

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Of AUGUST 1ST 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
 Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2023-091 **Moved:** Dennis Jibb **Seconded:** Mark Lenover
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of August 1st, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2023-092 **Moved:** Dennis Jibb **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 July 4th, 2023.

2023-093 **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 Council Meeting of July 4th, 2023 as amended: Page 3, Motion 2023-087 – Name Change.

“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-07

2023-094 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$51,870.33
Fire	\$173.95
Admin	\$21,621.77
Total Voucher 2023-07	\$73,666.05

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6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Road's Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that the Bowen Culvert has been replaced. Currently waiting on quotes for gravel prices for Milberta Road and from hauling Township gravel from the pit for North Quarry and Maybrook Roads. Roads crew have also done a second application of calcium on Milberta Road.

b. Fire's Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they responded to a structure fire in Kenabeek. The Fire Department was successful in saving the home. The Department is also working on setting up an additional water reserve to use for fires in the Township.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – June 2023

ii. TMSA Meeting Minutes – April 20th, 2023 and FS 2022

iii. Treasurer's Report – July 28th, 2023

2023-095 **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. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – June 2023
 - ii. TMSA Meeting Minutes – April 20th, 2023 and FS 2022
 - iii. Treasurer's Report – July 28th, 2023

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Municipality of Chatham-Kent – MFIPPA Time Change

2023-096 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Chatham-Kent's resolution requesting that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA and consider recommendations as made by the Municipality of Chatham Kent; and

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

“CARRIED”

b. International Overdose Awareness Day

2023-097 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of email from the Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy coordinator requesting support in proclaiming August 31st, 2023 as International Overdose Awareness Day; and

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WHEREAS, the Corporation of the Township of Kerns does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the people who went unseen and whose lives have been altered by overdose; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of thousands of Ontarians during the past year, together with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, 6 suspected drug-related deaths occurred during the first half of 2023, and a total of 14 deaths during the last year in the Timiskaming Health Unit region ^[1]; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our friends, and deserving of our love, compassion, and support;

[1] Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service. (2023).

THEREFORE, I, Terry Phillips, Reeve, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in The Township of Kerns.
“CARRIED

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

- a. **MNRF – Herbicide Project 2023**
- b. **MNRF – Crown Fortes Sustainability Act Proposed Amendments**
- c. **Timiskaming OPP Detachment Board Proposal Update**

9. Other Business:

- a. **Community Safety Well Being Plan Launch**

2023-098 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) regarding an update on the Timiskaming Community Safety Well-Being (CSWB) plan; and

Acknowledge that an in-person event will be held in September 2023 to provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the plan, prioritize areas for action, and inform the development of a steering committee structure with representation from each participating municipality; and

Direct municipal staff to provide a written response to the THU stating The Township of Kerns’ desire to follow the CSWB’s Plan implementation.
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- 2023-099 **b. TMSA Re: CBO Appointment By-Law and Annual Meeting Invite**
Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) regarding the Chief Building Official (CBO) Appointment By-law and annual meeting to be held on September 14th, 2023 at 7pm at the Earleton Recreation Centre; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary appointment by-law to be presented at the regular meeting of August 1st, 2023 for council's consideration.

“CARRIED”

- 2023-100 **c. TMSA Re: Updated Fee Schedule**
Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of letter from the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) regarding an updated building permit fee schedule; and

Direct municipal staff to prepare the necessary by-law to adopt the updated building permit fees as presented by the TMSA effective October 1st, 2023, to be presented at the regular meeting of August 1st, 2023 for council's consideration.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws

- a. By-Law 2023-11** Being a by-law for the appointments of a Chief Building Official, Inspectors, and a Fire Prevention Officer
[three readings]

- 2023-101 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2023-11**, being a by-law for the appointments of a Chief Building Official, Inspectors, and a Fire Prevention Officer, be received and read a first and second time.
“CARRIED”

- 2023-102 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2023-11**, being a by-law for the appointments of a Chief Building Official, Inspectors, and a Fire Prevention Officer, be received and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.
“CARRIED”

- b. By-Law 2023-12** Being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns
[three readings]

- 2023-103 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2023-12**, being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, be received and read a first time.
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11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:


a. None

12. Adjournment:

2023-104 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 pm and will meet again on September 5th, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer