



Kearney

KEARNEY COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Biggest Little Town
of Ontario



TOWN OF KEARNEY

ONTARIO'S BIGGEST LITTLE TOWN

Kearney, Ontario is committed to being a forward-thinking community that strives for growth in economic development and community cohesion while protecting our natural landscape in a sustainable manner. The **Town of Kearney** is determined to provide accountability, transparency, respect, and leadership to residents, visitors, and businesses across the community.



INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO KEARNEY

Known as Ontario's Biggest Little Town, **Kearney** is located 20 minutes north of Huntsville and is situated at the crossroads of three access routes to Algonquin Park. Home to 882 permanent residents and 2500+ cottagers/residents, **Kearney** offers the pristine waters, lush forests, and beautiful scenery for the people who would like to get away from their busy lifestyles or enjoy a slower pace of life.

Located in the Heart of the Almaguin Highlands, **Kearney** is a municipality of the Almaguin Highlands region of the Parry Sound District of Ontario. With an abundance of space and proximity to Algonquin Park and the Muskoka region, **Kearney** is the ideal location to settle down, raise a family, and/or start a business.

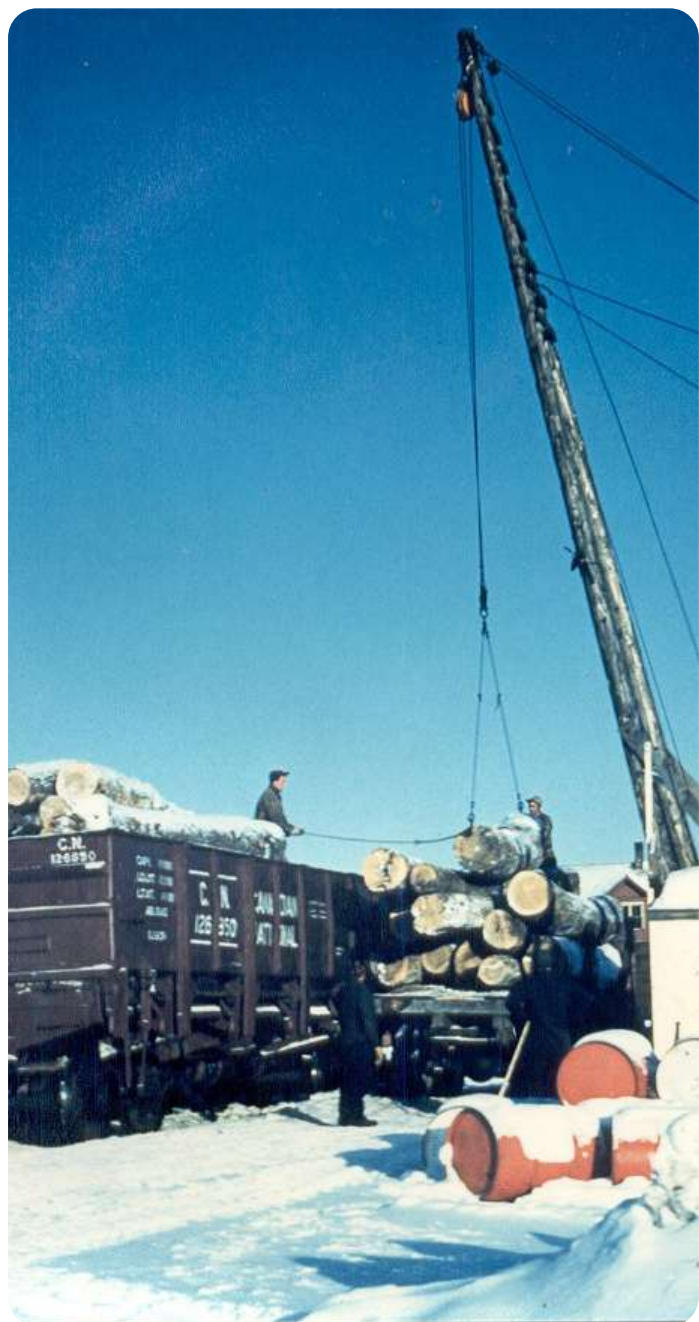
We invite you to visit **Kearney** and maybe even stay! Along with the beauty of our area, we offer some of the most prime outdoor activities such as ATV'ing, snowmobiling, hiking, biking and riding trails in Ontario.



Follow us on social media:



QUICK HISTORY



Kearney's true history begins around 1860. In the 1860's and 70's, Canada and much of the world was going through a major economic depression and many families were struggling with life, hoping and searching for a new place to start.

One of the first businesses in the area was the "flying post". A flying post was an outpost where fur traders would come to trade furs for supplies and equipment. These temporary trading posts were very common throughout the Ontario Wilderness and have lent their name to Flying Post Lake near Sudbury and the Flying Post First Nations reserve west of Timmins.

Although commercial trapping had been going on in Ontario, the first known Kearney Flying Post was built in 1878 by William Kearney and Arthur J. O'Neil. The post was relocated in 1879, to the southeast corner of what is today the intersection of Highway 518 East and Main Street.



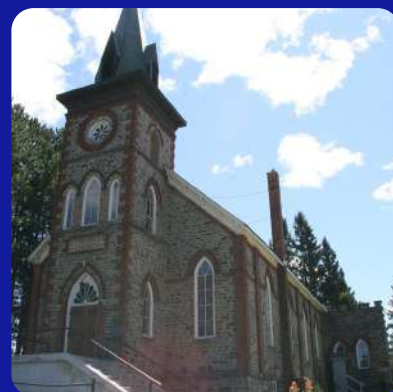
CANADA'S GAME

Kearney residents in 1949 playing pickup hockey at Mirror Bay.

Photo by: Lyle Cameron

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CHURCH

Built in 1904, St. Patrick's Church is the only designated Heritage Site in Kearney.



KEARNEY AT-A- GLANCE

Kearney, Ontario is a small, vibrant town located in the heart of the Almaguin Highlands and situated across three access routes to Algonquin Park.

The population of **Kearney** has grown steadily every year. Of the 18 Municipalities in the Almaguin region, **Kearney** boasts the sixth highest population percentage increase.

882

Permanent Residents

2500+

Cottagers/Residents

FACTS & FIGURES

Population: 882 (Stats Canada, 2016)

Average Yearly Rainfall: 751 mm

Average Yearly Snowfall: 283 cm

Highest Temperature: 25°C

Lowest Temperature: -16°C

Median Age: 55.5



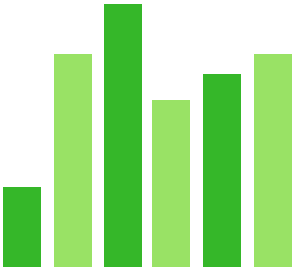
Community	2016 Population	2011 Population	Change
Kearney	882	841	+4.9%
Almaguin Region	33,334	29,937	+11%



Occupational Growth

59	223	+278%
2007 Jobs	2018 Jobs	% Change (2007-2018)

(Emsi, 2018)



“What makes this community special is the people of the community. If someone is sick and needs a hand, or a ride to the doctor, another will drive. When a dog is lost, everyone looks for the dog. It is our connection with each other that makes the town special.”



FACTS & FIGURES

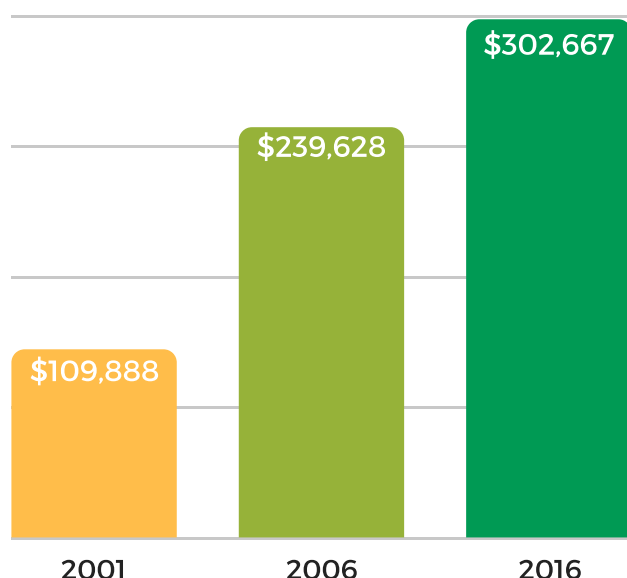
Land Area: 531.31 square kilometres

Geographic Coordinates: 45°36'N 79°07'W

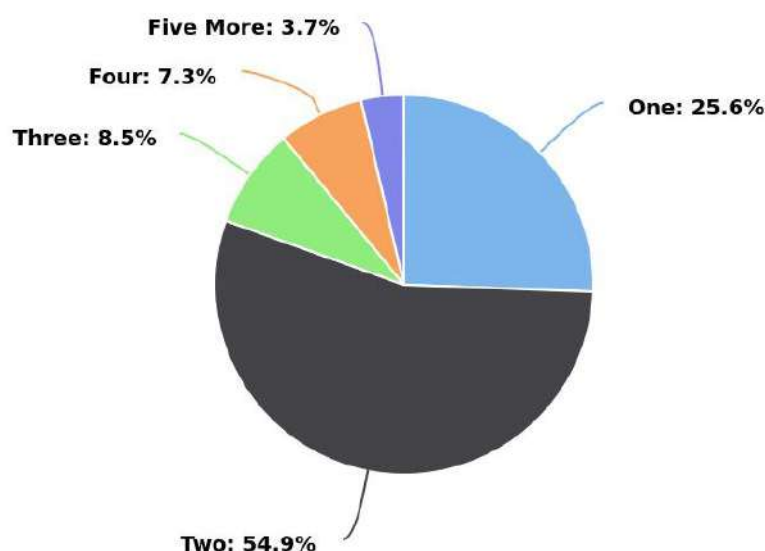
Most Popular Dwelling Size: 3 Bedrooms

Number of Homeowners: 350

Average Housing Price



Household By Size

VOLUNTEERING
IN KEARNEY

Kearney hosts a wide variety of events, festivals, fundraisers, charity events, and committees. With a number of yearly events, it is only made possible by the enthusiastic, engaging, and committed volunteers of **Kearney**.

The volunteers in our community dedicate their time and commitment to ensure that the traditions and community spirit continue in Ontario's Biggest Little Town.

Interested in volunteering? There are a variety of clubs, committees, and organizations you can join here in **Kearney**.



For more information, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/our-community/volunteer/

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It is a beautiful close-knit community. I have been very lucky to grow up and raise my children here. Kearney tries hard to engage the community with events such as the fireworks, Regatta, Dog Sled Races, festivals etc. The love for this little town is very evident!

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TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Kearney is one of the more conveniently located towns in Northern Ontario. Located in the middle between many major cities and towns, getting across to different areas of Ontario is simple as **Kearney** is located directly on ON-518 and minutes away from ON Hwy 11.

DISTANCES TO MAJOR ONTARIO MARKETS

<u>Market</u>	<u>KM</u>	<u>Driving Time</u>
Huntsville	30	20 minutes
Parry Sound	72	1 hour
Gravenhurst	75	45 minutes
North Bay	105	1 hour
Sudbury	230	2 hours 45 mins
Toronto	260	2 hours 45 mins
Ottawa	375	4 hours



ROADS

Kearney is located just off ON Hwy 11 access and is across three different Algonquin Park access routes.

BUS

Bus transportation services/bus trips stop around the area and at the **Kearney** Community Centre while transporting to major towns and cities such as North Bay, Huntsville, and Orillia.

View Kearney through CGIS, or on Google Maps!

CGIS: www.cgis.com/cpal/Default.aspx?Map=Kearney

LIFE IN KEARNEY

Kearney is a close-knit community that takes care of its own neighbours. With the many small lakes, annual events, and recreational activities, **Kearney** is a snapshot of relaxation, pride, and tranquility.

KEARNEY LIONS CLUB

When there's a need, there's a Lion.

The Kearney Lions Club is a staple in the community as they plan and host various notable events and fundraisers such as: Lion's Lobster Fest, The World Famous Black Fly Sale, Pancake Breakfast's, and the Lion's Christmas Food Drive. The Lions meet in the Seniors Room of the Kearney Community Centre @ 7:30 PM every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

The Royal Canadian Legion cares for all those who have served our nation. As members, The Legion shows their thanks by supporting and advocating for Veterans, by remembering their sacrifices, and by continuing the tradition of service in helping our communities.

The Royal Canadian Legion in **Kearney** hosts various events and community initiatives such as: Christmas Meat Draws, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers, Pig Roasts, Holiday Dance Party's, various tournaments, etc.

CLUBS, CHURCHES, AND COMMITTEES

There are a variety of clubs, churches, and committees in **Kearney** that residents can participate in. Notable clubs include the Art Group, Kearney Senior's Club, and the Kearney Environmental Watershed Foundation.

Churches in **Kearney** include: St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (the only designated Heritage Site in **Kearney**), Sand Lake Pioneer Log Church, and Harmony United Church.

Passion and dedication for their community is something residents in **Kearney** are well-known for. The **Town of Kearney** has various committees of council that residents can be apart of. The valuable commitment from residents in **Kearney** has helped in successfully planning multiple projects and events. Such committees include: Christmas Begins in Kearney Advisory Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Kearney Dog Sled Races Committee, Regatta Advisory Committee.



For complete details on living in Kearney, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/our-community/

OUR ADVANTAGES

Growth is steadily rising in the Almaguin Highlands and in Northern Ontario. Since 2007, **Kearney** has seen a 250% increase in job creation and is projected to increase steadily over the next decade.

LOCATION

Kearney is located in the heart of the Almaguin Highlands and is 20 minutes north of the Muskoka District and an hour south of North Bay. With many small lakes focused around small communities in the region, **Kearney** is also along three access routes to Algonquin Provincial Park.

AFFORDABILITY

The Median Housing price in **Kearney** is \$302,667.

Kearney offers affordable housing for owners searching for a cottage or permanent residence without the hefty price.

Community	Median Housing Price
Kearney	\$302,667*
Muskoka	\$714,900**

**Statistics gathered from Statistics Canada, 2016.*

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INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Kearney is on a projected path to exponential growth. With that comes the opportunity to establish new tourism experiences for niche markets such as Senior activities, treetop trekking, mini-golfing, dog sledding, etc.

Kearney also has the production space for land development. Ontario Graphite, located in **Kearney**, is one of the largest confirmed graphite mineral resource projects in North America and among the largest individual deposits in the world.



For a list of realtors in Kearney, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/our-community/business-directory/realtors/

OUR EVENTS

Kearney hosts a number of unique and exciting events every year. From the annual Kearney Dog Sled Races to the Summer Regatta, and everything in between, we've got something special for everyone!



Kearney Dog Sled Races

An annual winter tradition of over 20 years, the races draw teams and mushers from all over the world.

Kearney hosts more than 70 competitive mushers along with novice and future mushers. 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the Dog Sled Races.



Creative Changes Art Show

Showcasing the talents of the Almaguin Highlands, with unique works of arts and crafts from paintings to pottery, sculptures and photography to wearable creations. The Creative Changes Art Show has been an annual event in

Kearney since 1984.



Kearney Regatta

The Summer Regatta has been a long-standing tradition for well over 75+ years. Festivities include: Kids Sports, Water Sports, Vendors Market, Parade, the beautiful Fireworks celebration, and much more!



Christmas Begins in Kearney

Christmas Begins in Kearney occurs on the first Saturday of December.

Festivities include: Games, Live Entertainment, Horse Wagon Rides, etc. and concludes at night with the Christmas Tree Lighting and Fireworks!

For complete Kearney event details, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/our-community/events/

OUR TOURISM

Kearney is a snapshot of pristine lakes, lush forests, peaceful tranquility, and natural beauty. Your true North experience awaits as we offer a wide-range of experiences for residents and visitors all year-round.



ACCOMODATIONS

Kearney offers a variety of unique accommodations that can host small to large families and/or groups with various activities. Experience local hospitality at its finest by staying at one of our popular cottages, resorts, or campgrounds.



TRAILS & CYCLING ROUTES

Kearney offers many multi-use trails such as: Animosh Trail, Bare Rock & Horseshoe Trails, and White's Farm Trail.

Almaguin in Motion & Discovery Routes has recently developed the Sand Lake Cycling Loop which spans 63 KM along the edge of **Kearney**.



EVENTS

Kearney hosts a number of unique and exciting year-round events. From the annual Kearney Dog Sled Races, Creative Changes Art Show, to the Summer Regatta, we've got something special for everyone!



LAKES

With the peaceful tranquility of Sand Lake, Loon Lake, Cashmen Creek, Magnetawan River, and Mirror Bay to name a few, **Kearney** offers some of the most beautiful sites for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or just sitting by the lake and enjoying the surroundings!

For complete Kearney tourism details, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/visiting/

OUR BUSINESSES

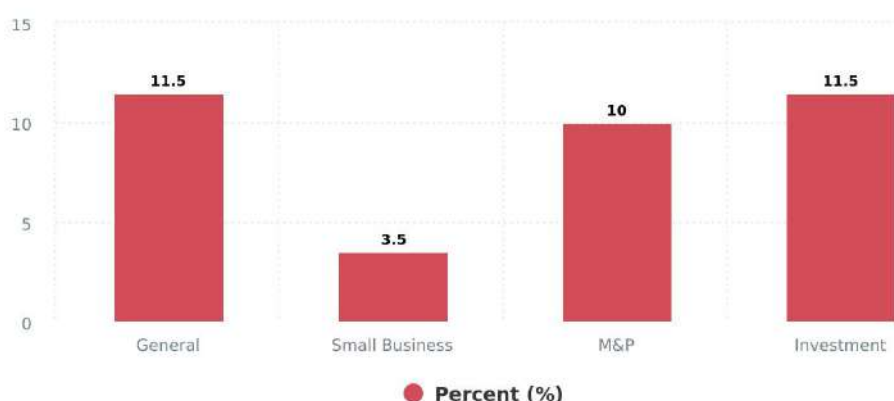
There are a variety of services and businesses in **Kearney** that will help meet your needs. Whether you're looking for adventure, dining, and/or camping equipment, Kearney has a bit of everything for everyone.

5 Reasons to do Business in Kearney

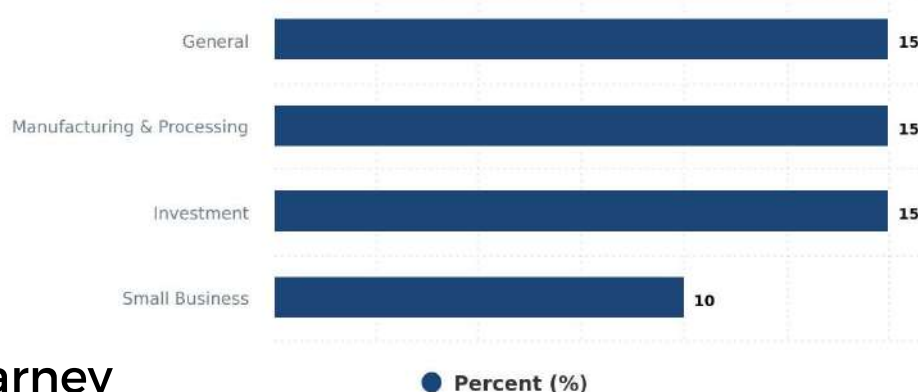
- ✓ Quality of Life
- ✓ Short Commutes
- ✓ Competitive Tax Rates
- ✓ Available Land
- ✓ Affordable Property

Being a summer destination, most businesses operate to accommodate the summer season. With the growth of Ontario's Biggest Little Town, **Kearney** is slowly becoming a four season destination for visitors and residents. The opportunity is present as job growth in **Kearney** is projected to rise 25% over the next few years (EMSI, 2018).

Provincial Corporate Income Tax



Federal Corporate Income Tax



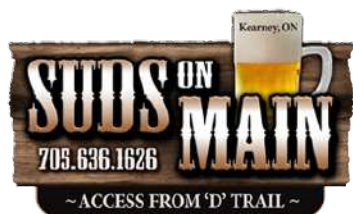
Over 65+

Local Businesses

+25%

Job Growth by 2020

Notable Businesses in Kearney



For information on doing business and Economic Development, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/business/

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Accommodations

- Algonquin Hemlock Point
- Balsam Valley Resort
- Bennett's Beehive Cottages
- Edgewater Park Lodge
- Granite Ridge Campground
- Northern Retreats
- Sand Lake Cottages & Inn
- Silver Sand Family Resort
- Somerville Place Bed & Breakfast

ATV/Snowmobile

- Algonquin West ATV Club
- Almaguin District Snowmobile Club
- Highland Rovers Snowmobile Club
- Rickward's Small Motors Inc.

Contractors & Renovations

- Almaguin Building Movers
- Average Jill's Painting
- Baker Heavy Equipment Services
- Bill's Carpentry
- Bill's Custom Welding & Small Engine Repair
- Burke's Plumbing
- ClayMar Electric
- Dawn Till Dusk Enterpriser
- Fretz Electric
- Gary Groome Contracting
- Gord's Excavation
- Northern Cottage Care
- Peter Diernegger Contracting
- Richard's Contracting
- Rick Ferrante & Sons Contracting
- Sarj's Contracting

Health & Beauty Salons

- Almaguin Natural Therapies (ANT)
- Styles to Go

Outfitters

- Algonquin Basecamp
- Canoe Algonquin – Kwik Way

Restaurants

- H. White Memorial Legion
- Kearney O'Neils LLBO
- Kearney Trailside Cookhouse
- Red Canoe Restaurant (Edgewater Park Lodge)
- Rise n Grill Cafe
- Silversand Whisky Jack Restaurant
- Suds on Main

Retail Services

- Canvasback Creations & Gallery
- Got Hives
- Grandpa's Farm
- Kearney General Store
- LCBO
- Nostalgia Antiques
- Sunrise Heirloom Vegetables

Services

- A+ Landscaping
- Almaguin Business Consulting Services
- Canada Post (Kearney)
- Cottage Country Towing
- Fetterley's Garage/Gas and Convenience
- Heritage Home Solutions
- Innovative Graphic Solutions
- Kearney and Area Public Library
- KWIC Internet
- Lawn & Garden Care
- Maid to Perfection
- Muskoka Naturally Clean
- Near North Commercial Cleaning
- Northern Edge Signs & Creations
- Pelletier Project
- Suds on Main (Laundromat)
- ZIPZ Taxi Service

Weddings & Catering

- Behind the Glass Wedding & Special Events
- 'I do' Ceremonies (Wedding Officiate)
- Reflections Wedding Decor Rental
- SmithFit Event Planning & Catering Services

For full information and list of businesses in Kearney, please visit:

www.townofkearney.ca/our-community/business-directory

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Kearney Fire Department

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Kearney Building Department

8 Main Street
Kearney, Ontario
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Kearney & Area Public Library

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Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce

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Ontario Provincial Police (Almaguin Highlands)

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www.explorersedge.ca

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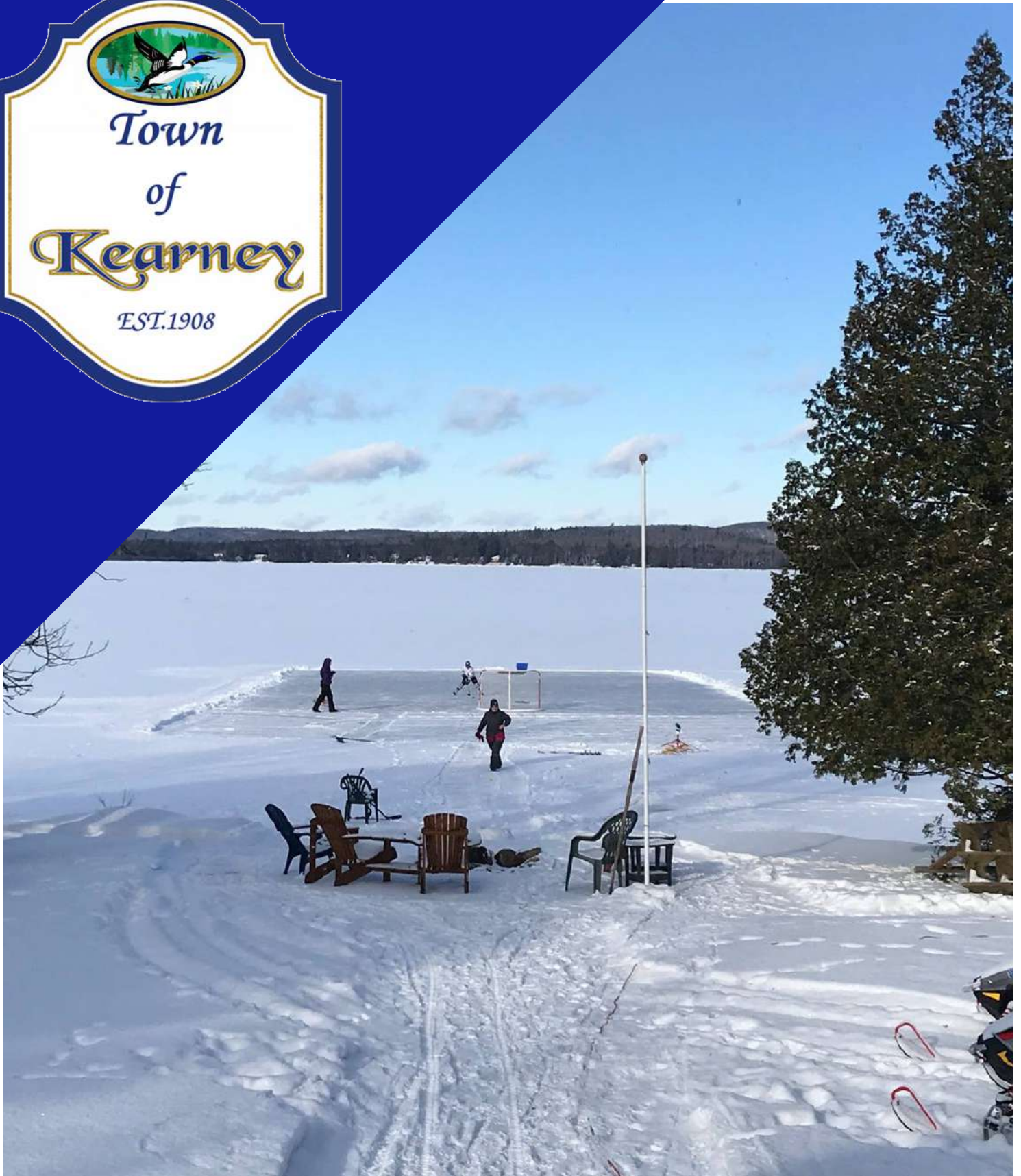
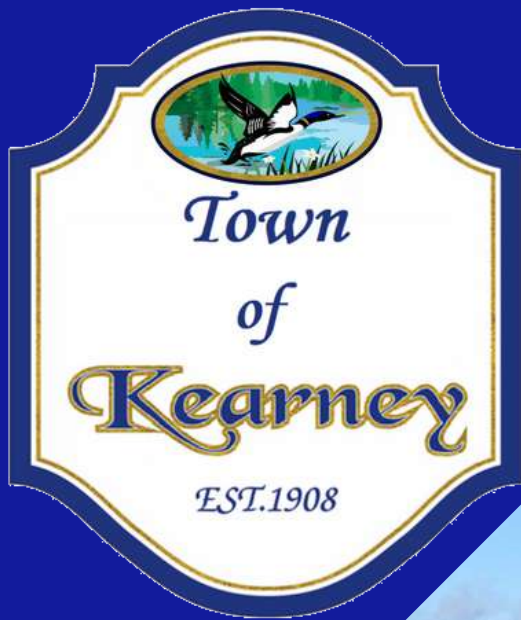
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