

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**  
**Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

**Present:**           **Reeve:** Terry Phillips  
                          **Councillors:** Carter Seymour, Loren Runnalls, Dennis Jibb, Mark  
                          Lenover  
                          **Clerk-Treasurer:** Jordan Kemp  
                          **Road Superintendent:** Guy Godmaire

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

**1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda**

2020-030 **Moved:**    **Carter Seymour**    **Seconded:**   **Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 7:30p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2020-031 **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**

2020-032 **Moved:**    **Mark Lenover**    **Seconded:**   **Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-02**

2020-033 **Moved:**    **Mark Lenover**    **Seconded:**   **Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 17,322.47
Fire	\$ 1,630.87
Admin	\$ <u>37,235.57</u>
Total Voucher 2020-02	\$ 56,188.91

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff and Others**

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that the snowmobile club has moved the trail to avoid Max’s Bridge. There has been lots of blowing snow this past month. The grader blew a hydraulic airline but it is back up and running. The plow truck either needs a complete engine rebuild or the truck itself will need to be replaced in the next couple of years. The Road Superintendent will investigate pricing for a slightly used plow truck as a replacement. The steel rims on the plow truck seem more prone to cracking and the Road Superintendent has been advised to switch to aluminum.

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- b. Fire Department  
There were no calls this month. The new trucks are now in service and the manuals should arrive shortly.
- c. Others:
  - i. None

**7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:**

- a- Temiskaming Municipal Association – Level one Highway maintenance program

2020-034 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Temiskaming Municipal Association’s resolution petitioning the Ministry of Transportation to enhance the level of service on Highway 11 by lowering circuit times of the snow plow and combination plow/sander unit routes to 1.6 hours or level one.  
“CARRIED”

- b- Normand Koch, Temiskaming Federation of Agriculture – Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act

2020-035 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to support Ontario Federation of Agriculture’s request in issuing a letter of support regarding Bill 156, Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019.  
“CARRIED”

- c- Village of Merrickville-Wolford – Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

Motion Withdrawn

- d- County of Frontenac – Resolution of Support for Conservation Authorities

Motion Withdrawn

- e- County of Haliburton – Tourism Oriented Destination Signage Fee Increases

Motion Withdrawn

- f- NEOnet – Draft Memorandum of Understanding: Broadband Internet

2020-036 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
Whereas: access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

Whereas: communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

Whereas this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by NEOnet, a publically funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and Blue Sky Net expertise with the Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping tool BAIMAP (Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

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Whereas; from the analysis and public consultation NEOnet will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closes ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;

Whereas: once we determine priority areas we propose establishing three classes of gaps:

1. Gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,
2. Gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and,
3. Gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and:

Whereas: the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

Therefore: be it resolved that, the Township of Kerns supports NEOnet leading a steering committee to which a representative from the Township of Kerns will be appointed and that NEOnet work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement.  
“CARRIED”

**8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 244/97 and Aggregates of Ontario Provincial Standards

Clerk-Treasurer read upcoming changes to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 244-97 aggregate act which would impact the Wabi Pit Line quarry pit. The report will be filed along with the minutes.

**9. Other Business:**

- a- Firstbrook Pit – Royalty Fee and Annual Fee

2020-037 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt and agree to the amounts as outlined in the Firstbrook Pit report as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer and is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.  
“CARRIED”

- b- DTSSAB – Joint Community Safety and Well Being Plan for the District

2020-038 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the proposal of DTSSAB investigating the cost to surrounding municipalities for the preparation of a regional joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.  
“CARRIED”

- c- Murphy Bridge – Update

2020-039 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to work with K.Smart Associates Limited in the tendering and construction of a steel girder type bridge with abutments that are to be steel-faced mechanically stabilized earth for the Murphy Bridge replacement project.  
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d- Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

Council discussed Jim Runnalls proposal to use the old church on Milberta Road as a satellite location for The Little Claybrook Museum. Council agreed that to retrofit and operate the old church to current public standards would be too costly and therefore not feasible. Council directed the Clerk-Treasurer to inform Jim Runnalls of their decision.

e- Hudson Landfill Cost

2020-040 **Moved: Mark Lenover**      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Hudson's Landfill Site Report dated December 31, 2019 for the Township of Kern's share of costs towards the municipal landfill for 2019, and that it be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws**

a- None

**11. Resolution to move to closed session:**

a- None

**12. Adjournment:**

2020-041 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby; adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:23 p.m. and will meet again on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”

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Terry Phillips, Reeve

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Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer