

June 18, 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.

Call to Order:

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

First Nations Land Acknowledgement:

First Nations Land Acknowledgement read by Mayor Mayville:

As we gather today, I would like to acknowledge on behalf of Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin people and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Good evening everyone,

In the last couple of weeks, I have spent plenty of time in waiting rooms thinking of a plan moving forward in regards to our expenses. I am sure all of us do not want to see another high tax increase and I hope everyone agrees with this. I have talked with other Mayors and CAO's from other Municipalities, not just in our County, but upper tier as well as lower tier just like us. We share the same problems, revenue shortfalls, expense increases, none of us want to decrease service levels but we all want the best of both worlds. For your information an average rural Municipality would have a 3-5% tax increase annually in addition to using \$1 to \$300,000 out of reserves to balance the provisional budget. Ours of course was 17% tax increase in addition to taking \$545,759 out of working reserves as well as \$30,000 out of ORPG reserves. So, as you can see we have a lot of work to do now, this work has to be done before we think about 2025, this must be our number one daily priority to get us back on track. Our current dilemma could lead us to not qualifying for grants or affect us for funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments. Please do not treat this as a scare tactic, this is real, very real. We could have asked for an outside review of our expenses, but I feel very comfortable in doing this review internally with everyone's cooperation. The subject of the review will be how the 2024 Budget values were determined and what each line consists of. As I said earlier, everything has to be on the table such as Councillor composition and policies and procedures that have a dollar impact. We may have outgrown our current policies and procedures, and they may not be feasible in today's financial climate. I have heard many stories and excuses about why we are in this position such as, unpaid taxes and water and sewer arrears. We do not budget for people to not pay their taxes; this affects our reserves and our cash on hand. Our focus has to be our expenses which is \$1,072,621 more than what we are budgeting for income, this is bad business. We have been elected to run this municipality efficiently, we need to investigate and make spending changes, keeping in mind what we are required to do and what we can afford to do. Phase one of the plan is to have the review done by October 31, 2024. There may be changes to policies and procedures that must be implemented immediately. Our agenda for the June 25th finance meeting is to review in detail all revenue lines and we will be discussing tax arrears, water and sewer arrears, property standards by-law, vacant home tax by-law, sale of lands, short-term rentals, storage containers and whatever else anyone can think of and that will take care of hopefully our revenue side. I will send a copy of this agenda later this week so that everyone can prepare for the meeting. A couple of notes in regard to County Council, come good news things; the 2023 Ontario Winter Games was such a success, Mellissa Bishop announced to the community that we will have a legacy fund of \$375,000 to benefit the community and that is broken down to sports clubs, youth sport clubs, major sports, etc. Today the release came out as far as the County of Renfrew

announces new support of bridge housing initiative. The County has signed a 3-year lease at the Carefor facility, the lease is for a for a separate area within the facility that is currently vacant. Renovations of the space are expected to be underway later this month to create rooms for up to 14 residents with an occupancy target of late Fall 2024. Which you will see a lot more of this happening now in other communities.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

Councillor MacMillan and Smith to declare at the appropriate time

Delegation:

Kathryn Carruthers; Board Chair of the Senior Women Living Together initiative was in attendance and invited to address Council. Ms. Carruthers advised that the Senior Women Living Together initiative helps older women find compatible homemates and then create successful shared living arrangements in rental housing. Ms. Carruthers reviewed with Council the Senior Women Living Together initiative which was founded by Pat Dunn in 2019. Ms. Carruthers discussed their homemate process, funding to-date, partnerships, objectives, tactics, and funding needs.

Council thanked Ms. Carruthers for her presentation 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 June 4, 2024 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Reports:

Facilities/Asset Manager:

Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson was present and invited to give his report. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson reported on the Request for Proposal (RFP) received from Zuracon for the Killaloe Rink boards and indicated that the proposed bid came in at \$187,015.00 with taxes and was over the amount received from the Trillium grant of \$134,500. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson indicated that Zuracon also submitted an alternate proposal for a cost of \$172,325.00 including taxes. Council discussed and decided to deliberate at the next Finance meeting.

Council thanked Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson for his report at which time he left the meeting.

Fire Chief:

Fire Chief Bob Gareau was present and invited to give his report. As it relates to fire, Fire Chief Gareau reported that operations included hydro lines down at Stone Church Road, an alarm call at St. Andrew's School, illegal burning at a property located on Round Lake Road, and a hydro line on fire on Round Lake Road at Cain. Ongoing activities include weekly truck checks and monthly equipment checks. Recent events included; St. Andrew's School fire safety plan update, Killaloe Public School car wash, Killaloe Public School fun day, Killaloe Farmers' Market on-site check and a Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting. Upcoming events include OFM Town Hall, bi-monthly meetings, and Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association meetings in Pembroke. Fire Chief Gareau reported on recent and upcoming training. And lastly, as it relates to CEMC; Fire Chief Gareau reported that recent events included emergency management training and exercise and a Spring Capital Sector meeting.

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

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer:

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was present and invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported on the matter pertaining to hazardous and special waste day indicating that Buckham Transport cannot confirm to the date requested in February and that Deputy CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Lapenskie in the process of contacting two other companies. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she would update Council accordingly. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that she had prepared three resolutions, Holly Transportation Inc., pride flag and Council meeting rates and remuneration.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees to enter into an agreement with Holly Transportation Services Inc. of Tillsonburg, Ontario for services in recovering Power Take Off (PTO) fuel tax refunds and directs the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to sign all respective paperwork for this agreement. Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees that moving forward the Pride Flag will be flown at the Municipal Office for the month of June indefinitely. Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT at their Regular meeting held on June 4, 2024, the Mayor and Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby discussed and agreed not to increase Mayor and Council meeting rates and remuneration rates by 3%. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that Public Works Superintendent Holly has indicated that he would be moving forward with the hiring process of the soon to be vacant public works position. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat thanked Council for allowing both herself and Deputy CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Lapenskie to attend the AMCTO conference advising that once again the conference allowed for networking, information learning and sharing, and seeing what municipal services are available from attending the exhibit hall. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that Colton Charbonneau officially started the Community Development Coordinator position on Friday June 7th and has been busy familiarizing himself with the position noting he has already prepared action plans for the upcoming summer events, and he has prepared a draft RFP for the structural review of the barn at KPP. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau investigated the purchase of Naloxone kits and 10 kits would cost approximately \$1,147. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat inquired if Council would like to move forward with this purchase. Council decided not to purchase naloxone kits at this time. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau would like to apply for the “Community Coaching Grant” where eligible organizations can apply to receive up to \$1000 to cover the cost of sourcing new equipment on behalf of the local pickleball group. Council had no objection to this request. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that the Eganville Leader has reached out to Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for an interview, which will be available in the next coming weeks. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that the Eganville Leader has indicated that they will not be able to continue to print the newsletter at the price of \$1,275 due to an increase in the costs associated with printing. They have indicated that the new price would be \$1,650. Inquiring with Council if they would like to continue having the Eganville Leader produce the newsletter or investigate alternate options. Council decided to discuss at the next Finance meeting.

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

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #05 – 2024.

Committee Reports:

Councillor MacMillan reported on the Tiny Towns Summit that her, Councillor Smith and Community Development Assistant Michaela Vandergragt attended, and Councillor MacMillan indicated that the final Irish Gathering meeting would be held on June 20th at 7:00 pm.

Councillor Browne reported on the AORS Trade Show and indicated that Public Works Superintendent Holly would be contacting a company they met regarding GPS systems to discuss equipment and costs.

Councillor Smith reported that the Killaloe and District Public Library raised almost \$7,200 from their plant sale and they are preparing for their annual book sale which is expected to take place the Friday of the August long weekend. Councillor MacMillan advised that the Board of the Killaloe and District Public Library was very thankful with passing of the budget and that they received the extra funds requested. Councillor Smith advised that the Library has available for sale cookbooks at \$20.00 a piece with 100% of the sale proceeds going directly to the Library. Councillor Smith also reported on the Library's summer reading program. Councillor Browne acknowledged the passing of Eleta Kelley indicating that she was a former Librarian and Library Board member. Councillor Smith also noted that Ms. Kelley was a former long time CRC employee and a very active Lions volunteer and her passing is a big loss to the community.

Councillor Lavigne reported that he attended a meeting with Vanessa McClement and Linda Levair regarding the Car Show in Round Lake and updated both the Community Development Coordinator and the Community Development Assistant on the meeting. Councillor Lavigne advised that the Car Show is set to take place on August 11th.

Correspondence:

MECP – Re: Certificate of Participation – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Thank You from Don Reid and Kathryn Blyth – filed; Council asked that staff secure the memorial bench where it is located.

Mayor Mayville – Re: Complaint from J; Garbage By-Laws – Council directed Mayor Mayville to reply to the complaint.

Mayor Mayville – Re: Complaint from J; Fires – Council directed Mayor Mayville to reply to the complaint.

Municipality of Tweed – Re: Resolution OPP Funding and Sustainable Funding for Small Rural Municipalities –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Municipality of Tweed (as attached) regarding O.P.P. funding and sustainable funding for small rural Municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

By-Laws:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 20 – 2024 being a By-Law to Authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to sign the Amended Municipal Funding Agreement for the transfer of Canada Community – Building Funds for the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Killaloe,

Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st , 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 18th day of June 2024. Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT By-Law No. 21 – 2024 being a By-Law to establish sewage and water rates for the year 2024 to provide sufficient revenue to meet the estimates required for the operation of the Water and Sewage plants for the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st , 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 18th day of June 2024. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Browne inquired if a letter was sent to Mr. Ed Brooker in response to his complaint regarding speeding on Simpson Pit Road. Mayor Mayville advised that Mr. Lee Perkins from the County of Renfrew has been in contact with Mr. Brooker regarding this matter.

Mayor Mayville asked and received permission to broadcast all future Finance meetings on YouTube.

Councillor Kuehl indicated that property tax is increasing 17%, the special area rate in Killaloe is increasing 17% and the sewage and water increasing 10%, however he missed the information of the special area rate increase in the Mayor's report on the budget. Mayor Mayville indicated that he would check his report.

New Business:

Mayor Mayville inquired with Council if they would like to invite Mr. David Blackwell President Pembroke/Renfrew County Crime Stoppers to a Council meeting as a delegate. Council indicated that they would like to invite Mr. Blackwell as a delegate to a future meeting.

Council discussed the email received from David and Trudy Harrington regarding the repair of Mask Road. Council discussed and asked that CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reply.

I Maureen MacMillan declare pecuniary/financial interest in regards to the Toy Bus request being presented.

I Bil Smith declare a conflict regarding CC's request to use public space.

Councillor MacMillan and Smith left the meeting.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that Karen Stamplecoski of CRC Toy Bus has requested to use the Killaloe Rink outdoor rink surface on a Tuesday morning and Kim Groskleg of CRC Toy Bus has requested to utilize Station Park and/or KPP Tuesday mornings from 10 – 11:30 am as well. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat also inquired with Council if they would like to continue to receive requests such as this or moving forward to be advised of the usage, dates and times. Council discussed and decided that they only need to be notified when municipal property is being used and they approved the request from CRC.

Councillor MacMillan and Smith returned to the meeting.

Councillor Smith reported that he attended the Killaloe Friendship Club's annual general meeting and congratulated past president Rachelle Clayton on a successful year and welcomed Terry Johnston as the new president.

Mayor Mayville reported that there is a free beginner pickleball clinic taking place on July 10th at 5:00 pm at the Killaloe Rink, and he indicated that the Committee would like to increase their size from 9 to 14. Council indicated that increasing their committee size is not a decision of Council. Mayor Mayville indicated that next year the Township is to receive \$78,927.80 from the Canada Community Building Fund. Mayor Mayville inquired with Council as to their decision from the email he sent relating to the savings from the Byers Creek Road project. Council discussed and decided that the savings would be moved to the road reserve.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Ted Browne

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 Ted Browne
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

Mayor Mayville advised that staff have been directed accordingly to matters discussed in committee of the whole.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 22 – 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 June 18, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 18th day of June, 2024. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of June 18, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat