

**December 17, 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:**

Mayor Mayville apologized for providing incorrect information about Truth and Reconciliation Day being a provincial holiday. Mayor Mayville reported on the recent County Council meeting and announced the re-election of Warden Peter Emon. Mayor Mayville provided an update on the County's new approach to conducting meetings and advised that he would serve as vice chair to the County of Renfrew's Corporate Service Committee. Mayor Mayville reported attending the Killaloe Lions Christmas parade, where he thanked the Lions Club for organizing the event and all participants who took part. Following up on his request from the previous regular meeting, Mayor Mayville inquired with Council about their views with regard to the tax levy for 2025. Council responded that they would provide their feedback after reviewing the draft budget. Mayor Mayville extended his best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season, wishing them a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Councillor Browne delivered a tribute to former firefighter Roger Read following his passing and expressed gratitude to the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, and North Algona Wilberforce fire departments, for honouring Mr. Read.

**Pecuniary/Financial Interest:**

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

**Minutes:**

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 3, 2024 open & closed sessions. Carried.

**Meetings:**

Mayor Mayville requested that Council members inform him of any Tuesdays or weeks in October/November 2025 when they would be absent from Council meetings due to hunting, so adjustments can be made to the schedule for accommodations.

## **Reports:**

**Fire Chief:** Fire Chief Bob Gareau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Fire Chief Gareau reported on recent fire-related operations, which included responding to two carbon monoxide alarm calls at a residence on Annie Street and a motor vehicle collision on Round Lake Road and Jacks Lake. Fire Chief Gareau also reported that ongoing activities include weekly truck inspections and monthly equipment checks and recent events included maintenance and certification of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), a bi-monthly meeting, the KHRFD Firefighters' Association dance and beef draw, an environmental and climate change weather briefing, the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association quarterly meeting, the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association dinner in Eganville, participation in the Santa Claus parade, attending the wake of Roger Read, and a brush burn at the Mask Road recycling yard. Fire Chief Gareau provided an update on recent training sessions and the draft training schedule for 2025. And lastly, with regard to Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Fire Chief Gareau reported that recent activities included proposed amendments aimed at modernizing the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Councillor Kuehl asked Fire Chief Gareau who the winners of the beef draw were. Fire Chief Gareau shared the names of some of the winners.

Councillor MacMillan complimented the fire department on its Facebook page.

Mayor Mayville asked Fire Chief Gareau if a "Wall of Honour" could be created at the Killaloe fire hall. No decisions were made, and it was noted that a "Wall of Honour" could be considered in the future.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gareau for his report.

**Community Development Coordinator:** Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that he has submitted applications for Canada Summer Jobs, Summer Employment Opportunities, Celebrate Canada, and Experience Ontario. He advised that the Experience Ontario program offers 50% funding for tourism-specific events, and that he applied for funding under this program for Canada Day, excluding the fireworks. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau provided an update on the Killaloe rink, noting they are waiting for hinges and brackets for the doors of the player boxes. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that the Tree of Peace event was a great success, thanking the library for their hard work and the choir for their contribution. And lastly, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that he would be starting the Municipal Administration Program (MAP) course through AMCTO in January and he would be away on holidays from December 31 to January 8.

Both Councillor MacMillan and Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau provided an update on the new website and promotional videos noting that they expect the new website to be up and running in January. The three promotional videos, created by Jack Albert, were presented.

Council thanked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for his report at which time he left the meeting.

**CAO/Clerk – Treasurer:** CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat asked and received approval to waive the water and sewage penalty and interest for the month of January due to the Canada Post strike and significant delays in mail delivery.

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded by Ted Browne

WHEREAS, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards acknowledges that the Canada Post strike has resulted in significant delays in mail delivery, impacting many residents' ability to receive their utility bills on time;

AND WHEREAS, this situation has created undue hardship for residents who have not yet received their bills;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Council agrees to waive the penalty and interest charges for the month of January to ensure that residents are not unfairly penalized due to circumstances beyond their control;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, staff be directed to implement this decision and communicate the temporary waiver to the affected residents. Carried.

**Examining Accounts:**

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #11 – 2024.

**Correspondence:**

**County of Renfrew Warden; Peter Emon** – Re: Letter to Minister Sarkaria: Lack of Progress and Funding for the Twinning of Highway 17 – filed

**Town of Deep River** – Re: Request to Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation –

Moved by Carl Kuehl  
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

**THAT** Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Town of Deep River regarding Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, which was passed at their November 20, 2024 meeting as attached.

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP John Yakabuski and to all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and advocacy. Carried.

**Municipality of East Ferris Deputy Mayor Lauren Rooyakkers** – Re: Resolution from the Northern Ontario Women's Caucus (NOW Caucus) – filed

**Township of Madawaska Valley** – Re: Report; County of Renfrew Rationalization Assessment – filed

**County of Renfrew** – Re: Immediate Release: Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon Re-elected to Seventh Term as Warden – filed

**Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra** – Re: Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2004 – filed

Council took a brief break and upon return Fire Chief Gareau left the meeting.

### **By-Laws:**

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Gorgerat presented a resolution regarding the adoption of the Human Resources Policies and Procedures. Before it was carried, Mayor Mayville raised some concerns he had specific to hours of work and meetings which he had previously shared in an email to Chair Councillor Smith prior to the meeting. Council discussed the matter; however, no changes were directed to be made to the policy.

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT By-Law No. 44 – 2024 being a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 29 – 2011 with respect to the establishment of Human Resources Policies and Procedures for employees of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 17th day of December 2024. Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 45 – 2024 being a By-Law to appoint Auditors for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st , 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 17th day of December 2024. Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT By-Law No. 46 – 2024 being a By-Law to Convey to Blair John Voyodic and Christopher Erickson an Easement over Part Lot 7, Concession 5, Hagarty, being Parts 1 & 2, Plan 49R-20718 Township of Killaloe Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st , 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 17th day of December 2024. Carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Council discussed and approved the purchase of a \$50 gas card for staff appreciation.

Mayor Mayville raised the issue of council composition and the ward system again. Councillor Smith explained that, according to the procedural by-law, a matter that has been previously considered cannot be reconsidered within a year of being rejected unless it brought up by a prevailing member. Council discussed the matter, and CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Gorgerat read section 42 of the procedural by-law to Council. Council did not support the reconsideration of council composition and the ward system.

### **New Business:**

Council discussed and approved the request from Bonntrae Snowmobile Club for the use of the Round Lake Rink to conduct their monthly meetings.

### **Committee of the Whole:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
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;
- 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 Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

**Confirming By-Law:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 47 – 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 December 17, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 17th day of December 2024. Carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of December 17, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.