

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 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**

2023-116   **Moved:**   **Mark Lenover**               **Seconded:**   **Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2023-117   **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**

**a. Regular Meeting of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

2023-118   **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 September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2023-09**

2023-119   **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	\$14,959.40
Fire	\$1,186.32
Admin	\$87,982.57
Total Voucher 2023-09	<u>\$104,128.29</u>

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**6. Reports from Staff & Others**

**a. Road’s Department Report**

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The Roads Superintendent reports that all the gravel had been hauled from the stock pile at the pit and crushing is scheduled for 2024. They have approximately 1,800 metric tonnes left to haul under the NORDS funding. Bridge inspections are completed and there is work to be done on the approaches of Max's Bridge. The Superintendent reports that stop signs have been stolen on Uno Park and Pipeline Roads. The Roads Department is also currently getting quotes for winter sand.

**b. Fire's Department Report**

The Fire Chief reports that it was a quiet month and there were no fire calls.

**c. Others**

- i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – August 2023**
- ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes June 7 & Aug 10, 2023**
- iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – 2023 Mid-Year Board Report**
- iv. DTSSAB Quarterly Report – Q2 April-June 2023**
- v. Treasurer's Report September 2023**

2023-120      **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 – August 2023
  - ii. Timiskaming Health Unit Minutes June 7 & Aug 10, 2023
  - iii. Timiskaming Health Unit – 2023 Mid-Year Board Report
  - iv. DTSSAB Quarterly Report – Q2 April-Junes 2023
  - v. Treasurer's Report September 2023

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**7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:**

- a. City of Cambridge – Declaring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) an Epidemic**

No Action

- b. Town of Midland – “Catch and Release” Justice is Ontario**

No Action

- c. FONOM – Support for Northern School of Medicine**

2023-121      **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Kerns hereby, recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and

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WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs; and

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Kerns strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

"CARRIED"

**8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**

- a. Ministry of Municipality Affairs and Housing – 2022 House Prices and Rents Tables**
- b. Municipal Policing Bureau – Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue to Municipalities**

**9. Other Business:**

- a. By-Law Officer Appointment**

2023-122

**Moved: Loren Runnalls**

**Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby direct municipal staff to prepare a by-law to be presented at the Regular Meeting of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to enter into an agreement with Pete Gilboe to supply contract services under the By-Law enforcement position for the corporation of the Township of Kerns and to appoint a municipal By-Law enforcement officer.  
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**b. Armstrong Township Public Library Agreement - 2024**

2023-123    **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby acknowledge receipt of Armstrong Township Public Library's agreement to provide full library services to the residents of The Township of Kerns for the year 2024; and

Authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and Reeve to enter into an agreement with the Armstrong Township Public Library for the service year 2024.  
"CARRIED"

**10. By-Laws**

a. **By-Law 2023-14**    Being a by-law to being a by-law to enter into and agreement with Pete Gilboe to supply contract services under the by-law enforcement position for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns, and to appoint a municipal by-law enforcement officer  
*[three readings]*

2023-124    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-14**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Pete Gilboe to supply contract services under the By-Law enforcement position for The Corporation of the Township of Kerns and to appoint a municipal By-Law enforcement officer, be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

2023-125    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2023-14**, being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Pete Gilboe to supply contract services under the By-Law enforcement position for The Corporation of the Township of Kerns and to appoint a municipal By-Law enforcement officer, and read a third time and hereby engrossed in the By-Law book.  
"CARRIED"

**11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:**

a. **None**

**12. Adjournment:**

2023-126    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:40 pm and will meet again on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
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Terry Phillips, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer