

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
Held at the Kerns Community Hall**

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

**Regrets:**   None

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

2020-148   **Moved:**   **Mark Lenover**                   **Seconded:**   **Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

220-149   **Moved:**   **Dennis Jibb**                   **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended:  
Add:       e. Office Holiday hours  
              f. Airport Donation  
              g. Ditches  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes**

2020-150   **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 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 as presented.  
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**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2020-11**

2020-151   **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	\$240,924.36
Fire	\$2,213.70
Admin	\$32,820.81
Total Voucher 2020-11	\$275,958.87

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road's Department Report**

Murphy Bridge's modular deck will arrive on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The John Deer Backhoe needs a new head gasket and is also having transmission problems. Farmers in the area are filling in ditches when plowing and cultivating, and the township has received a complaint. Road superintendent would like to have the annual "do not push snow across the roads" reminder posted on the Township website.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

Responded to a mutual aid call in Earlton. There were two false alarms at Kerns Public School. The fire department sold the old Tanker for \$2,500.

**c. Others**

**a.Treasurer's Report as of November 30<sup>th</sup>**

2020-152    **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's Department Report
- b. Fire's Department Report
- c. Others
  - i. Treasurer's Report as of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

**a. Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario – Extension of O.Reg 588/17 Deadline**

2020-153    **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had significant financial and operational impacts on Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have had to divert resources towards addressing the immediate needs of the pandemic and maintaining service delivery standards despite evolving restrictions and limited funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has delayed timelines with respect to several pieces of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal asset management through O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS O.Reg. 588/17 mandates that every municipality shall prepare an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and in respect of all its other municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2023;

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AND WHEREAS the key components of an asset management plan as required by the regulation are:

1. Infrastructure asset inventory
2. Levels of service
3. Lifecycle management and financial strategy

AND WHEREAS there is concern amongst Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) members and their municipalities that current capacity challenges (redeployment of staff, and lack of available resources) will result in limitations for purposeful asset management planning;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities do not anticipate the current capacity challenges to be resolved in the short-term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF KERNS supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting a one-year extension of deadlines in O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; so that all municipalities can focus on the immediate needs of the pandemic and engage in municipal asset management planning when capacity challenges are resolved.

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- b. The County of Prince Edward – Bill 218, Changes to the Municipal Elections Act of 1996**
- c. District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board – 2021 Rent Freeze**
- d. John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane – Bill 226, Broadband is an Essential Service Act**

2020-154      **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support John Vanthof, MPP of the Timiskaming –Cochrane's letter regarding Bill 226-The Broadband is an Essential Service Act. Dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to develop and implement a high-speed internet strategy that ensures 95% of Ontarians have access by 2026, and the other 5% by 2030.

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- 8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**
  - a. Ministry of Finance – 2021 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Allocations**
  - b. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Media Release November 17, 2020**
  - c. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – October 30th, 2020**
  - d. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – November 13th, 2020**

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**9. Other Business:**

**a. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – COVID-19 Resilience Stream**

2020-155 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct staff to submit an application under Ontario’s COVID-19 Resiliency Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for the following project:

- Retrofit old sand shed into storage facility
- Install generator for the fire hall, hall & public works buildings
- New entrances to hall and fire hall
- New pump for hall well
- Ventilation system for hall

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**b. Annual Emergency Response Plan Meeting**

2020-156 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree for Terry Phillips, Reeve, to attend the Annual Emergency Response Plan Meeting scheduled for December 15th to review the Township of Kerns’ joint emergency response plan as required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9.

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**c. The Managed Municipality – Modernization Report Final Version**

2020-157 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of a joint modernization report prepared by The Manage Municipality for the Township of Kerns, Casey, Hudson and Harley, dated November 13<sup>th</sup>; and

That the report be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting as presented.

“CARRIED”

**d. NEOnet- COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund Application**

2020-158 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct staff to submit an application for funding to NEOnet, for a total amount of \$9,547.37 as outlined in the municipal staff report dated November 26th for equipment that would allow staff and council to work remotely as well as conduct electronic meetings if required in the future.

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**e. Holiday Season – Office Hours**

2020-159 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, authorize the closing of the municipal office from noon December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup> for the holiday season.

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**f. Airport Donation**

- 2020-160 **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct municipal staff to issue a donation to the Temiskaming Regional Airport in the amount of \$3,300 for the fiscal year ending in 2020.  
“CARRIED”

**g. Ditches**

Council discussed a complaint received from a resident regarding farmers filling in roadside ditches while cultivating fields.

Council directed municipal staff to issue a notice attached to 2021’s interim tax bills advising residents that going forward, any landowner found responsible for filling in a roadside ditch shall be financially responsible for any damages, including the cost of cleaning the ditch.

**10. By-Laws**

- a. By-Law 2020-16**      Being a by-law to repeal by-law no. 2020-02 of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020  
*[three readings]*

- 2020-161 **Moved: Mark Lenover                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-16** being a by-law to repeal by-law 2020-02 of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

- 2020-162 **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2020-16** being a by-law to repeal by-law 2020-02 of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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:**

- 2020-163 **Moved: Mark Lenover                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m. and will meet again on January 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