

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of October 4th, 2022
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
 Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Mark Lenover
 Carter Seymour
 Staff: Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer
 Others: Meagan Rooney, Chair of Armstrong Township Public Library
 Corinna Dallaire, CEO of Armstrong Township Public Library

Regrets: Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2022-127 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 4th, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2022-128 **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

2022-129 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 6th, 2022
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 29th, 2022

“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

a. Armstrong Township Public Library – Meagan Rooney

2022-130 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, acknowledge Meagan Rooney’s presentation regarding the Armstrong Township Public Library; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to enter into an agreement with the Armstrong Township Public Library for the service year 2023.

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5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2022-09

2022-131 **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	\$179,769.55
Fire	\$438.05
Admin	<u>\$75,618.48</u>
Total Voucher 2022-09	\$255,826.08
“CARRIED”	

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road Department Report

No Report.

b. Fire Department Report

No Report.

c. Others

i. Staff Memo: Additional Cemetery Plots

Council directed staff to receive quotes to create additional plots at the Kerns Cemetery, which are to be presented for consideration during the preparation of the 2023 municipal budget.

ii. Staff Memo: Amnesty Week at Landfill

iii. Staff Memo: Appreciation Night

Council directed staff to proceed with issuing gift cards in the amount of \$30 from Your Independent Grocer to show the township's appreciation to all municipal volunteers.

iv. Treasurer's Report as of September 30th, 2022

2022-132 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
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. Staff Memo: Addition Cemetery Plots

ii. Staff Memo: Amnesty Week at Landfill

iii. Staff Memo: Appreciation Night

iv. Treasurer's Report as of September 30th, 2022

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Coleman – Elimination of Riding in Northern Ontario

No Action Taken

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b. Charlie Angus M.P. – Elimination of Riding in Northern Ontario

2022-133

Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significantly different than the issue facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS, the courts have ruled that representation in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives;

WHEREAS, any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on the principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the Township of Kerns calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local needs.

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c. Municipality of Grey Highlands – Increased Speeding Limits

No Action Taken

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Therefore, grant provisional consent, subject to the following conditions, which must be fulfilled within a two-year period from the date of this decision:

1. That the Owner(s) shall submit a copy of the registered Reference Plan, prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor registered in the Province of Ontario, to include the following:
 - Parts for the retained lot and severed lot; and,
 - Lot dimensions and area in accordance with the applications.The Reference Plan should conform substantially to the sketch (Schedule 'A') filed with the Application for Consent.
2. That the Owner(s) convey the severed land to the abutting landowner to the northwest legally described as PCL 6534 SEC SST; PT S1/2 LT 4 CON 2 KERNS AS IN LT73711; KERNS; DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING.
3. That Section 50(3) or 50(5) of the Planning Act apply to any subsequent conveyance of or transaction The Reference Plan should conform substantially to the sketch filed with the Application for Consent.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

12. Adjournment:

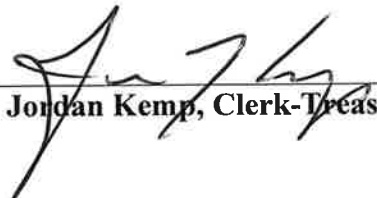
2022-136 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:35 pm and will meet again on November 1st, 2022 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer