

May 6, 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 he recently attended a County Council meeting, which included the Development and Property Committee as well as the Operations Committee. Mayor Mayville also noted that he participated in the Shrine Hill Day of Mourning, an Irish Gathering planning meeting, Mark Wilmer's Celebration of Life, the Environmental Action Tour, and a Finance Committee meeting. And lastly, Mayor Mayville provided an update on the freshet situation as it pertains to Round Lake and Golden Lake.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegations:

Nirvana Fernandz, CEO of DNR Productions and Board of Director member for the Killaloe Craft Community Fair Taisha Levy, was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Fernandz presented a proposal, outlining plans for a large-scale music, art, and wellness festival within the Township. Mr. Fernandz presentation covered key aspects including logistics, safety measures, and potential impacts on the community. Council discussed the proposal and advised that additional time is needed to consider the information provided and conduct further research before rendering a decision.

Council thanked Mr. Fernandz for his presentation at which time he and Taisha Levy left the meeting.

Brian Whiffin, President of the Killaloe and Area Pickleball Club (KAPC), was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Whiffin advised that the KAPC is seeking a facility usage agreement with the Township and requested support in several areas: spring-cleaning services to remove debris and accumulated gravel/sand, provision of equipment such as leaf blowers to assist with ongoing court maintenance, exploration of both short-term (e.g., pumps, shop vacuums) and long-term (e.g., grading, drainage installation) solutions for drainage issues, and the establishment of a liaison committee to support ongoing communication and collaboration. Council discussed and approved the request to support a spring-cleaning service provided by the Township, approved to explore solutions for drainage and approved for Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau to serve as the primary Township liaison with no liaison committee to be established. Council also advised that Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson is to be contacted in the event repairs are needed to the facility. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau noted that the facility usage agreement is almost complete and will be provided to Council for comment.

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

Minutes:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 15, 2025 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of April 15, 2025 open session. Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting of April 16, 2025 open session. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of April 10, 2025 open session. Carried.

Meetings:

Mayor Mayville inquired whether Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau should attend the Policies and Procedures Committee meeting scheduled for May 13th. Council determined that his attendance was not necessary.

Councillor Browne requested, and received approval for the start time of the Finance Committee meeting on May 15th to be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Reports:

Community Development Coordinator: Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau provided an update on his recent activities, including his attendance at the Teeny Tiny Summit. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau also reported on the success of the Environmental Action Tour, noting that 120 bags of refuse was collected and recommended a shift toward encouraging year-round litter collection. Additionally, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau informed Council that the Township had successfully secured \$6,000 from the Celebrate Canada Grant fund and \$3,868.72 from the Experience Ontario Grant fund to support Canada Day.

Councillor Pecoskie expressed support for the idea of promoting year-round litter collection.

Councillor Smith updated Council on his attendance at the Teeny Tiny Summit.

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

Correspondence:

Township of McNab/Braeside – Re: Bi-Centennial Anniversary Event – filed

Township of Rideau Lakes – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – filed

Town of Kingsville – Re: Strong Mayor Powers Letter to Hon. Doug Ford and Hon. Rob Flack – filed

Town of Amherstburg – Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers – filed

Township of Puslinch – Re: Amendment to Subsection 29(1.2) Ontario Heritage Act – filed

Town of Georgina – Re: Salt Management Resolution – filed

Town of Parry Sound – Re: Call for Inclusive Research to Reflect Diversity of Canadian Communities – filed
Town of Aylmer – Re: Oppose Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Town of Parry Sound – Re: Response to the Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Town of Greater Napanee – Re: Support for Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Town of Tecumseh – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Municipality of North Middlesex – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Township of Zorra – Re: Opposing Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Township of Champlain – Re: Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario – filed
Rae Stanley – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – filed
City of Richmond Hill – Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (“Exotic”) Wild Animals – filed
Town of Essex – Re: Strong Mayor Power – filed
Town of Petawawa – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Otonabee-South Monaghan – Re: Daylight Savings Time – filed
Municipality of South Huron – Re: Support Town of Saugeen Shores – Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Municipality of Bluewater – Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers Expansion – filed
Linda Dombroski – Re: Thank-You – filed
Pat Pilgrim – Re: 4th Annual Lorna Hudder Memorial Charity Golf Tournament – filed
Town of Deep River – Re: Opposition to the Proposed Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Re: Opposition to the Proposed Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers – filed
Town of Cobourg – Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates – Council directed that CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat present a resolution in support of the Town of Cobourg’s resolution to the next Regular Council meeting
Town of Cobalt – Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers – filed

By-Laws:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 19 – 2025 being a By-Law to Establish a Township Policy on the Use of Unopened Road Allowances for Access Purposes for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 6th day of May 2025. Carried.

New Business:

Councillor Brian Pecoskie reported on the Strong Mayor Powers and indicated that he asked staff to prepare a resolution expressing opposition to these powers. Councillor Pecoskie also requested a recoded vote.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Ted Browne

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has designated the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards as a “Strong Mayor” municipality, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS these Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the traditional governance structure at the municipal level, diminishing the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the foundational democratic principle of majority rule;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has a long-standing tradition of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance, rooted in open Council debate and collective decision-making;

AND WHEREAS elected officials and members of the public across the province have raised serious concerns about the imposition of these powers without sufficient consultation or demonstrated need;

AND WHEREAS the Township neither requested nor expressed interest in being designated under the Strong Mayor framework and firmly opposes its application within the community;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected representatives across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor model and advocating for its reconsideration or repeal in defense of balanced and representative local governance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards formally requests that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Township from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Billy Denault; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their information and support. Carried.

Recorded Vote:

Brian Pecoskie – Yes

Ted Browne – Yes

Carl Kuehl – Yes

Harold Lavigne -Yes

Maureen MacMillan – Yes

Dave Mayville – Yes

Bil Smith – Yes

Councillor Smith advised that Council had signed a letter opposing the strong mayor powers and he submitted on behalf of Council and received a response from MMAH. Councillor Smith indicated that he would forward to all of Council and asked that it be included in Council agenda packages for the next meeting. Council had no objections to this request.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised that the County of Renfrew is proposing an amendment to their Official Plan to permit their Council to provide grants and/or loans to support local Community Improvement Plan incentives. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that an amendment is being sought to establish a regional incentive program entitled Helping Your Place Excel (HYPE) and that the HYPE programs key focus areas include agriculture and Agri-tourism, brownfield redevelopment, affordable housing and secondary dwellings, energy efficient and environmental enhancements, accessibility improvements, commercial, institutional and industrial development and trail improvements. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that only municipalities who have a CIP are eligible for this incentive and currently 7 of the 17 municipalities in Renfrew County have CIP's, which include Arnprior, Laurentian Valley, Whitewater Region, Bonnechere Valley, Petawawa, Deep River and Renfrew with the remaining 10 municipalities, including Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, not eligible for this incentive program. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that the County is holding a Public Meeting on June 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the County Administration building at 9 International Drive to inform the public of the proposed Official Plan amendment. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that the County is seeking agency responses through the "Notice to Public Bodies" and inquired direction on how Council would like to respond. Council discussed and advised that they require additional information regarding CIP's before rendering a decision.

Councillor Smith spoke to the matter involving the Hoch Farm sign and the Killaloe Heritage and Ecology Society. Councillor Smith advised that the Society would like the sign, which is currently still in the Township's possession to be used by CRC as part of their "good food" project at KPP. Council had no objection to this request.

Council approved Councillor Smith and Mayor Mayville's attendance at the AMO Good Governance Session which is scheduled to take place on June 11th in Almonte.

Councillor Lavigne reported receiving several calls regarding the windstorm that passed through Pine Point and asked if Council would consider approving a free brush collection day for those only on Pine Point Lane impacted by the storm. Council had no objections to this request.

Mayor Mayville asked and received approval to replace the "Yield to Flashing Green Light Firefighter" signage with larger ones, at an estimated cost of \$120.00.

Mayor Mayville asked and received approval for himself and Councillor Pecoskie to attend the Upper Ottawa Valley Chambers of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Gala where former MPP John Yakabuski will be honored with the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award at a cost of \$145.00 per person.

Councillor Browne informed Council that the 2nd Chance building has been closed since COVID, and he has received complaints about its continued closure. Council discussed the matter and agreed that further discussions are needed before making a decision on whether to reopen it.

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 reasonably 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 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 Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 20 – 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 May 6, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 6th day of May 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of Amay 6, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat