

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of December 6th, 2022
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

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

Regrets: Mark Lenover, Councillor

The Clerk began the meeting by welcoming the newly elected council. Each member took the Oath and filed the Declaration of Office with the Clerk as per Section 232 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

1. Open Regular Meeting of Council & Adoption of Agenda

2022-144 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of December 6th, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2022-145 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented:
“CARRIED”

2. Adoption of Minutes

2022-146 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the minutes:
 • Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 1st, 2022.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2022-11

2022-147 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$19,657.06
Fire	\$43,572.36
Admin	\$73,853.54
Total Voucher 2022-11	\$137,082.96

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that they had to clean up a large amount of garbage on Uno Park Rd. Gravel was hauled on Cattle road as well as Country Bridge road. Winter operations have started. New truck is working well. Joe Runnalls has repaired the washout on McCool road and took care of the beaver dams on Pipeline road. The generator is up and running.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief has nothing to report.

c. Others

- i. Treasurer's Report as of November 30th, 2022;**
- ii. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report for October 2022**

2022-148 **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's Department Report
- b. Fire's Department Report
- c. Others
 - i. Treasurer's Report as of November 30th, 2022;
 - ii. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report for November 2022

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Town of Aurora – Modifications to York Region Official Plan

No Action Taken

b. Township of Warwick – CN Railway Contribution Requirements under the Drainage Act

2022-149 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour**
THAT Ontario's Drainage Act is an important piece of legislation used to meet the drainage needs of a variety of stakeholders, including agricultural businesses and ultimately food production, thereby supporting families, neighbors and thriving communities;

AND THAT CN Rail be called upon to act as a partner to municipalities and agriculture in Ontario and reconsider its position that the Drainage Act does not apply to it as a public entity;

AND THAT CN Rail contribute to all municipal drains in Ontario, as per section 26 of the Drainage Act, and work to expedite its response timelines to the fifty-five projects currently on hold in Ontario so that the projects impacting the agriculture sector can proceed and be dealt with in a timely manner after years of delay caused directly by CN Rail;

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AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, local MPP John Vanthof, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie Claude Bibeau, President and CEO of CN Rail Tracy Robinson, Director of Government Relations Railway Association of Canada Gregory Kolz, and the Township of Warwick.
“CARRIED”

c. City of Stratford – Funding & Support for VIA Rail Services

No Action Taken

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. Solicitor General – Community & Wek Being Plan**
- b. Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**
- c. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board – Appointment for 2022-2026 Term**
- d. Temiskaming Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee – Appointment for 2022-2026 Term**
- e. Timiskaming Health Unit – Appointment to Board for 2022-2026 Term**
- f. Temiskaming Municipal Services Association – Seeking Nominations**
- g. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – Highway Safety Standard**
- h. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – New Chapter**
- i. Tribunals Ontario – New Tribunals Ontario & Assessment Review Board Key Performance Indicators**
- j. Township of Armstrong – Library Board**

9. Other Business:

a. Earth Committee – Appointment to Committee for 2022-2026 Term

2022-150 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of municipal staff’s memorandum regarding the Earth Committee; and Appoint the following individuals to the Earth Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

- Member: Dennis Jibb, Councillor; and
- Member: Carter Seymour, Councillor.

“CARRIED”

b. Timiskaming Municipal Association – Appointment to Association for 2022-2026 Term

2022-151 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of municipal staff’s memorandum regarding the Temiskaming Municipal Association; and

Appoint the following individuals to the Temiskaming Municipal Association for the 2022-2026 term:

- Loren Runnalls, Councillor; and
- Terry Phillips, Reeve.

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c. Emergency Plan & Administration Agreement – 2022 Annual Review

2022-152 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept municipal staff's memorandum requesting the following:

That Terry Phillips, Reeve, attend the Joint Emergency Response Plan meeting for the townships of Harley, Hudson, Casey and Kerns, in accordance to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, on December 21st at 12:00 p.m. at Ali's Bar & Grill; and

That Terry Phillips, Reeve be appointed to the Shared Services Administration Committee in accordance to By Law 2022-04 for the 2022-2026 term, to review shared administrative services between the Township of Harley, Hudson, Casey and Kerns, on December 21st at 12:00 p.m. at Ali's Bar & Grill.

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d. 2023 Insurance Renewal

2022-153 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of municipal staff's memorandum regarding the Township of Kerns' 2023 insurance renewal proposal provided by McDougall Insurance; and

Direct Municipal Staff to prepare and present a by-law for council's consideration at the Regular Meeting of December 6th, authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Insurance Program Proposal with an annual premium of \$35,295 provided by McDougall Insurance.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

a. By-Law 2022-17 Being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2023
[three readings]

2022-154 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That **By-Law No. 2022-17**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2023 be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2022-155 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2022-17**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of a municipal insurance renewal proposal for 2023 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:


a. None

12. Adjournment:

2022-156 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 pm and will meet again on January 3rd, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Jordan Kemp, Clerk-Treasurer