

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS  
 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
 of September 7, 2021  
 Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

**Present:**   **Reeve:**     Terry Phillips  
                   **Councillors:** Loren Runnalls  
                                   Dennis Jibb  
                                   Mark Lenover  
                                   Carter Seymour (arrived at 8:30 p.m.)  
                   **Staff:**       Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer  
                                   Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

**Regrets:**   None

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

2021-125   **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                   **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.  
 “CARRIED”

2021-126   **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                   **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented:  
 “CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2021-127   **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                   **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 as amended.  
 “CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2021-08**

2021-128   **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	\$15,333.67
Fire	\$1,139.44
Admin	\$44,508.66
Total Voucher 2021-08	\$60,981.77

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

The Road Superintendent reports that the summer student has returned to school. A washout was repaired on McCool Road and Uno Park Road as well as ditching. The new entrances at the Community Hall are up and the tin has been replaced on shed. The grader with an operator was rented to Duncor Enterprises Limited for a total of 4 hours of grading in the Township of Casey along Development Road. Pedersen Construction Inc. is hauling next week on Maybrook. There is a beaver dam on Murphy's Bridge that needs to be removed. Brownlee Equipment sold their Backhoe which was at the garage and the Township of Hudson has picked up their loader which was in the sand shed.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

None

**c. Others**

**i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of 23-Jul-2021**

**ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of 06-Aug-2021**

**iii. Treasurer's Report as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

2021-129 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

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's Department Report

b. Fire's Department Report

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of 23-Jul-2021

ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meetings – Minutes of 06-Aug-2021

iii. Treasurer's Report as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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

**a. City of Kitchener – Rising Cost of Building Materials**

No Action Taken

**b. Perth County – Relationship with MPAC**

No Action Taken

**c. City of Toronto – Bill 177 Stronger Fairer Ontario Act Changes to Provincial Offences Act**

No Action Taken

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**d. Municipality of Chatham-Kent – Supporting Affordable Internet**

2021-130 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

Whereas internet connectivity is a basic necessity and essential utility for the vast majority of Canadians;

Whereas too many Canadians struggle to afford reliable, high-speed internet services, or do not have access to broadband internet at all;

Whereas the need for high-speed and affordable internet is always critical, but is even more so now as the COVID-19 pandemic has shown it is required for education, work, and health care;

Whereas independent studies have consistently shown that Canadians pay some of the highest prices for internet in the world and that internet prices have increased year over year;

Whereas the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission's (CRTC) 2019 Rates Order set wholesale internet prices that would facilitate greater competition and promote innovative broadband services and more affordable prices for consumers;

Whereas the 2019 Rates Order was based on a rigorous, evidence-based, 4-year long regulatory process, and was upheld on appeal by unanimous decision of the Federal Court of Appeal, while the Supreme Court of Canada and the Federal Cabinet declined to review it;

Whereas on May 27, 2021, the CRTC decided to reverse its 2019 Rates Order, effectively guaranteeing that internet prices will continue to rise for consumers;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Kerns' call on the Federal Cabinet, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and ISED Minister Francois-Phillippe Champagne to overrule the CRTC's reversal and immediately implement the evidence-based 2019 Rates Order.

Be it further resolved that the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Minister of Industry, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be sent correspondence of Council's resolution along with the attached letter.

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**e. Township of Kerns – Fire Prevention Week 2021 Proclamation**

2021-131 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

Whereas, the Township of Kerns is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Township of Kerns; and

Whereas, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas, smoke alarms detect smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have just seconds to escape safely; and

Whereas, working smoke alarms save lives by providing early warning of fire so you and your family can safely escape; and

Whereas, the Township of Kerns’ residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

Whereas, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

Whereas, the Township of Kerns’ residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

Whereas, the Township of Kerns’ first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and public fire safety education; and

Whereas, the Township of Kerns’ residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

Whereas, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme™, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Therefore, I Mark Lenover, Fire Chief of the Township of Kerns’ Fire Department, do hereby proclaim October 3rd to 9th, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge all the people of the Township of Kerns to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™” and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Township of Kerns’ fire and emergency services.

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

- a. **District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – Naloxone Distribution**
- b. **District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Operational Overview**
- c. **City of Toronto – Building the Early Learning & Child Care System Toronto Needs**
- d. **Ministry of the Attorney General – Provincial Offences Act Part III Prosecutions**
- e. **Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – August 16<sup>th</sup> Media Release**
- f. **Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – August 17<sup>th</sup> Media Release**
- g. **Services Ontario – Coroner Investigators' Permanent Authority to Sign and Copy MCOs**
- h. **Ministry of the Attorney General – Licensing to Permit Small Organizations to Hold Fundraisers**

**9. Other Business:**

**a. 2022 Western Star Finance Options**

2021-132 **Moved: Carter Seymour                      Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a revised report along with financing agreement with Ontario Infrastructure & Land Corporation for the term of 10 years towards a 2022 Western Star 4700SB.  
"CARRIED"

**b. Timmins Dispatch Agreement**

2021-133 **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Timmins Police Service's letter dated August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 regarding the renewal of the Township of Kerns' fire dispatch contract and agree to the proposed terms of the contract renewal as outlined in the letter.  
"CARRIED"

**c. Appreciation Night 2021 (Discussion)**

2021-134 **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to issue appreciation cards, to include gift cards from Your Independent Grocer, to be issued to all volunteers with the amount of \$30 in lieu of the cancellation of the annual appreciation night.  
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**10. By-Laws**

- a. By-Law 2021-11** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake  
*[three readings]*

2021-135 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That By-Law No. 2021-11, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2021-136 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That By-Law No. 2021-11, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a transfer payment agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake, be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

**None**

**12. Adjournment:**

2021-137 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:52 pm and will meet again on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

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**Terry Phillips, Reeve**

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**Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer**