

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers

Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor: Cheryl Philip
Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward
Councillors: Keven Beaucage, Heather Pateman and Jill Sharer

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, Clerk Administrator (C-A)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)
Paul Audette, Public Works Superintendent (PWS)
Matt Clouthier, Interim Chief Building Official (ICBO)
Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief (FC)
Leslie Harvie, Deputy Treasurer (DT)
Kent Harvie, Parks & Facilities

The DC, PWS, FC, DT and P&F stayed for their respective sections and the ICBO and C-A were present for the entirety of the meeting.

Due to technical difficulties with the Electronic Meeting Platform (GoTo Meeting), the meeting was delayed

A moment of silence was held to honour the memories of Norm Armstrong and Norm Mason

1. **Call the Meeting to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Resolution 2024-45
Moved By: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney of February 15, 2024 agenda, be adopted as amended
CARRIED

Resolution 2024-46
Moved By: Councillor Sharer, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney deems it necessary to suspend Section 3.5 of the Procedural By-law to continue with the Regular Council Meeting without virtual connectivity and participation
CARRIED
3. **Disclosure of Interest**
None were noted
4. **Delegations/Presentations**
 - 4.1 Dave Smith, regarding reimbursement of Transfer Fees for Brush
Resolution 2024-47
Moved by: Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Councillor Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Mr. Dave Smith for his delegation regarding the reimbursement of Transfer Station Fees and will take his information under advisement. A decision to be brought to the next Council Meeting
CARRIED
 - 4.2 Public Meeting under the Planning Act
Due to technical difficulties resulting in a lack of connectivity, this portion of the meeting was postponed until March 7, 2024.
5. **Consent List**
 - 5.1 February 1, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 - 5.2 Payment Register

- 5.3 Transfer Station Activity Report
- 5.4 SR 2024 – 11 Planning 2023 Year End Report
- 5.5 SR 2024 – 12 Fire Department 2023 Year End Report
- 5.6 SR 2024 – 13 Building Department 2023 Year End Report
- 5.7 SR 2024 – 14 Public Works 2023 Year End Report
- 5.8 SR 2024 – 15 Parks and Facilities 2023 Year End Report
- 5.9 SR 2024 – 16 Administration 2023 Year End Report
- 5.10 SR 2024 – 17 Treasury 2023 Year End Report

Resolution 2024-48

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Regular Council Meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2024 be accepted and that all Recommendations contained therein be adopted as Resolutions of Council.
CARRIED

6. Items Referred from the Consent List

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 SR 2024-18 Fire Pro

Resolution 2024-49

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby receives the Fire Chief's report SR 2024-18;
AND FURTHER approves for payment the quotation from Fire Pro Software in the amount of \$4,995.00 plus HST with an annual subscription of \$1,400.00
CARRIED

7.2 Royal Canadian Legion Letter and Rate Sheet

Resolution 2024-50

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer
WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion has requested financial support for the printing of the 11th annual "Military Service Recognition Book" which recognizes and honours the Province's Veterans;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appreciates the importance of this recognition and the support the Royal Canadian Legion provides to our Veterans;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney is proud to support this project by contributing \$_____ towards a _____ advertisement.
DEFEATED

7.3 Letter from Legion re: Ball Diamond Use for Car Show July 20th, 2024

Resolution 2024-51

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Councillor Pateman
WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 276 (the Kearney Legion) has requested the use of the Kearney Ball Diamond for their 2nd Annual Car Show;
AND WHEREAS the date for the Car Show will be July 20, 2024;
AND WHEREAS this event will require Town Staff to provide additional garbage receptacles and maintenance to these grounds;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports the Kearney Legion's use of the Kearney Ball Diamond.
CARRIED

7.4 DRAFT Trailer By-law

Resolution 2024-52

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Rickward
WHEREAS Staff have provided a DRAFT By-law to Licence Trailers by-law to Council;
AND WHEREAS Council has had opportunity to review the DRAFT By-law;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports bringing back of the DRAFT By-law to Licence Trailers in the Town of Kearney at the March 7, 2024 Regular Council meeting.
CARRIED

7.5 Annual Investment Report Pursuant to By-law 2015-55

Resolution 2024-53

Moved by: Councillor Pateman, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives and accepts the Annual Investment Report for the year ending December 31,2023.
CARRIED

7.6 Support Resolution South Bruce Peninsula Re Support for Comprehensive Review of Social and Economic Prosperity
Resolution 2024-54

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like delivering long term care services, homelessness and affordable housing options, addressing the mental health and additions crises, and other social services;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the Province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the Provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Kearney requests that the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be sent to The Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy – Ontario's Minister of Finance, Graydon Smith – MPP for Parry Sound Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

7.7 Support Resolution Orangeville Police Services Board Resolution reg. Intimate Partner Violence
Resolution 2024-55

Moved by: Councillor Pateman, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

WHEREAS the Orangeville Police Services Board recently passed a resolution regarding Intimate Partner Violence and Gender Based Violence;

AND WHEREAS gender-based violence and intimate partner violence (IPV), often referred to as domestic violence, means any use of physical or sexual force, actual or threatened in an intimate relationship, including emotional and/or psychological abuse or harassing behaviour;

AND WHEREAS on August 16th, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani described gender-based violence as "an epidemic" in the federal government's formal response to a coroner's inquest, also stating that his government is committed to ending the gender-based violence epidemic "in all its forms, and is working to address any gaps in the Criminal Code to ensure a robust justice system response";

AND WHEREAS by declaring gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic, the Town of Kearney can join the growing number of municipalities and regions in demanding action from all levels of government to address this growing epidemic;

AND WHEREAS the incidences of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence have increased exponentially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has not decreased, while funding to provide the growing demand of services and support for victims and survivors has not kept pace;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney declare intimate-partner violence an epidemic, as per recommendation #1 from the Culleton, Kuzyk, and Warmerdam (CKW) Inquest;

AND FURTHER, that the Town of Kearney supports the Town of Orangeville, Dufferin County Council and the Orangeville Police Services Board resolutions and all future calls

for municipal support recommending that gender-based violence and intimate partner violence be declared an epidemic in the Province of Ontario;
AND FURTHER, that the Town of Kearney requests that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities and regions in Ontario declare gender-based violence and intimate partner violence an epidemic;

AND THAT the Deputy Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion of support to the Orangeville Police Services Board, Town of Orangeville, Dufferin County, the Honourable Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, and our local representative Member of Parliament, and Member of Provincial Parliament.
CARRIED

**7.8 SR 2024-19 Purchase New Vehicle for Fire Department
Resolution 2024-56**

Moved by: Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney receives the Fire Chief's Report SR 2024-19 and approves the quotation from Bickley Ford to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer Timberline in the amount of \$54,892.95 less a \$1,500.00 discount as the Town has a Ford in their fleet, plus HST.
CARRIED

8. New Business

9. Correspondence for Information

10. By-laws

Resolution 2024-57

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that the following by-laws be read a first, second and third time, be passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney, signed by the Mayor and Clerk,

1. Notice By-law

CARRIED

11. Talk to the Mayor

12. Closed Session

Resolution 2024-58

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of moves into closed session at 7:12pm under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations

CARRIED

Resolution 2024-59

Moved by Councillor Beaucage, Seconded by: Councillor Pateman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 8:34 pm

CARRIED

13. Confirming By-law

Resolution 2024-60

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Rickward, Seconded by: Councillor Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2024-08 being a by-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council on February 15, 2024, be read a first, second and a third time, passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the by-law book:

CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Resolution 2024-61

Moved by: Councillor Pateman, Seconded by: Councillor Beaucage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 8:35 pm to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on February 21st, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Mayor

Clerk

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