

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
of JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
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:**

2026-001   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
“CARRIED”

2026-002   **Moved:**   **Dennis Jibb**               **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as amended.  
**ADD:**     9. b. Non-Binding Support for Temiskaming Shores and Area  
                  Transit (TSAT) Proposal  
“CARRIED”

**2. Adoption of Minutes:**

**a. Regular Meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

2026-003   **Moved:**   **Dennis Jibb**               **Seconded:**   **Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
                  a. Regular Meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 as presented.  
“CARRIED”

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2025-12**

2026-004   **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	\$28,895.07
Fire	\$32,053.82
Admin	\$40,909.73
Total Voucher 2025-12	\$101,858.62

“CARRIED”

**6. Reports from Staff & Others:**

**a. Roads Department Report:**

December was a busy month but roads are in good condition. Side window in Truck #19 was repaired.

**b. Fire Department Report:**

The Fire Chief reports that they responded to a fire call in Kenabeek for a structure fire (barn). The Fire Department has welcomed two new volunteers.

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**c. Others:**

- i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – November 2025**
- ii. Treasurer's Report – December 2025**
- iii. Reports from Council and Staff *[no item]***

2026-005    **Moved: Loren Runnalls                      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. Roads Department Report
- b. Fire Department Report
- c. Others
  - i. Eco-Logix's Landfill Report – November 2025
  - ii. Treasurer's Report – December 2025
  - iii. Report from Council and Staff *[no item]*

“CARRIED”

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

**a. City of Brantford – PA Day on Municipal Election Day**

2026-006    **Moved: Carter Seymour                      Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the City of Brantford's resolution regarding their request for the Province of Ontario to consider scheduling a Professional Activity (P.A.) Day on the date of the municipal election in each election year; and

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

“CARRIED”

**b. Municipality of Magnetawan – Invest Ready-Certified Site Designation – Revision Grant Funding**

2026-007    **Moved: Dennis Jibb                              Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of Magnetawan's resolution urging the Province of Ontario to revise its grant funding criteria for the “Invest Ready-Certified Site Designation” to recognize and accept alternative servicing methods as eligible infrastructure and to ensure rural and northern municipalities lacking municipal gas, water and wastewater systems are not excluded from support; and

Direct municipal staff to issue a copy of this resolution to the Municipality of Magnetawan.

“CARRIED”

**c. Town of Englehart – Provincial Support for the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP)**

2026-008    **Moved: Carter Seymour                      Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
**WHEREAS** small and regional airports in Ontario serve as critical infrastructure; facilitating essential public services including air ambulance operations, forest firefighting, search & rescue, and law enforcement activities, while also driving local and regional economic development;

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**AND WHEREAS** many of these airports are ineligible for the federal Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) due to eligibility constraints such as lacking year-round scheduled service, yet still require capital funding for safety-related infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** the Airport Management Council of Ontario (AMCO) has identified a persistent funding gap for non ACAP eligible community airports, estimating that approximately 85 such airports need \$5.5 million annually to address critical airside infrastructure needs;

**AND WHEREAS** provinces including British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan have successfully managed permanent provincial capital-assistance programs; offering clear models for cost-sharing frameworks, eligible project criteria, and annual funding envelopes;

**AND WHEREAS** AMCO's proposed Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) envisions an annual operational budget of \$8.5–10 million, with a 75% provincial / 25% owner cost-share, a \$2 million per applicant cap, and bonuses for key community-benefiting projects;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2025 Ontario Budget has already acknowledged "airports as cross country infrastructure" and signaled intent to include them in upcoming capital investments;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Kerns and the District of Timiskaming benefit directly from airport enabled services, and ensuring its continued operation is in the public interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Kerns supports the resolution from the Town of Englehart urging the Government of Ontario to:

- i. Implement the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) managed by the Ministry of Transportation.
- ii. Adopt the recommended cost-sharing structure (75% provincial / 25% municipal or operator) and cap funds at \$2 million per project per applicant.
- iii. Expand eligibility to include public-use registered aerodromes and certified airports not currently eligible for ACAP.
- iv. Reinstate the Ontario Air Advisory Panel to advise on airport infrastructure and policy priorities.
- v. Designate community and regional airports as critical infrastructure under provincial policy.
- vi. Investigate stable funding mechanisms – such as a dedicated stream from the aviation fuel tax – to support OACAP sustainability.

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, local MPPs, AMCO, the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority and the Temiskaming Municipal Association.

“CARRIED”

- 8. Correspondence for Council's Information:**
  - a. Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum – A Message of Thanks**

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**9. Other Business:**

**a. Memo 26-001 – Council Remuneration for 2026-2030 Term**

2026-009 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-001 – Council Remuneration for 2026-2030 Term*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council for the years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 for council's consideration at the regular council meeting of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

**a. By-Law 2025-16**                      Being a by-law to being a by-law to amend “Schedule A” to By-Law 2023-12 being a by-law to establish user fees for the Corporation of the Township of Kerns  
*[second and third readings]*

2026-010 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That **By-Law No. 2025-16**, being a by-law to amend “Schedule A” to By-Law 2023-12 being a by-law to establish user fees for The Corporation of the Township of Kerns be received and read a second and third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

**b. By-Law 2026-01**                      Being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date  
*[three readings]*

2026-011 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2026-012 **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-01**, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, due date for the payment of the interim taxes, and penalty and interest charges for the non-payment of taxes or any installment by the due date be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

**c. By-Law 2025-02**                      Being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
*[tree readings]*

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- 2026-013    **Moved:** Loren Runnalls                    **Seconded:** Carter Seymour  
That **By-Law No. 2026-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”
- 2026-014    **Moved:** Dennis Jibb                                **Seconded:** Mark Lenover  
That **By-Law No. 2026-02**, being a by-law of the Township of Kerns to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”
- d. By-Law 2026-03**                                    Being a by-law to amend By-Law 2024-03, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving road superintendent services  
*[three readings]*
- 2026-015    **Moved:** Carter Seymour                            **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb  
That **By-Law No. 2026-03**, being a by-law to amend By-law 2024-03, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving road superintendent services be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”
- 2026-016    **Moved:** Carter Seymour                            **Seconded:** Loren Runnalls  
That **By-Law No. 2026-03**, being a by-law to amend By-law 2024-03, being a by-law to authorize the extension of the agreement made the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2000 with the Corporation of the Township of Harley for receiving road superintendent services be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”
- e. By-Law 2026-04**                                    Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the Fire Protection Grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns  
*[three readings]*
- 2026-017    **Moved:** Carter Seymour                            **Seconded:** Dennis Jibb  
That **By-Law No. 2026-04**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the Fire Protection Grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be received and read a first and second time.  
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2026-018    **Moved:** Loren Runnalls                    **Seconded:** Mark Lenover  
That **By-Law No. 2026-04**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment agreement for the Fire Protection Grant between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns 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:**

2026-019    **Moved:** Dennis Jibb                                **Seconded:** Loren Runnalls  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:48 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 or at the call of the Reeve.  
“CARRIED”

  
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Terry Phillips, Reeve

  
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Krystle Seymour, Clerk-Treasurer