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

Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2022-127

**Carter Seymour** Moved:

Seconded: Mark Lenover

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular

Meeting of Council of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

"CARRIED"

2022-128

Dennis Jibb Moved:

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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

"CARRIED"

#### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

### 4. Delegations

### a. Armstrong Township Public Library - Meagan Rooney

Seconded: Mark Lenover **Dennis Jibb** 2022-130

> 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

5. I ayment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2022-07

**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 \$75,618.48
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

2022-131

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

"CARRIED"

- 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. "CARRIED"

c. Municipality of Grey Highlands - Increased Speeding Limits

No Action Taken

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- d. Town of Kingsville Opposition to Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022
- 2022-134 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Mark Lenover**That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of the Town of Kingsville's resolution petitioning the Government of Ontario that:
  - 1. Changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and will negatively affect the Town of Kingsville;
  - 2. That if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities;
  - 3. That the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2020;
  - 4. That if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution as support to the Town of Kingsville.

"CARRIED"

e. Municipality of Brighton – Changes to Healthcare Connect System for Canadian Armed Forces

No Action Taken

- 8. Correspondence for Council's Information:
  - a. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Public Consultation
- 9. Other Business:
  - a. Application for Consent B01-2022-Schubert
- Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb

  That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of J.L. Richards & Associates Limited's memorandum regarding application for consent B02-2022-Schubert; and Acknowledge no written statements were provided against application for consent B02 2022 Schubert at the Regular Meeting of September 6th, 2022; and

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 or at the call of the Reeve.

  "CARRIED"

Terry Phillips, Reeve

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