

February 20, 2024

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Mayor David Mayville and Councillors Harold Lavigne, Bil Smith, Maureen MacMillan, Ted Browne, Carl Kuehl and Brian Pecoskie in attendance.

Mayor Mayville chaired the meeting which he opened and called to order.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville reported that in the last couple of weeks he has attended a County of Renfrew Finance meeting, a Community Service and Renfrew County Housing Corp meeting, he was invited to the climate café which was held in Barry's Bay and tomorrow morning he will be attending a Dr. Recruitment ZOOM meeting at 8:00 am.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared by any member present.

Delegations:

KHR Fire Department Jason Mask was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Mask inquired if Council would consider purchasing the overstock of KHR Fire Department calendars that were created for fundraising purposes. The funds raised from the calendars will assist in purchasing fire department equipment, such as a drying rack for gear, a hose drying rack, battery operated extricating tools, etc. Mr. Mask advised that there are 118 calendars at a cost of \$7.00 each.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees to the purchase of 118 KHR Fire Department calendars at a reduced price determined by the KHR Fire Department equalling \$7.00 per calendar for a total cost of \$826.00. Carried.

Council thanked Mr. Mask for his attendance at which time he left the meeting.

Mr. Dallas Rees of Trackmatics was present and invited to address Council. Mr. Rees advised that he was in attendance to talk about the GPS units his company sells, installs and maintains on equipment used by the Public Works Department. Mr. Rees walked Council through a presentation regarding the GPS units and program identified as RODA (Road Operations and Data Analysis). Mr. Rees indicated that the Trackmatics company is privately owned and located in Richmond Hill, with in-house software engineers, experienced and responsive support technicians, 40+ years of sensor and hardware interface experience, 25+ years supporting Ontario winter maintenance operations and a proven track record working with industry partners. Mr. Rees advised that Trackmatics has experience with pickups ¼ - 5 tone chassis, graders, loaders, lawn lowers, backhoes and attachments, every plow combination, and multiple sidewalk machines. And lastly, Mr. Rees reported on the RODA software indicating that it is a live program with spreader and plow integration, GIS integration, road segment reporting and a public facing portal.

Council thanked Mr. Rees for his attendance and the information provided.

Mrs. Holly Eckert was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mrs. Eckert explained hers and Mr. and Mrs. Sernoskie's situation regarding the mix up in properties/roll numbers since 1997 indicating that it took several months to rectify this issue. Mrs. Eckert stated that due to this mix up, both herself and Mr. and Mrs. Sernoskie stopped paying their tax bills because they felt they were paying someone else's taxes and not their own. Mrs. Eckert inquired with Council if they would consider waiving the interest and penalty on their properties now that this matter has been rectified.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired where the mistake was made. Mrs. Eckert indicated that she believes that it happened at the MPAC level, however there was a lot of back and forth between the lawyers, land registry and MPAC with no one admitting to what happened.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired if the land registry or MPAC covered any of the costs associated with the mix up and Mrs. Eckert indicated that they did not.

Councillor Browne inquired if it was advised by the lawyer that they not pay their taxes. Mrs. Eckert indicated that it was not advised by the lawyer, it was their decision and reiterated that the amounts owing on the tax bills were incorrect and that was why they did not make payment.

Councillor MacMillan inquired what the penalty and interest amounts were that incurred. Councillor Browne indicated that the amounts provided in the email were \$92.76 and \$121.88.

Councillor Smith clarified with Mrs. Eckert that the decision not to pay the taxes was the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Eckert and Mr. and Mrs. Sernoskie and they were not advised by the Township, the lawyer, MPAC or anyone. Mrs. Eckert reiterated that it was their decision due to the unknown correct amounts owing.

Council discussed and decided not to waive the penalty and interest.

Council thanked Ms. Eckert for her address at which time she left the meeting.

Minutes:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 6, 2024 open and closed sessions. Carried.

Reports:

Fire Chief Gareau:

Fire Chief Gareau was present and invited to give his report. Fire Chief Gareau reported that ongoing activities include weekly truck checks and monthly equipment checks. Recent events included a bi-monthly meeting on January 17th and fit testing on January 23rd. Upcoming events include; NDMNRF 2023 Municipal Agreement workshop in Eganville on March 5th, Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association meetings in Pembroke on March 6th, June 5th, September 4th and December 4th, bi-monthly meetings on March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, September 10th and November 26th, the Northeastern Conference and Trade Show with 2 firefighters attending March 21st to the 24th, a Policy Advisory Committee 6 (PAC 6) meeting on March 27th and the OAFCA Conference and Trade Show in Toronto from May 1st to the 4th. Recent training included; firefighter safety, communications, and PPE on January 23rd, search and rescue (maze) and PPE on January 30th and overhaul, tarps, sprinklers and catchalls on February 6th. Upcoming training includes fire behaviour theory on February 20th, fire extinguishers theory and practical on February 27th, OAFCA Town Hall on March 6th, PPE, SCBA, ropes theory and practical on March 19th, MNRF 103 theory on March 26th, MNRF 103 practical on April 2nd, ventilation theory and practical on April 23rd, ground ladders theory and practical on April 30th, extrication theory and practical on May 21st, extrication, air bags, stabilization and cribbing on May 28th hydrants, hose streams and relay pumping on June 11th water supply, porta-tanks and hi-volume pump on June 18th and foam theory and practical on June 25th.

As it relates to the "Green Light Sign Project", Fire Chief Gareau recommended placing signage at each entry into the Township, 9 signs, following suit with the fire ban signage and suggested 3 additional signs be placed near the two fire halls and Station Park. Council had no objection.

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees to rescind resolution #11 dated July 4, 2023 regarding the "Firefighters Green Flashing Light Awareness" signage and approves the following:

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards supports the installation of 12 "Firefighters Green Flashing Light Awareness" signage provided by the County of Renfrew, at a cost of \$42.00 per sign.

AND FURTHER THAT the signage placement be decided between KHR Fire Chief Bob Gareau and County of Renfrew Infrastructure Technician, Nathan Kuiack. Carried.

Mayor Mayville inquired if the repairs to the kitchen at the Killaloe fire hall were completed. Fire Chief Gareau advised that they were not. Fire Chief Gareau was directed to contact Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson pertaining to the completion of the repairs as well as other minor repairs needed at the fire hall.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gareau for his report at which time he left the meeting.

Public Works Superintendent:

Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was present and invited to give his report. Public Works Superintendent Holly indicated that regular road and equipment maintenance/checks continue, and his department has been brushing along roadways, cutting fire wood, cold patching, and dragging roads when they can. Public Works Superintendent advised that he had received a compliment about staff doing a great job out on the roads and indicated that he will pass this compliment on to staff. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that half-loads will be implemented next month respective to the weather. As it pertains to waste management, Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that 1 person out of 3 was caught by the Police trespassing at the Killaloe waste site and he inquired if Council would like him to obtain quotes for extra lighting at the waste site for the next finance meeting. Council had no objection.

Councillor Browne inquired if a date has been set for HHWD. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she has asked that August 17, 2024 be scheduled for the Township and is just waiting for confirmation. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she will advise Council and the public on the date confirmed.

Councillor MacMillan advised that she had seen on Facebook a compliment about Waste Management Attendant Robert Nicholls involving his assistance with changing a tire and in general how great the Attendant's are at the waste site. Councillor MacMillan asked that Public Works Superintendent Holly relay this compliment to Mr. Nicholls. Public Works Superintendent Holly had no objection.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired about the date of the road tour. Council discussed and set the date of April 9, 2024 at 9:00 am for the Road/Facilities Asset Tour.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly for his report.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer:

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was present and invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she had hoped to have prepared for Council two reports to replace the Road & General Voucher report, however, did not have enough time to put them together but hopes to have them prepared before the next Council meeting for review/comments and suggestions. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that she prepared a resolution in the event Council would still like to discontinue the current procedure involving the Road & General Voucher report.

