

April 2, 2025

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, Ted Browne 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.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville reported that on March 26th he attended a County Council meeting which included the Development and Property and Operations Committees.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegations:

Acting President RLPOA Mr. Scott Gardner was in attendance and was invited to address Council. Mr. Scott Gardner informed Council that he was present to inquire if Council would be willing to contribute to the installation of four RLPOA active community zone signs, at a cost of \$125 per sign. Council supported Mr. Gardner's request. Mr. Gardner proposed locations for the installation of the invasive species signage, and Council approved the suggested sites. And lastly, Mr. Gardner advised Council that there was a discussion in mid-2024 about installing Naloxone kits within the AED boxes and to assist the Township, RLOPA acquired enough Naloxone kits to provide to the Fire Chief, who will then coordinate with Renfrew County Paramedics for their installation into the existing AED infrastructure.

Minutes:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 18, 2025 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Reports:

Public Works Superintendent: Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was in attendance and invited to give his report. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that while attending the OGRA conference, the Public Works Department effectively managed the special weather event that occurred and gave them a well-deserved recognition for their efforts. Public Works Superintendent Holly also provided a report on his attendance at the OGRA conference, highlighting that the sessions, trade show, and networking opportunities were all highly informative. And lastly, Public Works Superintendent Holly provided an update on the AORS Trade Show taking place June 4th and 5th.

Councillor Browne reported on his attendance at the OGRA conference, highlighting networking opportunities where he noted discussing automated speed enforcement with a fellow attendee and suggested that Council revisit the matter regarding the County of Renfrew implementing automated speed enforcement within the Village, specifically in the designated community safety zones, using cameras and speed measurement devices to

enforce speed limits. Councillor Browne also reported that he would be receiving a quote outlining the cost of a radar speed enforcement sign.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly 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 informed Council that Councillor Browne is unable to continue as the Township's representative on the Police Services Board and asked if any other Council member would be willing to take on the role. After a discussion, CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat presented the following resolution:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

WHEREAS Councillor Ted Browne has indicated that, moving forward, he is unable to fulfill his duties as a representative on the Police Services Board for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby acknowledges Councillor Ted Browne's inability to continue serving on the Police Services Board as a representative for the Township;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby appoints Councillor Maureen MacMillan to represent the Township on the Police Services Board, effective immediately. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised Council that Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau is requesting pre-approval to place the order for plants with Gerber's Nursery, as they need the details by April 11th and that Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau has allocated \$3,000 in the budget and plans to order the same types of flowers as last year, along with additional bridge boxes. Council discussed the matter and decided that Councillor Kuehl will review the flower inventory with Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau before the order is placed.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Smith reported that the Library Board is actively considering hosting a fundraising special evening on August 23rd with wine and hors d'oeuvres in an outdoor setting noting that the details regarding the location and time will be shared at a later date.

Councillor MacMillan reported that the Killaloe and District Public Library annual plant sale is scheduled for May 24th.

Councillor Kuehl indicated that Council has not proceeded with a review of the Township's alcohol policy as indicated prior. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat informed that there is verbiage within the by-law where Council has the option to approve requests for events that include alcohol.

Mayor Mayville asked about the status of adding the O.P.P. billing to the tax bills. CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Gorgerat informed that Deputy CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Lapenskie will provide an update at the next finance committee meeting.

Correspondence:

Inspector General of Policing of Ontario Ryan Teschner – Re: Release of the Inspectorate of Policing's Strategic Plan – filed

By-Laws:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT By-Law No. 15 – 2025 being a by-law to execute an amending agreement between the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards and Product Care Association of Canada be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 2nd day of April 2025. Carried

Unfinished Business:

Councillor MacMillan addressed concerns regarding the importance of upholding the integrity, clarity, and unity of Council decisions. Councillor MacMillan referenced the procedural by-law, which states that once a decision is made by Council, it is final, and members are expected to support that decision both publicly and privately. Councillor MacMillan expressed concern over recent comments and actions that appeared to contradict the decision made by Council in 2024 to raise taxes by 17%, noting that this has led to confusion among Council members and constituents. Councillor MacMillan emphasized that while differences of opinion are normal during deliberation, once a decision is made, it is essential to stand by it to maintain consistency and trust in governance. Councillor MacMillan reiterated that revisiting established decisions undermines the authority of Council and its ability to govern effectively and cited the procedural by-law provision stating that Council members are prohibited from working against Council decisions, either openly or privately, to preserve the collective will of Council. Councillor MacMillan further referenced the regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2024, during which, Council unanimously supported the tax increase. Councillor MacMillan called on Council to honour its past decisions, respect the work of municipal staff and professionals, and move forward with unity and purpose. In response to recent developments, Councillor MacMillan requested that staff be directed to fact-check all documents containing financial information prior to their presentation to Council, the media, or the public. Councillor MacMillan advised that she had prepared a motion to formalize this request, ensuring that such documents are verified for accuracy and provided with sufficient notice to allow for review.

Council engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the presented resolution with Councillor Browne calling for a recorded vote.

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion for staff review and verification of Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' financial documents prior to being presented to Council and public release.

WHEREAS the integrity of financial information presented to Council is vital to ensure informed decision-making and accountability;

AND WHEREAS the accuracy of financial documents and reports is essential to maintaining public trust and upholding sound fiscal management practices;

AND WHEREAS timely review and verification of financial information by staff ensures that all financial documents are accurate, clear, and reliable;

BE IT RESOLVED that all financial documents, including reports, statements, and proposals with financial implications, which are intended to be presented to Council, the public and/or the press, shall first be approved by Council to be provided to municipal staff for review and verification and, if approved, staff will have at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, at which they are to be discussed, to review and verify the information;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff shall be responsible for reviewing and confirming the accuracy of all financial information, and any discrepancies or concerns identified during the review/verification process shall be addressed prior to presentation to Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this procedure shall apply to all financial documents presented to Council, including but not limited to budget reports, audit statements, financial

forecasts, and any other documents containing financial data, and shall ensure that the accuracy of financial reporting is prioritized;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any financial documents that have not been reviewed and verified by staff in accordance with this resolution shall not be presented to Council for decision-making, nor shall it be made available to the public or press;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards authorizes that all financial information concerning the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will be reviewed and validated by staff prior to its release to Council, the public, and/or the press. Carried.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Browne – Carried
Councillor Kuehl – Carried
Councillor Lavigne – Carried
Councillor MacMillan – Carried
Mayor Mayville – Carried
Councillor Pecoskie – Carried
Councillor Smith – Carried

Councillor MacMillan asked that Mayor Mayville consider issuing an apologizing to the Township Auditor

Councillor MacMillan also addressed concerns regarding the manner in which questions were posed to the Auditor without prior notice and advised that, as explained by the Township Auditor, the audited reports presented are the result of thorough professional analysis. Councillor MacMillan reminded of the importance of respecting the expertise of the Township's financial team and maintaining trust in the integrity of their work noting that undermining the findings of the audit may create an atmosphere of uncertainty that does not serve the best interests of the community. Councillor MacMillan indicated that while seeking clarification and engaging in meaningful dialogue is appropriate, concerns were expressed regarding the manner in which the Mayor engaged with the Auditor, specifically in challenging the accuracy of the statements and offering alternative interpretations. Councillor MacMillan noted that such actions may undermine the credibility of the financial reporting process. Councillor MacMillan asked Mayor Mayville to consider issuing an apology to the Township Auditor and suggested that Council consider extending appreciation to the Auditor for his dedication and professional contributions. Councillor MacMillan further encouraged Council to promote a collaborative and respectful working environment and to reaffirm Council's commitment to transparency, accountability, and professionalism in all interactions with staff and external consultants.

Councillor Lavigne asked and received approval to install a memorial bench at Sheryl Boyle Park.

New Business:

Mayor Mayville reported that on June 11th an AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum will be taking place in the Town of Almonte at a cost of \$50 per person to register and that AMO is encouraging all Council members and Mayors to attend. Mayor Mayville also provided an update on watershed conditions and water safety from MNR Pembroke District.

Councillor MacMillan asked and received approval to arrange a Council meet-and-greet open forum at the Round Lake Recreation building on May 10th from 10 am to 2 pm. Councillor MacMillan also reported that the Killaloe Food Bank will be hosting their Open House on April 12th from 10 am to 3 pm and advised that the Food Bank has transitioned to a food pantry model, allowing clients to select their own groceries.

Mayor Mayville reported that the Green Burial AGM will take place on April 5th at 12 North Street in Killaloe at 1 pm.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
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 Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

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

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 16 – 2025 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Meeting held on April 2, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 2nd day of April 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of April 2, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat