

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of January 5th 2021
Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

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

Regrets: None

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2021-001 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 5th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2021-002 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented:
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2021-003 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 1st 2020 as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-12

2021-004 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$254,308.76
Fire	\$2,537.35
Admin	\$83,170.94
Total Voucher 2020-12	\$340,017.05

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road Department Report

The Road Superintendent reports that Murphy Bridge is now open and construction is complete. The JD Backhoe has been repaired and is back in service.

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b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they attended a fire on Maybrook in December. The trucks are going for safety's.

c. Others

- i. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association – Minutes of December 15th**
- ii. Emergency Management Program Committee – Minutes of December 15th**
- iii. Earlton –Temiskaming Regional Airport Authority – Minutes of October 22nd**
- iv. Earlton Temiskaming Regional Airport Authority – Minutes & Financials of November 12th**
- v. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of November 27th**
- vi. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings - Minutes of December 11th**
- vii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of December 18th**

2021-005 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

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

- a. Road Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association – Minutes of December 15th
 - ii. Emergency Management Program Committee – Minutes of December 15th
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7. Correspondence for Council’s Consideration:

a. Region of Peel – Property Tax Exemptions for Veteran Clubs

2021-006 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Bill 229 to amend the Assessment Act that would provide a full property tax exemption to veterans’ clubs retroactive to January 1st, 2019 ; and

Request that the Ministers of Finance amend the Assessment Act as soon as possible upon passage of the 2020 Ontario Budget and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Region of Peel.

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- b. City of Hamilton – Temporary Cap on Food Delivery Services Charges**
- c. City of Hamilton – Request for Interim Cap on Gas Plant and Greenhouse Gas Pollution and the Development and Implementaiton of a Plan to Phase-Out Gas Fired Electricity Generation**
- d. Township of Matachewan – Grant Application Subission Dealines**
- e. Kingsville – Letter of Support for Small Businisses**

2021-007 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Kingsville’s resolution 704-2020 requesting the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, as well as the Ontario Cabinet and Health Officials, to protect the health of Ontarians and their small businesses by allowing them to remain open to in-store sales and service with limited capacity and increased safety measures; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Kingsville.
“CARRIED”

- f. Grey Highlands – Bill 229**

- 8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:**
 - a. COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – December 12th Uptate**
 - b. Ministry of Transportation – Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario**
 - c. Solicitor General – Community Safety & Well Being Plan**
- 9. Other Business:**
 - a. Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee – Appointment of Member**

2021-008 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Town of Cobalt’s request to appoint Councillor Mathew Johnson of the Town of Cobalt to represent Temagami, Latchford, Colman, Cobalt, Harris, Kerns and Hudson on the Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to appoint Councillor Mathew Johnson to all members within the Township of Kerns’ zone.
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**b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Safe Restart Agreement
2021 Allocation**

2021-009 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing’s letter dated December 16th, outlining the terms and conditions of the Township of Kerns’ second \$20,000 allocation under the Safe Restart Agreement; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to acknowledge these terms and conditions by returning a signed soft copy to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
“CARRIED”

c. Marsh Canada Limited – 2021 Municipal Insurance Policy Renewal

2021-010 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Marsh Canada Limited’s Municipal Insurance Renewal Proposal as prepared by MIS Municipal Insurance Services for the Township of Kerns; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare a by-law to authorize the signing of the presented proposal at the January 5th Regular Meeting.
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2021-01 Being a by-law provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date.
[three readings]

2021-011 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That By-Law No. 2021-01, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2021-012 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That By-Law No. 2021-01, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.
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b. By-Law 2021-02 Being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021. *[three readings]*

2021-013 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That By-Law No. 2021-02, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2021-014 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That By-Law No. 2021-02, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2021 be read a third time and the same engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

c. By-Law 2021-03 That By-Law No. 2021-03, being a by-law to enter an agreement between North Eastern Ontario Communication Network Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for funding under the Covid-19 Technology Adoption Fund Initiative.
[three readings]

2021-015 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That By-Law No. 2021-03, being a by-law to enter an agreement between North Eastern Ontario Communication Network Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for funding under the Covid-19 Technology Adoption Fund Initiative be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2021-16 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That By-Law No. 2021-03, being a by-law to enter an agreement between North Eastern Ontario Communication Network Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for funding under the Covid-19 Technology Adoption Fund Initiative be read a third rime and the same engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

d. By-Law 2021-04 That By-Law No. 2021-04, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2021.
[three readings]

2021-017 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That By-Law No. 2021-04, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2021 be received and read a first and second time.
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2021-18 Moved: **Loren Runnalls** Seconded: **Carter Seymour**
 That By-Law No. 2021-04, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a
 municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2021 be read a third time and the
 same engrossed in the by-law book.
 “CARRIED”

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

a. None

12. Adjournment:

2021-019 Moved: **Loren Runnalls** Seconded: **Carter Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular
 Meeting at 9:30pm and will meet again on February 2nd 2021 or at the call of
 the Reeve.
 “CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer