

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of March 1st, 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
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

Regrets: None

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2022-027 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of March 1st, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2022-028 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented:
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2022-029 **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 February 1st, 2022 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2022-02

2022-030 **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	\$24,943.46
Fire	\$605.78
Admin	\$24,851.99
Total Voucher 2022-02	\$50,401.23

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

New Western Star, waiting on a hydraulic pump. Expect the truck to be delivered next week, March 7th. February was very busy because of the persistent snow fall. Last year, put 70 hours on the plow truck. To date, 90 hours. Grader 28 hours, 48 hours to date. Will be pushing corners at intersections. Still a month and a half for snow, typically pushing snow until mid April. The 6-wheel drive grader is significantly better than the previous 4-wheel drive grader. Big culvert on North Quarry Road needs to be replaced and Road Superintendent will bring quotes.

b. Fire's Department Report

No fires to report. Professional fire fighters are pushing the government to make volunteer firefighters certified. First aid training was given last week for 11 volunteer Fire Fighters.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Municipal Meeting – Minutes of 28-Jan-2022

2022-031 **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 28-Jan-2022

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Kerns – Boreal Forest Medieval Villages

2022-032 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
Whereas developments known as “Boreal Forest Medieval Villages” are being proposed in unincorporated townships within the District of Timiskaming; and

Whereas the developers of these “villages” are promoting the fact their developments are not subject to zoning by-laws, building permits, planning policies or other municipal/provincial regulations; and

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 states “in territories without municipal organization the focus of development activity shall be related to the sustainable management or use of resources and resource-based recreational uses”; and

Whereas the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 further states that the development of new permanent townsites within territories without municipal organization shall not be permitted; and

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Whereas matters relating to territories without municipal organization are under the sole jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas the scale of these developments in the unincorporated townships poses a significant concern for the incorporated municipalities in the District of Timiskaming including;

- Demand for services such as landfill, fire protection, police protection and social services;
- Increase demand on our emergency and medical services such as EMS and local hospitals (who are already dealing with capacity issues);
- Environmental impacts to watersheds and groundwater sources.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Kerns hereby petitions the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to immediately enact a Minister's Zoning Order under the Planning Act for each of the proposed "Boreal Forest Medieval Village" developments in order to ensure proper planning principles are being adhered to by the developers and that their developments are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks; the Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development, Mines Natural Resources & Forestry; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Temiskaming Mayors' Action Group; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

"CARRIED"

b. Northfolk County – Year of the Garden Proclamation

No Action Taken

c. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2022 Veterinary Assistant Program

2022-033

Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Kerns; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.

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d. Town of Bracebridge – Hospital Funding

No Action Taken

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8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

- a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Affordable Housing
- b. Ministry of Northern Development, Mines Natural Resources & Forestry – LDD Moth
- c. Ministry of Northern Development, Mines Natural Resources & Forestry – Aggregate Act.
- d. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – Q4 Update
- e. Tribunals Ontario – Appeals Resolution Strategy Update
- f. Grey Highlands – Wind Turbines
- g. Northeastern Ontario Public Works Organization
- h. District of Timiskaming Social Services – 2022 Budget

9. Other Business:

- a. Township of Hudson – RFQ-2022-01 Gravel Crishing

2022-034 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Township of Hudson's official results for RFQ-2022-01 – Gravel Crushing which is to be filed along with the minutes of the regular meeting; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to recommend Miller Paving Limited, the lowest submission, for the Council of the Township of Hudson's consideration.
"CARRIED"

10. By-Laws

- a. **By-Law 2022-06** Being a by-law to authorize authorize the signing of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund between her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minster of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry.
[three readings]

2022-035 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That By-Law No. 2022-06, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund between her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minster of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2022-036 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That By-Law No. 2022-06, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund between her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minster of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

None

12. Adjournment:

2022-037 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:15 pm and will meet again on April 5th, 2022 or at the call of the Reeve.
“CARRIED”

Terry Phillips, Reeve

Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer