

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of July 7th, 2020
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

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

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-085 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of July 7th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
 “CARRIED”

2020-086 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda with the following amendments:
 4. a. Kemp, Elliott & Blair LLP – 2019 Audited Financial Statements
 9. b. Appointment of financial auditor for fiscal year 2020
 “CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-087 **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 June 2nd, 2020 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

2020-088 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 16th, 2020 as presented.
 “CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

Steve Acland, auditor from Kemp, Elliott & Blair LLP

2020-089 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Kerns audited financial statements for the 2019 fiscal year as presented by Steven Acland; and,

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and/or Reeve to sign any such required documents to finalize the 2019 audit.

“CARRIED”

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-06

2020-090 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Loren Runnalls**
 That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve the Payment of Accounts as presented:

Roads	\$ 119,736.83
Fire	\$ 779.35
Admin	\$ <u>25,783.22</u>
Total Voucher 2020-06	\$ 146,299.40

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6. Reports from Staff and Others

a. Roads

The Road Superintendent reported that the roadside grass has been cut. Quotes were obtained for a brush cutter for the Massey Ferguson tractor. Quotes were as follows:

- Brownlee \$2,400,
- MCK \$2,450; and
- Green Tractor \$2,950

Council authorized the Road Superintendent to purchase a brush cutter given the provided quotes.

The Road Superintendent informed council that gravel will be applied to Milberta, McCool, and Pipeline Road. Quotes were obtained to haul gravel and were as follows

- Lathem Construction \$5.75/tonne,
- Pedersen Construction \$6.23/tonne,
- Chuck Caldwell, no quote provided as of council

Hauling cost is expected to be \$51,750 and would like to haul end of August/September.

JD Backhoe's engine is smoking; could be headgasket (Dave Visser will look at the JD) – 11000 hrs.

b. Fire Department

Both pumpers passed their pumper test but failed vacuum test. No calls during the last month. Both the pumper and the tanker will be posted to Government Deals for auction as the pumper did not meet European Standards and will therefore not be sold to Greenland. Fire Department met last night for the first time; will continue to meet going forward. The township was not successful in purchasing a rescue van during auction on Government Deals.

c. Others:

- i. Treasurer's Report – June 29th, 2020
- ii. Staff Report – as of July 3rd, 2020

2020-091 **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 along with the minutes of the regular meeting:

- a) Road Department Report
- b) Fire Department Report
- c) Others
 - i. Treasurer's Report – June 29th, 2020
 - ii. Staff Report – as of July 3rd, 2020

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

a. Town of Oakville – Commercial Recovery Initiative

Motion not moved

b. The Municipality of McDougall – FONOM re DSSAB

Motion not moved

c. Township of Kerns – Blue Box programs

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2020-092 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Mark Lenover**

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways in Northeastern Ontario is a growing area of public concern;

WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and reincorporating valuable resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce GHGs significantly;

WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes;

WHEREAS the Township of Kerns is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products;

WHEREAS the Township of Kerns is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has requested municipal governments with Blue Box programs to provide an indication of the best date to transition our Blue Box program to full producer responsibility;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Kerns strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Kerns forward this resolution to the Honorable Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northeastern Ontario Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association.

“CARRIED”

d. Grey County – Reliable and affordable Broadband issues

2020-093 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support Grey County's Resolution CW93-20 requesting the government improve the level of service for broadband internet in unserved and underserved rural municipalities; and,

That a letter of support be forwarded to Grey County.

“CARRIED”

e. Grey Highlands – COVID-19 support

Motion not moved

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Timiskaming Health Unit – May 28, 2020
- b. Timiskaming Health Unit – June 4, 2020
- c. Timiskaming Health Unit – June 11, 2020
- d. Timiskaming Health Unit – June 18, 2020
- e. Ontario provincial Police – Recent Protest Activity
- f. Solicitor General – OPP invoice

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- g. Ontario Provincial Police – Change in security check and revenue distribution processes
- h. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Reliable Broadband Access

9. Other Business:

- a- J.L. Richard & Associates Ltd – Consent B01-2020-Herd

2020-094 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of J.L. Richards memorandum dated June 5th, 2020 regarding Application for Consent B01-2020 as presented; and

Grant provisional consent subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the memorandum which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting.
“CARRIED”

- b- Appoint Municipal Auditor for 2020

2020-095 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, appoint Kemp, Elliott & Blair LLP as financial auditors for the fiscal year 2020; and,

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and/or Reeve to execute any such required documents pertaining to the audit.
“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

- a- By-law No. 2020-11 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates. *[three readings]*

2020-096 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-law No. 2020-11**, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2020-097 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-law No. 2020-11**, being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2020 be read a third time, and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
“CARRIED”

11. Resolution to move to closed session:

- a- None

12. Adjournment:

2020-098 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby; adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:40 p.m. and will meet again on August 4th, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer