

# TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 KERNS MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Present: Reeve: Terry Phillips  
Councillors: Dennis Jibb, Carter Seymour, Stephen Aitchison, Mark Lenover  
Staff: Clerk-Treasurer: Michel Lachapelle  
Staff: Guy Godmaire

Others: James Runnalls, Kevin Runnalls

Meeting started at 8:00 p.m.

### 1- Call meeting to order & Adoption of Agenda

2017-088 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, open the Regular Meeting of Council of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.  
"CARRIED"

2017-089 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the agenda as presented.  
"CARRIED"

### 2- Adoption of Minutes:

2017-090 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as circulated.  
"CARRIED"

2017-091 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as circulated.  
"CARRIED"

### 3- Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

### 4- Delegations/Presentations

James Runnalls commented that there is a Plaque Honouring Veterans who were residents that lived in the community and who went to war. He asked if it could be displayed in the Hall. Council agreed to install it in the Kerns Hall.

Mr. Runnalls relayed to Council that Mr. Jim Brubacher donated the Church Bell in 1998, and he does not want it back. The Pews and Pulpit was donated by Mr. Hillcoat.

Kevin Runnalls talked about the cemetery. Most of the trees that were planted a few years ago are almost all gone. After they died, they were removed. He asked council who would be paying to replace the trees? The trees were donated from a fundraiser organized by Mrs. Pedersen.

Mr. Runnalls mentioned that we do not have many plots left for sale at the cemetery. He suggested that we start the process to expand the cemetery.

### 5- Payments of Accounts - Vouchers No. 2017-04

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2017-092 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Roads Voucher 2017-04 in the amount of \$13,541.28.  
"CARRIED"

2017-093 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the General Administration Voucher 2017-04 in the amount of \$15,916.97.  
"CARRIED"

2017-094 **Moved: Carter Seymour**                      **Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, approve for payment the Fire Department Voucher 2017-04 in the amount of \$293.52.  
"CARRIED"

### 6- Reports from Staff and Others

- a- Roads  
Roads Superintendent reported that he attended the Roads Superintendents' meeting in Timmins. We have a step ladder that is not legal. When working at the pit, need a hard hat and vest. The summer student started working on May 1, 2017. Fix the bucket on the backhoe/loader. Lots of rain: many pot holes on the road; need to be graded.
- b- Fire  
One fire call last month; it was a grass fire.
- c- Other

2017-095 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison**                      **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:  
i) Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority - Minutes of April 20, 2017.  
"CARRIED"

### 7- Correspondence for Council's Consideration:

- a- TeMAG - Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act
- b- West Lincoln - Moratorium on the Accommodation Review Process
- c- Ministry of citizenship and Immigration - Champion of Diversity Award
- d- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities - Membership Renewal
- e- Town of Kirkland Lake - DTSSAB Audited Financial Statements
- f- Municipality of Port Hope - Ban the use of Incinerators
- g- Municipality of East Ferris - Mandatory 5 year Septic Tank pump out

2017-096 **Moved: Mark Lenover**                      **Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support TeMAG Resolution dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 requesting the Province to re-evaluate the implementation, of the new requirement that anyone wishing to run for office on a council must submit the signatures of 25 voters supporting nomination, and allow it to be an optional local decision to avoid negative consequences to many municipalities.  
"CARRIED"

2017-097 **Moved: Dennis Jibb**                      **Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Township of West Lincoln in requesting the Minister of Education in establishing an immediate

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moratorium on the accommodation process in all school boards, and rewrite the Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline to consider the impact on small communities.  
“CARRIED”

- 2017-098 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison                      Seconded: Mark Lenover**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Town of Kirkland Lake in requesting the DTSSAB to return the surplus reserve to contributing Municipalities via one-time payment based on the contribution formula for each funding year.  
“CARRIED”
- 2017-099 **Moved: Mark Lenover                                      Seconded: Carter Seymour**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, support the Municipality of East Ferris Resolution No. 2017-78, requesting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing not to move forward with proposed Building Code Change B-08-09-03.  
“CARRIED”

**8- Correspondence for Council’s Information:**

- a- Forests Ontario - 50 Million Tree Program
- b- Ontario Economic Report - News Letter
- c- Stewardship Ontario - Funding for the Municipal Blue Box Recycling
- d- 2017/2018 Tile Loan Program

**9- Other business:**

- a- Plaque Honouring Veterans - to be installed on wall in Recreation Hall  
Discussed earlier in the delegation.
- b- Tax Scenario for 2017

- 2017-100 **Moved: Mark Lenover                                      Seconded: Stephen Aitchison**  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, accept the Clerk-Treasurer Tax Scenarios Report dated April 25, 2017 as presented, and agree with Tax Scenario #3, and direct the Clerk to prepare a by-law to adopt the tax rates for 2017.  
“CARRIED”

- c- Budget for the year 2017  
The budget was presented last meeting. Council accepted the budget as revised. The combined tax rate will see an increase of .9% this year. Due to reassessment this year some ratepayers may notice a decrease or increase on their taxes.
- d- Scoping Study Evaluation Report  
Information on the Geologic Potential for a Temiskaming “Unesco Global Geopark”
- e- Kevin Runnalls - Cemetery Discussion  
Discussed earlier in the delegation.

**10- By-laws:**

- a) **By-law No. 2017-11**      By-law to Authorize a consultant agreement for the replacement of Seymour Bridge [*three readings*]

- 2017-101 **Moved: Stephen Aitchison                                      Seconded: Dennis Jibb**  
That **By-law No. 2017-11**, being a By-law to authorize a consultant agreement for the replacement of the Seymour Bridge, be received and read a first and second time.  
“CARRIED”

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2017-102 **Moved:** Mark Lenover **Seconded:** Carter Seymour  
That **By-law No. 2017-11**, being a By-law to authorize a consultant agreement for the replacement of the Seymour Bridge, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.  
"CARRIED"

b) **By-law No. 2017-12** By-law for adoption of tax rates for year 2017  
*[three readings]*

2017-103 **Moved:** Dennis Jibb **Seconded:** Carter Seymour  
That **By-law No. 2017-12**, being a By-law to adopt tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment for the year 2017, be received and read a first and second time.  
"CARRIED"

2017-104 **Moved:** Stephen Aitchison **Seconded:** Mark Lenover  
That **By-law No. 2017-12**, being a By-law to adopt tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment for the year 2017, be read a third time and that the same be hereby engrossed in the By-law book.  
"CARRIED"

### 11- Resolution to move to a closed session

a) None

### 12- Adjournment

2017-105 **Moved:** Carter Seymour **Seconded:** Mark Lenover  
That we, the Council of the Township of Kerns do hereby, adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 9:50 p.m. and will meet again on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve.  
"CARRIED"

  
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Reeve

  
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Clerk-Treasurer