

May 7, 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, Carl Kuehl and Brian Pecoskie in attendance.

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

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville congratulated Councillor MacMillan for organizing the Environmental Action Tour; Councillor Browne, Councillor Lavigne and Staff for making it a success and he thanked all the Teams that participated. Mayor Mayville noted that the climate change action group made a presentation to County Council, and they were successful in gaining County time to help their cause.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

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

Delegations:

Mr. Gerard Lusignan was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Lusignan presented to Council events that took place in the past that were respective to his taxes and arrears. Mr. Lusignan inquired with Council, if they would be willing to provide him with some relief on his taxes and arrears. Council discussed this matter and asked that Mr. Lusignan provide paperwork respective to his property and situation for review. Council advised that they would review the paperwork and invite Mr. Lusignan to a meeting to discuss. Mr. Lusignan had no objection.

Municipal Solutions Manager; Jacob Hanlon of Food Cycle Science was in attendance via zoom and invited to address Council. Mr. Hanlon thanked Council for taking the time to meet with him. Mr. Hanlon presented to Council, information on food waste diversion solutions and a pilot project involving their FoodCycler compost systems. Mr. Hanlon explained their subsidy model noting the pilot projects benefits. Mr. Hanlon asked that Council receive his presentation as information and if interested in partnering they could have Staff reach out. Council thanked Mr. Hanlon for his presentation at which time he left the meeting via zoom.

Minutes:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Bil Smith

Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of April 16, 2024 open session.
Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 16 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of April 9, 2024 open session. Carried.

Reports:

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 cold patching, grading and street sweeping the roadways. Public Works Superintendent advised that the sweeper is in need of repair with the parts arriving late in the week. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that one of the Public Works summer students started on Monday and that he was in conversation with the County of Renfrew pertaining to the moving of the 40 km painted signage on Queen Street to a more appropriate place indicating that the County had no objections to the replacement of the signage. Public Works Superintendent Holly advised that he will be having a meeting with the County of Renfrew representatives to discuss the possibility of installing temporary traffic lights while the Queen Street bridge is being repaired and will advise Council of the outcome of the meeting. Public Works Superintendent Holly indicated that the dock at the Round Lake Boat Launch will be installed before the long weekend, and he also inquired with Council if they would entertain the selling of logs to a local sawmill for revenue. Council had no objection to this request.

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 reported that the Community Safety Well-Being group held a Wellness Day on Saturday May 4th from 11 am to 3 pm with both herself and Deputy CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Sharlene Lapenskie in attendance as well as other members of the group and various community supports. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that the event was aimed in providing a safe and inclusive space for conversations about community safety and well-being for attendees to learn about local supports and services including employment, healthcare, housing and mental health and addictions. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she prepared a resolution for the rehabilitation of Byers Creek Road which was decided at the Finance meeting on May 6th.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at it's Finance Committee held on May 6, 2024 approved that Byers Creek Road will receive rehabilitation this year and authorized the Public Works Superintendent to proceed with procurement of this project. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she prepared a resolution for the hire of two summer students; the Public Works Labourer and the Community Development Assistant.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the hiring of Mr. Grant Summers as the Public Works Labourer effective May 6, 2024 and Ms. Michaela Vandergrat as the Community Development Coordinator Assistant effective May 13, 2024. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that she had a discussion with Mayor Mayville regarding his April timesheet indicating that he claimed a "Mayor's – Re: Hospital" meeting. CAO/Clerk- Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that she was inquiring with Council if this meeting was or future meetings will be sanctioned by Council. Council discussed and asked that before Mayor Mayville meets with this Mayor's group that he notify Council of the meeting, communicate the subject matter and provide a report afterwards. Mayor Mayville had no objection to this request.

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

Correspondence:

Municipality of Huron Shores – Re: Resolution; Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle –

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Municipality of Huron Shores in regard to urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle to maintain fairness and predictability of property taxes in our Province.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford; Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities. Carried.

Municipality of West Perth – Re: Resolution; Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Proposal Regulation Detailing New Minister's Permit and Review Powers Under the Conservation Authorities Act – filed

RLPOA – Re: Letter Regarding Current Status of the Boat Ramp Installation – Public Works Superintendent Holly advised that MNRF has indicated that the grate (ramp) can not be installed at the Round Lake Boat Launch until after the fish spawn. Council asked that CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat write a letter to RLPOA to advise.

Township of The Archipelago – Re: Resolution; Public Health Ontario Proposes Phasing Out Free Water Testing for Private Wells –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Corporation of the Township of the Archipelago requesting that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Ontario Municipalities, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health, Renfrew County and District Health Unit and MPP John Yakabuski. Carried.

RLPOA – Re: Letter Regarding Round Lake Water Levels – filed

City of St. Catharines – Re: Resolution; Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("Exotic") Wild Animals – filed

Loyalist Township – Re: Resolution; Public Health Laboratories in Ontario –

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from Loyalist Township urging the Provincial Government to take caution against acting on the recommendations relating to the closure of six community-based PHO laboratories.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Honourable Sylvia Jones; Minister of Health, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew County District Health Unit and all Municipalities in Ontario for their support. Carried.

Mayor Mayville – Re: FedDev Funding Spring Intake – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Stormwater Fee Structures – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Property Taxation for County Purposes – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Email from Pierre Moncion – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Email from County of Renfrew Director of Public Works and Engineering Lee Perkins – filed

Pat Pilgrim – Re: 3rd Annual Lorna Hudder Memorial Charity Golf Tournament – filed

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Re: Letter of Support; Amenity Sharing MOU with School Boards – filed

Township of Manitouwadge – Re: Resolution; Review of OW and ODSP Financial Assistance Rates – Council asked that this correspondence be moved to the May 21st Regular Council meeting.

Township of Madawaska Valley – Re: Invitation “Because of You” – filed

Municipality of Arran – Elderslie – Re: Letter from the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group Re: Unwilling Host Declaration – filed

New Business:

Councillor Smith provided an update on three water colour painting donated to the Municipality by Mr. Ian Huggett. Council asked that a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Huggett.

Councillor Browne advised that he heard of a new program offered by CRC and inquired with Councillor Smith as to its specifics. Councillor Smith advised that CRC received funding to offer a new program called “Watershed” which supports women and gender-diverse people in all areas of their life to assist them to more fully participate in life by providing a wide variety of programs and services such as; job training, volunteer opportunities, individual support of counselling, etc. Councillor Smith advised that this program is an on-going program, receiving funding every year.

Councillor Pecoskie reported on the OGRA conference he recently attended. Councillor Pecoskie thanked the Township for allowing him to attend this conference noting that it is a great opportunity to learn about alternative solutions and upcoming issues for the Township and to also connect with people from other municipalities similar to the size and rural development of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Councillor Pecoskie indicated that he attended different sessions and heard from many speakers. Councillor Pecoskie advised that himself and Councillor Kuehl attended a session relating to water and waste water treatment plants indicating the financial stresses they bring along with them and stressed that the Township will need to find grant funds to support these infrastructures. Councillor Pecoskie reported that the County of Renfrew is considering downloading a “stormwater” tax and that Mayor Mayville will need to make sure that Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards concerns are heard at the County Council table. Councillor Pecoskie reported that at the conference one of the keynote speakers noted that Municipalities need to consider decreasing highways and increasing bike lanes indicating that this is hard to do in rural areas. Councillor Pecoskie indicated that rural areas such as Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards’, rely heavily on tourism and inquired with Council if there is a way to increase bike trails within the Municipality. Council discussed with no decisions being made. Councillor Pecoskie inquired with Mayor Mayville about the County of Renfrew’s MESA program. Mayor Mayville advised that the MESA program was discussed prior and provided a brief description of the program.

Councillor Browne asked that a “no exit” sign be placed at the end of Mary Street due to an influx of traffic and to notify drivers that it is a dead-end. Public Works Superintendent Holly had no objection to this request.

Councillor MacMillan provided an update on the recent Irish Gathering meeting and inquired if they could host another meeting in Council Chambers on May 23rd at 7:00 pm. Council had no objection. Councillor MacMillan also advised that she has booked 8 out of 9 bands for Songs in the Park. And lastly, Councillor MacMillan provided an update on the Environmental Action Tour noting that 18 teams/53 people took part, with 65 bags of garbage collected.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

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;
- X Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- X 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 Brian Pecoskie

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 Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 16 – 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 May 7, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of May, 2024. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of May 7, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat