti freeze. The Council directed the Roads Superintendent not to make any repairs to the Milberta Church. Eventually, the township will sell the contents of the building. We have to find a way that will be fair for everyone to get a memento of the church.

- c- OCIF - Top Up

2016-144 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Clerk to submit an Application for funding under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top-Up Component for the replacement of the Seymour Bridge.  
"CARRIED"

**10- By-laws:**

- a) **None**

**11- Resolution to move to a closed session**

- a) None

**12- Adjournment**

2016-145 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 10:20 p.m. and will meet again on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

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Reeve

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Clerk-Treasurer