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees to discontinue the current procedures in place for examining accounts regarding Road & General Vouchers and will revisit once provided with alternate reports and procedures from the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer for review.

AND WHEREAS once Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has decided upon an alternate format and procedure will it then be added to the general reporting conditions for Council under Examining Accounts on the agenda. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that besides business as usual, she continues to work on year-end reporting and so far, has filed the accessibility report as well as OCIF and is currently working on the Gas Tax submission and PSSD. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised Interim tax billings have been mailed out, both herself and Deputy CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Lapenskie continue to work on the budget and the RED grant was submitted today.

Mayor Mayville indicated that the email received prior to the meeting that CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat sent out explaining some matters on the agenda was beneficial and inquired with Council if they would like this type of report provided for each meeting. Council discussed and agreed that only when CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat feels it necessary to explain matters on the agenda prior to a meeting, a report be emailed.

Council thanked CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat for her report.

Committee Reports

Councillor Lavigne advised that Ms. Rose-Anne Boucher contacted him to set up a meeting to discuss fundraising efforts to support a crosswalk in Killaloe. Councillor Lavigne indicated that he would prefer that Ms. Boucher attend a Regular Meeting as decisions would have to be made by full Council as opposed to having a committee meeting and then discussing the same matter again with full Council. Council agreed.

Correspondence:

Municipality of Wawa – Re: Resolution Fire Apparatus Regulation –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa pertaining to the Fire Department Fire Apparatus Regulation and would emphasize that any pumper that passes the annual pump test and road safety requirements be deemed to meet the front-line pumper requirements by FUS and the insurance industry.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC). Carried.

Municipality of Wawa – Re: Supporting resolution – Provincial Cemetery Management –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa supporting Tay Township regarding Provincial Cemetery Management.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy; Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis; BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP John Yakabuski and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

Corporation of the Town of Petrolia – Re: Resolution for ROMA|OGRA Return to Combined Conference – filed

Town of Plympton – Wyoming – Re: Resolution – Carbon Tax – filed

Kate Murton – Re: Cookbook Fundraiser – filed

Unfinished Business:

Council reviewed a follow-up letter from Mike Kendall asking Council to reconsider their decision pertaining to snow being placed on an unopened road allowance. Council discussed and decided to remain with their original decision.

New Business:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Bil Smith

Motion that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves and accepts the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 Annual Report for the Killaloe Drinking Water System issued February 5, 2024. Carried.

Councillor Browne advised that there is a 3-page article in the Ontario Out of Doors magazine titled "Back to Highway 60". The article is all about Golden Lake, Round Lake and Bark Lake identifying exceptional fishing, how great the area is, etc. Councillor Browne indicated that he emailed the magazine thanking them for the great coverage and that it is appreciated.

Councillor MacMillan advised that both her and Councillor Lavigne would like to bring KHR Volunteer Rec back to KHR. She indicated that they are looking for volunteers to help plan and execute events in Killaloe, Round Lake and Wilno. Councillor MacMillan advised that they would like to have a meeting Thursday on March 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the Round Lake rink. Council had no objection

Councillor MacMillan also reported that Mayor Mayville passed along some information about the TV show "Still Standing" indicating that they are looking to feature some communities on future episodes. Councillor MacMillan advised that she would like to look into this further to see if KHR could be a possibility. Council had no objection.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby directs the Mayor and CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to sign the Killaloe Drinking Water System's Operational Plan Commitment and Endorsement Form. Carried.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to move into committee of the whole.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, for the following reason(s):

- The security of property of the municipality or local board;
- X Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial or labour relations

- information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed could reasonable be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value;
 - A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board;
 - A request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act;
 - An ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1); or
 - Education or training sessions for council or local boards if the meeting is held for that purpose and if at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded Harold Lavigne

Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT By-Law No. 08 – 2024 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 20th day of February, 2024. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of February 20, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat