

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

Present: **Reeve:** Terry Phillips
 Councillors: Loren Runnalls
 Dennis Jibb
 Mark Lenover
 Carter Seymour
 Staff: Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer
Regrets: Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:

2025-021 **Moved:** **Dennis Jibb** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 4th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
“CARRIED”

2025-022 **Moved:** **Mark Lenover** **Seconded:** **Dennis Jibb**
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 January 7th, 2025

2025-023 **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 January 7th, 2025 as presented.
“CARRIED”

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

None

4. Delegations:

None

5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-01

2025-024 **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	\$37,615.04
Fire	\$20,749.01
Admin	\$75,058.23
Total Voucher 2025-01	\$133,422.28

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads report states that regular winter maintenance continued throughout the month. New tires were purchased for the ½ ton and the rear shocks were replaced. The rear tires on the grader will need to be replaced this year. Cost is about \$8,000 in total.

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b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that the transmission computer in the little tanker/pumper is being shipped to the US to see if they can fix it to repair the transmission issue. The Fire Chief will be going to Kerns Public School to go over fire plans with them. The ONR would be able to give the Fire Department a rail car by spring as a water reserve. The Fire Department would not need winter access to the well if this water reserve was installed. Fire training was started by some members.

c. Others

i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – December 2024

ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - Reports

2025-025 **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. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – December 2024

 ii. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport - Reports

“CARRIED”

7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. City of Peterborough – Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

No Action

b. Town of Cobalt – Meaningful Improvements to Catch & Release

2025-026 **Moved: Carter Seymour Seconded: Loren Runnalls**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Cobalt's resolution requesting that the Federal and Provincial governments make meaningful improvements to the current state of “catch and release” justice in the Ontario legal system; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Town of Cobalt.

“CARRIED”

c. FONOM – Ineligible Recycling Amendments to O.Reg 391/12

No Action

8. Correspondence for Council's Information:

a. Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport – Thank You Letter

9. Other Business:

a. Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee – 2025 Membership

Fee

2025-027 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Mark Lenover**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's donation request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Kerns; and

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Direct municipal staff to issue payment in the amount of \$225.00 as a donation to the Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee.

“CARRIED”

b. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – 2025 Donation Request

2025-028 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum’s donation request to continue to preserve the district’s heritage; and

Direct municipal staff to issue payment of \$200 as a donation to The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum.

“CARRIED”

c. Quote for 2025 Bridge Inspection

2025-029 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of quote from K.Smart Associates for the 2025 Bridge Inspections in the amount of \$4,800 plus HST; and

Direct municipal staff to engage the services of K.Smart Associates Limited to complete the 2025 Bridge Inspections in compliance with Ontario Regulation 104/97; and

That Council hereby authorizes a total estimated expenditure of \$4,800 plus applicable taxes as outlined in the received quote.

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

a. By-Law 2025-06 Being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns
[three readings]

2025-030 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be received and read a first and second time.

“CARRIED”

2025-031 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2025-06**, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Reeve for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.

“CARRIED”

b. By-Law 2025-07 Being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025
[three readings]

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2025-032 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025 be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2025-033 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-07**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2025 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

c. **By-Law 2025-08** Being a by-law to amend Schedule "A", Appendix 'A' and Appendix 'B' which from By-Law 2008-14 being a by-law to enter into agreements with other municipal authorities for sharing and maintaining the Hudson landfill
[three readings]


2025-034 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-08**, being a by-law to amend Schedule "A", Appendix 'A', and Appendix 'B' which form By-Law 2008-14 being a by-law to enter into agreements with other municipal authorities for sharing and maintaining the Hudson landfill be received and read a first and second time.
"CARRIED"

2025-035 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-08**, being a by-law to amend Schedule "A", Appendix 'A', and Appendix 'B' which form By-Law 2008-14 being a by-law to enter into agreements with other municipal authorities for sharing and maintaining the Hudson landfill be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"


11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
None

12. Adjournment:

2025-036 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m. and will meet again on March 4th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



Terry Phillips, Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer