

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024
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
 Others: John Shymko, Municipal Pet Rescue Support
Regrets: None

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda

2024-132 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of November 5th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2024-133 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
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 October 1st, 2024

2024-134 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:
 a. Regular Meeting of October 1st, 2024 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations:

a. John & Dwayne Shymko – Municipal Pet Rescue Support

Mr. Shymko outlined to Council the issue of increasing number of stray animals in our area. He and his wife are proposing the creation of a task force to address this problem with representation from each local municipality. The task force will be tasked with drafting policies and by-laws that each member municipality could consider passing to help deal with this problem. He outlined to council how the animal control by-law works in the Municipality of Temagami where he works. Councillor Jibb suggested that such a large task force may be difficult to collaborate with. Reeve Phillips asked if this presentation had ever been presented to TMA. Mr. Shymko said that although it is more time consuming to visit each Township, they would prefer a direct link to each council.

2024-135 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge and accept the presentation by John Shymko regarding municipal pet rescue support.
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5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2024-10

2024-136 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns, do hereby, approve the payment of accounts as presented:

Roads	\$74,207.23
Fire	\$469.71
Admin	\$19,613.51
Total Voucher 2024-10	<u>\$93,464.39</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads Superintendent reports that gravel hauling is completed on North Quarry, McCool and Milberta Roads. Winter sand has been delivered and is ready for the winter season. There were some stolen road signs on Uno Park, Pipeline, Highland, and Wabi Line Roads. The roads department also bought a new (used) Massey Ferguson sickle mower for \$1,200.00. There were complaints about grading operations and another complaint regarding the gravel piles that were being spread on Milberta Road during yearly gravel hauling operations. Signs were placed at both ends of the work being done so traffic was aware of the work. There were over 125 hours put on the grader for grading during the month, however the increase in traffic on Milberta road due to Highway 11 construction has caused the road conditions to deteriorate quickly. Winter operations will begin shortly. The Road Superintendent also attended a low volume roads workshop in Barrie Ontario.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that they responded to a false alarm call to assist Harley but were called off.

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June-September 2024

ii. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – September 2024

iii. Treasurer’s Report – October 2024

2024-137 **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. Roads Department Report

b. Fire Department Report

c. Others

i. Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health Minutes – June-September 2024

ii. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – September 2024

iii. Treasurer’s Report – October 2024

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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Temiskaming Shores – Location of Alcohol Strategy

2024-138 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the City of Temiskaming Shores resolution regarding the provincial decision surrounding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the City of Temiskaming Shores.

“CARRIED”

b. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Ontario Deposit Return Program

No Action

c. Pavillion Women's Centre – 2024 Proclamation of International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women

2024-139 **Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour**
The Township of Kerns does hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the elimination of Violence Against Women;

WHEREAS violence continues to be the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls and gender-diverse individuals; and

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS November 25th the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS Femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario, with over 62 femicides occurring in Ontario in 2023.

WHEREAS Our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian and South East Asian women and girls continue to experience higher rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS last year in Ontario, on average every 6 days a woman or child lost their life due to femicide; and

WHEREAS in five of the last six years, at least one person from the District of Timiskaming was the victim of femicide; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario; and

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WHEREAS it is recognized that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence; and NOWTHEREFORE, I, Terry Phillips, Reeve of Kerns Township proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2024 shall be known as

“The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women” and urge all citizens to recognize this day by acting to support survivors of gender-based violence.
“CARRIED”

d. Ontario Good Roads Association – Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

2024-140 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Kerns requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and the Ontario Good Roads Association.
“CARRIED”

8. Correspondence for Council’s Information:

a. DTSSAB – 2024 Refund

9. Other Business:

a. Memo-24-014 – Council Meeting Schedule – 2025

2024-141 **Moved: Mark Lenover Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-014 Council Meeting Schedule – 2025*; and

Approve the following Council Meeting schedule for the upcoming year:

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January 7 2025
February 4 2025
March 4 2025
April 1 2025
May 6 2025
June 3 2025
July 1 2025
August 5 2025
September 2 2025
October 7 2025
November 4 2025
December 2 2025

“CARRIED”

b. Royal Canadian Legion – 12 Annual Military Service Recognition Book
No Action

c. Memo-24-015 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise

2024-142 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-015 – Emergency Response Plan – Annual Table Top Exercise*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Kerns’ annual table top emergency meeting at the Harley Community Hall on November 19th, 2024 for the following attendees:

- Terry Phillips, Reeve
- Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent
- Mark Lenover, Fire Chief
- Krystle Seymour, CEMC
- Allison Doyon, Alternate CEMC
- Melanie Woods, Municipal Staff

“CARRIED”

d. Memo-24-016 – Emergency Control Group & Admin Shared Services Agreement

2024-143 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo-24-016 “Emergency Control Group & Administrative Shared Services Agreement – Review Meeting”*; and

Agree to schedule the Township of Kerns’s annual Emergency Control Group meeting and bi-annual Shared Services Administrative meeting with representatives from the Township of Harley, Township of Hudson and Township of Casey for Wednesday, November 20th, to be attended by Terry Phillips, Reeve.

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e. 2024 Earlton-Timiskaming Airport Donation [no item]

2024-144 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct municipal staff to issue a donation to the Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2024 fiscal year.

“CARRIED”

f. Landfill Use Contract Negotiation [no item]

The Clerk-Treasurer verbally presented Hudson’s offer to adjust a new cost share for the use of the Hudson Landfill as per Hudson Township’s motion 2022-100 dated July 6th, 2022.

Kerns Council directed staff to continue to negotiate a new cost share for the use of the Hudson Landfill with Hudson Council.

10. By-Laws:

None

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

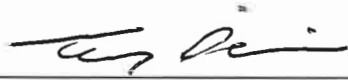
None

12. Adjournment:

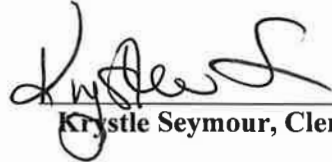
2024-145 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 pm and will meet again on December 3rd, 2024 or at the call of the Reeve.

“CARRIED”



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer