

**TOWNSHIP OF KERNS**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</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  
                  **Others:**     1 Member of the Public  
**Regrets:**           Guy Godmaire, Road Superintendent

**1. Call Meeting to Order & Adoption of Agenda:**

2026-020   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
"CARRIED"

2026-021   **Moved:**   **Dennis Jibb**               **Seconded:**   **Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.  
"CARRIED"

**2. Adoption of Minutes:**

**a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

2026-022   **Moved:**   **Carter Seymour**           **Seconded:**   **Loren Runnalls**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the following minutes:  
    a. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as presented.  
"CARRIED"

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**4. Delegations:**

None

**5. Payment of Accounts – Voucher No. 2026-01**

2026-023   **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	\$20,934.97
Fire	\$17,911.78
Admin	\$51,880.92
Total Voucher 2026-01	<u>\$90,727.67</u>

"CARRIED"

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

**a. Roads Department Report**

Winter operations are going well. Recommend crushing in the Firstbrook Pit again this year. Will be purchasing gravel using the pothole prevention funding.

**b. Fire Department Report:**



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2026-027    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of Temiskaming Veterinary Services Committee's membership request in the amount of \$225.00 to assist in reducing travel costs for veterinary services for residents of the Township of Kerns; and

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 Museum – Donation Request 2026**

2026-028    **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
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. 2026 Gravel Crushing**

2026-029    **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, direct the Clerk-Treasurer to work with the Township of Hudson and the Township of Harley to release a joint request for quote for the purpose of crushing the following granular material for 2026 and 2027 fiscal years:

Granular M: 6,000m<sup>3</sup>

Granular B: 1,500m<sup>3</sup>

"CARRIED"

**d. Memo 26-002 – Livestock Evaluator**

2026-030    **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, acknowledge receipt of *Memo 26-002 Livestock Evaluator*; and

Direct the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare and present the necessary by-law to appoint David Barton as the Livestock Evaluator for council's consideration at the regular council meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.  
"CARRIED"

**e. By-Law Officer Update [no item]**

2026-031    **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
WHEREAS efforts to establish a joint enforcement contract through the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association have not succeeded;

AND WHEREAS efforts to establish a joint enforcement contract with other neighbouring municipalities have proven to be cost prohibitive;

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AND WHEREAS David Bishop from MEPS is still willing to provide by-law services for the Township of Kerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Kerns does hereby direct staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with MEPS Advisory Services for by-law and property standard enforcement services for the Township of Kerns to be presented for council's consideration at the regular council meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

“CARRIED”

**10. By-Laws:**

- a. By-Law 2026-05** Being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council  
*[three readings]*

2026-032 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-05**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2026-033 **Moved: Mark Lenover** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-05**, being a by-law to provide remuneration, allowances and regulate expenses for the Reeve and Council be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

- b. By-Law 2026-06** Being a by-law to for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026  
*[three readings]*

2026-034 **Moved: Dennis Jibb** **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

2026-035 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-06**, being a by-law for establishing tax ratios for the year 2026 be read a third time and that the same be engrossed in the by-law book.  
“CARRIED”

- c. By-Law 2026-07** Being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between His Majesty the King in right of Ontario, as presented by the Hon. Minister of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns  
*[tree readings]*

2026-036 **Moved: Loren Runnalls** **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole prevention and Repair

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Program between the Ministry of Transportation and the Corporation of the Township of Kerns be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"


2026-037    **Moved: Carter Seymour**                    **Seconded: Loren Runnalls**  
That **By-Law No. 2026-07**, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program between the Ministry of Transportation 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:**

2026-038    **Moved: Loren Runnalls**                    **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:46 p.m. and will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on March 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