

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of APRIL 4TH, 2023
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Mark Lenover
 Carter Seymour
Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
 Allison Doyon, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2023-041 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of April 4th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-042 **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:

a. Regular Meeting of March 7th, 2023

2023-043 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 ▪ Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 7th, 2023 as amended.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-03

2023-044 **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	\$15,113.89
Fire	\$2,348.03
Admin	\$75,130.14
Total Voucher 2023-03	\$92,592.06

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6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that the one-way on the Plow truck dug into some soft snow and the plow harness was bent. The harness is repairable and required parts have been ordered. The sander and the dump box are still usable. The roads crew is currently using the grader to plow and Harley Township is also plowing a few miles with their equipment. The Road Superintendent presented options for new and used loaders, and also reported that load restrictions will be put in place this upcoming week.

2023-045 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Road Superintendent to go look at the 2015 JD 310 Loader in Timmins, and authorize the Road Superintendent to purchase the Loader for a price at \$85,000.00 plus HST and agree to trade in the Kerns Township Loader with the same dealer.
"CARRIED"

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that there were no fire calls, but were called out to assist with a snowmobile accident. The Chief reports that the Fire Department received 8 set of new bunker gear which were mostly funded by the Frog's Breath Grant. Chief Lenover also received a letter from the Hudson Fire Department regarding a preliminary proposal for an Administrative Fire Chief.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report for February 2023

ii. Minutes of Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – January 25, 2023

iii. DTSSAB – Annual Report 2022

2023-046 **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's Department Report
b. Fire's Department Report
c. Others
 i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report for February 2023
 ii. Minutes of Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health – January 25, 2023
 iii. DTSSAB – Annual Report 2022
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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Chatham-Kent – Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs

2023-047 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution to address rising municipal insurance costs; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

“CARRIED”

b. Town of Lucan Biddulph – Barriers for Women in Politics

No Action

c. Town of Kirkland Lake – Bill 42 Gender Affirmation Healthcare Act

No Action

d. Township of Lucan Biddulph – Future Accuracy of Permanent Register of Electors

No Action

e. Chatham-Kent – Bill 5 – Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

No Action

f. Association of Ontario Road Supervisors – Enbridge Gas Utility Locates Fee proposal

2023-048 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Kerns strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

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AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **DTSSAB – Homelessness in Ontario**
- b. **Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry – Inspection of the 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedule on the Temagami Forest**
- c. **MNRF – Amendments to O. Reg 161/17 – Floating Accommodations and Camping over Public Lands**

9. Other Business:

- a. **Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum - Donation**

2023-049 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum’s donation request in the amount of \$200.00 to continue to preserve the district’s heritage; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$200.00, and an additional donation of \$200.00 in memory of Jim Runnalls.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

- a. **By-Law 2023-06** Being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Kerns’ procedural by-law
[three readings]

2023-050 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2023-06**, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Kerns’ procedural by-law and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2023-051 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2023-06**, being a by-law to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to delegate powers and duties for the purpose of holding council and committee meetings in accordance with the Township of Kerns’ procedural by-law be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
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b. By-Law 2023-07 Being a by-law to appoint an Integrity
Commissioner
[three readings]

2023-052 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2023-07**, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity
Commissioner be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

2023-053 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2023-07**, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity
Commissioner 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:

2023-054 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular
Meeting at 9:10pm and will meet again on May 2nd, 2023 or at the call of the
Reeve.
“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer