

TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of OCTOBER 7TH, 2025
Held at the Kerns Community Hall

2025-126 **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	\$205,232.67
Fire	\$1,164.75
Admin	\$82,423.98
Total Voucher 2025-09	<u>\$333,821.40</u>

“CARRIED”

6. Reports from Staff & Others:

a. Roads Department Report

The Roads Superintendent report stated that Milberta Road, Highland Road, and Wabi Pit Line gravel projects are completed. Uno Park gravel will be starting soon. The new half-ton truck has arrived and is now in service. The Superintendent is also currently working on prices for the winter sand. New tires were ordered for the grader.

b. Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reports that there were no fires this past month. The Fire Department will be visiting the Kerns Public School with trucks and will be handing out safety items to the children. They are also waiting for electrical and plumbing to complete the washer and dryer installation. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the application for the fire in Kenabeek last summer has been submitted and a response is still pending.

Councillor Lenover also thanked Councillor Seymour for his assistance with installing the new sign at the cemetery which includes an updated map of internment details between 2014 and 2025.

c. Others

- i. Eco-Logix’s Landfill Report – August 2025
- ii. NEPH Merger Community Update – September 2025
- iii. NEPH Board Minutes – June 12th, 2025
- iv. DTSSAB Report – Quarter 2 2025
- v. Treasurer’s Report – September 2025
- vi. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]*

2025-127 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
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 – August 2025
 - ii. NEPH Merger Community Update – September 2025
 - iii. NEPH Board Minutes – June 12th, 2025
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7. Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

a. Township of Larder Lake – Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Temiskaming Forest

2025-128 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from the Township of Larder Lake requesting that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the Township of Larder Lake.

“CARRIED”

b. Township of Larder Lake – Extend Deadline for Fire Certification

2025-129 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach, however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available;

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to

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independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Kerns respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), MPP John Vanthof, and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.
"CARRIED"

c. Municipality of St. Charles – Natural Gas Expansion – Project Cancellation
No Action

d. City of Dryden – Mandatory Water Safety Training

2025-130

Moved: Dennis Jibb Seconded: Carter Seymour

That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of resolution from the City of Dryden urging the provincial government, through the ministry of education, to incorporate mandatory water safety swim-to-survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario Students; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a letter of support to the City of Dryden.
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e. Municipality of Brighton – Democratic Principals, Practices & Norms

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No Action

8. **Correspondence for Council's Information:**
- a. **Township of Harley – Position on Wind Turbine Development**
 - b. **Timiskaming First Nation – Objection to Horizon's New Energy's Wind Farm Proposal**
 - c. **Horizon New Energy Response Letter to Timiskaming First Nation**
 - d. **Letter of Support Little Claybelt Wind – Matachewan First Nation**
 - e. **Correspondance Re: Wind Turbines – Residents**
 - f. **Correspondance Re: Wind Turbines - Opposition Group**
9. **Other Business:**
- a. **Memo 25-017 – Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Donation - 2025**

2025-131 **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 Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2025 fiscal year.
"CARRIED"

- b. **Memo 25-018 – Roads Department Surplus Equipment – 2012 Chevrolet Pickup Truck**

2025-132 **Moved: Loren Runnalls Seconded: Marc Lenover**
WHEREAS, the Roads Department has identified certain equipment as no longer necessary for municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the equipment has been evaluated and determined to be obsolete, beyond economical repair, or otherwise surplus to the needs of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the disposal of surplus equipment is governed by the municipality's disposal of surplus equipment policy through By-Law 2007-26;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following equipment is hereby declared surplus:
 - 2012 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Truck, VIN 1GCNKPEX7CZ170502
 2. The method of disposal shall be determined by the Road Superintendent and Clerk-Treasurer in accordance with By-Law 2007-26.
 3. Any proceeds for the disposal shall be deposited into the General Fund, as appropriate.
 4. The Clerk-Treasurer and Road Superintendent are authorized to carry out the disposal process and ensure proper documentation is retained.
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- c. **Ontario Road Network – Memorandum of Understanding**

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2025-133 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the memorandum of understanding authorizing permission for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to use the Township of Kerns' municipal road network data for the Ontario Road Network (ORN).
"CARRIED"

(11) Resolution to Move to Closed Session:

(a). Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 2(f) **Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege.**

2025-134 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to enter closed session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to advice subject to solicitor-client privilege pursuant to Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, regarding the following matter:

- Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege

"CARRIED"

Councillor Runnalls and Councillor Jibb left the meeting at 7:51pm

(The three remaining council members and the Clerk-Treasurer left the community hall to hold closed session in the Kerns Fire Hall)

2025-135 **Moved: Carter Seymour** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to arise from closed session at 8:53 p.m.; and

Accept *Confidential Memo 25-019* from the Clerk-Treasurer regarding advice subject to solicitor-client privilege.

"CARRIED"

Council members and the Clerk-Treasurer returned to the community hall. Regular council meeting resumed at 9.d. Other Business

d. Notice of Motion – Councillor Lenover – Municipal Support Resolution (MSR) for Horizon New Energy

2025-136 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Terry Phillips**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, agree to provide the following resolution of support to Horizon New Energy for their submission in the Long-Term 2 Energy Supply (Window 1) request for proposals issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO);

WHEREAS:

1. The Proponent is proposing to construct and operate a Long-Term Energy Project located on Municipal Project Lands, as defined and with the characteristics outlined in the table below, under the Long-Term 2 Energy Supply (Window 1) Request for Proposals ("LT2(e-1) RFP") issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO").

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2. Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the LT2(e- 1) RFP.
3. The Proponent has, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Proposal Submission Deadline, delivered a Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice to an applicable Local Body Administrator in respect of the Municipal Project Lands that includes the details outlined in the table below, except for the Unique Project ID which should only be required as part of the Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice if available.

Unique Project ID of the Long-Term Energy Project (if available): <input Unique Project ID>	Not Available
Legal name of the Proponent: <input legal name of the Proponent>	Little Claybelt Wind LP
Name of the Long-Term Energy Project: <input name of the Long-Term Energy Project>	Little Claybelt Wind
Technology of the Long-Term Energy Project: <input technology of the Long-Term Energy Project>	Wind
Maximum potential Contract Capacity of the Long-Term Energy Project (in MW): <input the maximum potential Contract Capacity of the Long-Term Energy Project (in MW)>	200 MW

Property Identification Number (PIN), or if PIN is not available, municipal address or legal description of the Municipal Project Lands: <input the applicable description> (the "Municipal Project Lands")	See Appendix A
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4. Pursuant to the LT2(e-1) RFP, if the Long-Term Energy Project is proposed to be located in whole or in part on Municipal Project Lands, the Proposal must include Municipal Support Confirmation which may be in the form of a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

5. The council of Kerns Township supports the submission of a Proposal for the Long-Term Energy Project located on the Municipal Project Lands.
6. This resolution's sole purpose is to satisfy the mandatory requirements of Section 4.2(c)(iii) of the LT2(e-1) RFP and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of approval in relation to the Proposal or Long-Term Energy Project or for any other purpose.
7. The Proponent has undertaken, or has committed to undertake, Indigenous and community engagement activities in respect of the Long-Term Energy Project to the satisfaction of the Municipality.
8. The Municipal Project Lands does include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in Kerns Township.
9. Where the Municipal Project Lands does include lands designated as Prime Agricultural Areas in Kerns Township as of the date of this resolution:
 - a. The Municipal Project Lands are not designated as Specialty Crop Areas;
 - b. The Long-Term Energy Project is not a Non-Rooftop Solar Project;

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- c. The Proponent has satisfied the AIA Component One Requirement to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality; and
- d. If the Proponent is selected as a Selected Proponent under the LT2(e-1) RFP, the council of Kerns Township will engage in good faith with the Selected Proponent to enable the Selected Proponent to complete the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement.

Appendix A: Property Identification Numbers

613130213	613130260	613140255	613130250	613130196
613130190	613130280	613140010	613130066	613130269
613130256	613130173	613140235	613130177	613130268
613130044	613130086	613140084	613130252	613130267
613130254	613130067	613140238	613130283	613140252
613130259	613130222	613140082	613130004	613140107
613130039	613130076	613140103	613130009	613140136
613130037	613130075	613140104	613130007	613140256
613130028	613130242	613140027	613130291	613140241
613130272	613130289	613140006	613130022	613140240
613130225	613130097	613130034	613130199	613130239
613130026	613130274	613130176	613130282	613140059
613130062	613130023	613130172	613130253	613140060
613130059	613130035	613130231	613130257	613140014
613130074	613130201	613130233	613130011	613130165
613130212	613130049	613130205	613130122	613130224
613130281	613130072	613130258	613130232	613140050
613130043	613130174	613130270	613130273	613140074
613130279	613140253	613130202	613130195	613140058
613130286	613130249	613130051	613130036	613140243
613130055	613140251	613130275	613130121	613140231
613130056	613140246	613130167	613130083	613140234
613130031	613140008	613130017	613130120	613140186
613130238	613140005	613130016	613130208	613140242
613130170	613140051	613130243	613130089	613130021
613130271	613140232	613130008	613130199	613130226
613130027	613140092	613130216	613130006	613140144
613130203	613140236	613130042	613130179	613140091
613130057	613140233	613130077	613130209	613140143
613130030	613140134	613130227	613130066	613140142
613130284	613140101	613130018	613130052	613140089
613130277	613140086	613130046	613130053	613140097

Councillor Seymour requested a recorded vote on this matter:

Recorded Vote		
Council Member	For Motion	Against Motion
Dennis Jibb	DECLARED CONFLICT	
Mark Lenover	✓	
Loren Runnalls	DECLARED CONFLICT	
Carter Seymour		✓
Terry Phillips	✓	

“CARRIED”

10. By-Laws:

- a. **By-Law 2025-12** Being a by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Kerns to enter into an agreement with Wilson Ford Limited for the purchase of one half-ton truck
[three readings]

2025-137 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**
That **By-Law No. 2025-12**, being a by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Kerns to enter into an agreement with Wilson Ford Limited for the purchase of one half-ton truck be received and read a first and second time.
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2025-138 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That **By-Law No. 2025-12**, being a by-law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of Kerns to enter into an agreement with Wilson Ford Limited for the purchase of one half-ton truck be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.
"CARRIED"

11. Resolution to Move to Closed Session:
Moved to before item 9.d. (see above)

12. Adjournment:

2025-139 **Moved:** **Carter Seymour** **Seconded:** **Mark Lenover**
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:00 p.m. and will meet again on November 4th, 2025 or at the call of the Reeve.
"CARRIED"



~~Terry Phillips, Reeve~~
Mark Lenover, Deputy Reeve



Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer