

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - November 5th, 2019

KERNS MUNICIPAL HALL

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips
Councillors: Carter Seymour, Loren Runnalls, Mark Lenover, Dennis Jibb

Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle
Economic Development Officer: Jordan Kemp
Regrets: Roads Superintendent: Guy Godmaire

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2019-142 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 5th, 2019.
"CARRIED"

2019-143 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.
"CARRIED"

2- Adoption of Minutes:

2019-144 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 1st, 2019 as presented.
"CARRIED"

3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

4- Delegations/Presentations

None

5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2019-10

2019-145 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 441,461.03
Fire Department	\$ 1,904.30
General Administration	\$ <u>22,680.34</u>
Total Voucher 2019-10	\$ <u>446,045.67</u>

"CARRIED"

6- Reports from Staff and Others

- a- Roads Report: New Grader is here and running well. Put gravel on Milberta Rd. There is no gravel left in the pit. Winter operations have begun. Reminder to everyone that there is to be no snow pushed across the roads.
- b- Fire - 2 fires this month.

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2019-146 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **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:

- a- Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health - September 11th, 2019
- b- Temiskaming Mayors Actions Group - Minutes from meeting October 26th 2019
- c- Treasurer's Report - Summary Report October 31st 2019

“CARRIED”

7- Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

- a- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Proposed Changes to the Aggregate Resources Act
- b- Town of the Blue Mountains - Integrity Commission Matter
- c- The Municipality of West Elgin - Provincial Policy Statement
- d- Guy Bourgouin - Bill 125 Marketing Northern Ontario Highways Safer Act 2019
- e- Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority (ETRAA) - Per Capita Rate 2020
- f- MMAH - Transforming and Modernizing the delivery of Ontario Building Code Services

2019-147 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of The Blue Mountains resolution to request that the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing create a searchable database of all matters placed before all Integrity Commissioners within the province and the resolution of such matters.

“CARRIED”

2019-148 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of West Elgin Resolution Number 2019-520 in regards to ensuring the construction of large ground-mounted solar facilities and wind turbines are away from prime agricultural and specialty crops areas, except for on-farm diversified uses.

“CARRIED”

2019-149 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support MPP Guy Bourgouin's *Bill 125, Making Northern Ontario Highways Safer Act, 2019*.

“CARRIED”

2019-150 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that “the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality” and “the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction”,

AND WHEREAS, “the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act”,

AND WHEREAS, the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government,

AND WHEREAS, Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference that “we can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable”,

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AND WHEREAS, alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not associated liability,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Kerns requests that, the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their services, or work with other building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has severely reduced its service delivery role, or provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

FURTHERMORE that a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

“CARRIED”

8- Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a- Ministry of Finance - 2020 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) allocations
- b- Window Removal - Church
- c- Stewardship Ontario - Blue Box Recycling 2nd Quarter 2019
- d- Northern Policy Institute - Revitalizing Governance and Economic Development

9- Other business:

- a- Infrastructure Solutions - Neil Roberts - Decision Optimization Technology

2019-151 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to Infrastructure Solutions fee of \$1,000 for all assets licenses, data upload and verification, GIS alignment, scenario setup, and training for asset management software as well as a \$500 annual maintenance fee.

“CARRIED”

Dennis Jibb and Mark Lenover left the meeting at 8:40 p.m. due to a fire call from dispatch.

- b- Shared Services Meeting

Terry Philips, Reeve agreed to the scheduling of a meeting for shared services for November 22nd, 2019, subject to the availability of the three Reeves from the Township of Hudson, Township of Harley, and Township of Casey.

- c- St. Clair Township - Fire Trucks

St. Clair Township informed the Township of Kerns that the two surplus fire trucks purchased will be available for pick up anytime after November 14th.

- d- Grader - Gov Deals

2019-152 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to reduce the reserve bid on Government Deals of the 1991 Champion 740 Series III grader to the amount mutually agree upon.

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- e- Office Hours During Holidays

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- 2019-153 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to close the Municipal Office during the Christmas Holidays from noon Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 and re-open Thursday, January 2nd 2019.
“CARRIED”

f- Airport - Donation

- 2019-154 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve a donation in the amount of \$3,340.00 to the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority for the year 2019
“CARRIED”

g- K. Smart Associate - Letter of Interest

- 2019-155 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, retain the services of K. Smart Associates Limited for providing engineering services for the replacement of the Murphy Bridge.
“CARRIED”

- 2019-156 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree with the recommendations of K. Smart Associates Limited to prepare a preliminary design with a field survey of the site, as hydrology study and geo-technical investigation for the Murphy Bridge Project.
“CARRIED”

h- Agriculture Development - November 28th, 2019

Jordan Kemp, Economic Development Officer informed council of an agriculture development seminar to be hosted at the Township of Kerns' Hall November 28th, which is open to council and staff to attend. RSVP is required by November 22nd.

10- By-laws:

- a) By-Law 2019-17 By-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$45,000.00 towards the cost of the John Deere Grader

- 2019-157 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-law No. 2019-17**, being a By-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$45,000 towards the cost of the John Deere Grader, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

- 2019-158 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That **By-law No. 2019-17**, being a By-law to authorize the borrowing upon amortizing debentures in the principal amount of \$45,000 towards the cost of the John Deere Grader, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law Book.
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11- Resolution to move to a closed session

- a) None

12- Adjournment

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2019-159 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:10 p.m. and will meet again on December 3rd 2019 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Reeve

Clerk-Treasurer