

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of October 6th, 2020
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

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

Regrets: None

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2020-122 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 6th, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2020-123 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:

ADD: 10.a. by-Law 2020-13 being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the installation of a modular bridge supplied by the township and construction of abutments for the replacement of Murphy Bridge on Wabi Pit Line.
[Three readings]

“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2020-124 **Moved:** **Loren Runnalls** **Seconded:** **Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 1st, 2020 as amended.
Correction: Spelling of Mark Lenover
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payments of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-09

2020-125 **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	\$ 72,966.68
Fire	\$ 565.73
Admin	\$ <u>74,678.90</u>
Total Voucher 2020-09	\$ 148,211.31

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff and Others

a. Roads Department Report

Road Superintendent reported that work is being done on Truck 4. Plow truck has new rims and work is being done on plow equipment and sander unit. John Deere Backhoe engine needs work. The engine

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currently has 1,100 hrs. It will not be used until it's fixed. The Clerk-Treasurer will inquire with the Township of Hudson's council if Kerns can rent their spare loader while the John Deere is being repaired. Ditching on Highland Road is finished. The Road Superintendent received a request to inspect the Hillcoat Municipal Drain. Upon investigation the drain is working properly. The issue is due to the farmers tiles. Straw bales are still being piled too close to the road. Letters warning residents that are piling straw bales too close to the road will be issued if not removed.

b. Fire Department:

The fire department has found a used rescue van for sale from the Township of Brock to replace the current rescue van. The asking price is roughly \$17,000. Arrangements will be made for payment and delivery.

There is a potential buyer for the tanker.

No fires to report this month.

c. Others:

- i. Treasurer's report as of September 30th, 2020
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – June 3rd, 2020 Minutes of Regular Meeting
- iii. TMSA – June 30th, 2020 Minutes of Regular Meeting

2020-126 **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 as of September 30th
 - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – June 3rd Minutes of Regular Meeting
 - iii. TMSA- June 30th Minutes of Regular Meeting
- “CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council Consideration:

- a. Township of Kerns – Broadband as an Essential Service

2020-127 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

WHEREAS community social and economic well-being is dependent on fast, reliable, and affordable broadband connectivity and better cellular coverage;

AND WHEREAS Municipal, Provincial and Federal Governments as well as healthcare, education and other sectors will continue to depend on the internet to communicate, provide services and ensure accessibility to information;

AND WHEREAS digital literacy skills are essential to collaborate, innovate, and compete both regionally and globally and require appropriate and affordable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the availability of broadband that is on par with larger, urban areas in Canada is essential for Northern Ontario to achieve economic sustainability and social well-being;

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AND WHEREAS in 2016 the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the internet be designated as an essential service and those efforts are undertaken to ensure all municipalities have access to affordable, fast, and reliable broadband;

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) agreed that an option to explore and hopefully support would be the Starlink Program, by SpaceX.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Kerns agrees that Broadband is an essential service, and that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) should allow SpaceX and other private ventures to compete with those presently acting in the communication field, as they have the private financial ability to move forward.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Science, Innovation, and Economic Development, the Provincial Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, the Provincial Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Northeastern MPs and MPPs, the Leaders of the Opposition Parties, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

“CARRIED”

b. Municipality of Temagami – Broadband Access Petition

2020-128 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Temagami’s resolution 20-217 requesting the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, or the other appropriate bodies, review and assist in opening connectivity to aid in the networking of communities in Northeastern Ontario.
“CARRIED”

c. Municipality of Temagami – Reseller Acces

2020-129 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Temagami’s resolution 20-243 to lobby the CRTC, as manager of Ontera’s tariff and service offerings, to require upgrades to Ontera’s technology system which would allow third party access for communication services.
“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Parkland Dedication
- b. Call 2 Recycle – Household Battery Collection
- c. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – August 21st
- d. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – September 4th
- e. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipality Meeting – September 18th

9. Other Business:

a- Appreciation Night Letter

2020-130 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a draft appreciation letter for volunteers of the Township of Kerns which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

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Direct the municipal office to issue a final version to all volunteers on behalf of council.

“CARRIED”

b- Murphy’s Bridge Abutment RFP 19-303-02

2020-131 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a report prepared by staff dated October 5th, presenting two (2) options provided by Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. regarding Change Order #1 of RFP-19-303-02 that is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. for work as detailed in RFP-19-303-02, Change Order #1, Option #2 for the total amount of \$287,608.73, for consideration at the October 6th, 2020 Regular Meeting.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2020-13 That **By-Law No.2020-13**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the installation of a modular bridge supplied by the township and the construction of abutments for the replacement of Murphy Bridge on Wabi Pit Line.

[Three Readings]

2020-132 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That **By-Law No. 2020-13**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the installation of a modular bridge supplied by the township and construction of abutments for the replacement of Murphy Bridge on Wabi Pit Line, be received and read a first a second time.

“CARRIED”

2020-133 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That **By-Law No. 2020-13**, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns for the installation of a modular bridge supplied by the township and construction of abutments for the replacement of Murphy Bridge on Wabi Pit Line, be read a third time, and the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

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11. Resolution to move to closed session:

a- None

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12. Adjournment:

2020-134 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby; adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:50 p.m. and will meet again on November 3rd, 2020 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer