

August 20, 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, 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.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville reported that he attended County Council along with the Health Community Services and Corporate Services Committees. Mayor Mayville also advised that he attended the Irish Gathering and extended his thanks to everyone who contributed to the event's success, he attended the Classic Car Show and provided an update from his participation in the AMO Conference.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegations:

Cate McFalls was in attendance and invited to address Council. Ms. McFalls provided Council with a copy of her address/comments. Ms. McFalls addressed Mayor Mayville, specifically, as it relates to challenging MacKillican & Associates and the Integrity Commissioner submitted complaint.

Council thanked Ms. McFalls for her presentation at which time she left the meeting.

Minutes:

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 5, 2025 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Moved by Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting of August 5, 2025 open session. Carried.

Meetings:

Councillor Pecoskie advised that he will not be in attendance at the Regular Council meetings scheduled for October 7, 2025, and November 4, 2025.

Councillor Browne advised that he will not be in attendance at the Regular Council meetings scheduled for October 21, 2025, and November 4, 2025.

Reports:

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Bob Gareau was in attendance and invited to give his report. In his report on fire operations, Fire Chief Gareau advised that the department responded to several incidents, including: a wildland bush fire at Foy Provincial Park; a motor vehicle collision at Simpson Pit Road and Hwy 60; an ATV fire at the Round Lake Country Store; a bonfire complaint on Sherwood River Lane; a fence fire adjoining Levair's Campground; a fireworks complaint on Boyle Lane; a motor vehicle collision at Round Lake Road and Albert

Street requiring extrication; and a bonfire complaint on Eno Road. Fire Chief Gareau reported that ongoing activities continue to include weekly truck checks and monthly equipment inspections and recent initiatives and events included the implementation of a Level 2 fire ban, installation of new flashing green light signage, vandalism on one of the fire ban signs located on Mask Road, participation in the Killaloe Craft and Community Fair, the KHR Car Show, a strong mayor webinar, and the OFM Town Hall meeting regarding year two of the Fire Protection Grant (which has doubled). Fire Chief Gareau indicated that the department also took part in fire prevention training at Bonnechere Provincial Park, as well as community events such as the Irish Gathering Touch-a-Truck in Killaloe and the Touch-a-Truck event at Bonnechere Provincial Park. Fire Chief Gareau reported that upcoming activities include an Officers' meeting, two bi-monthly meetings, pump testing and certification, and participation in an OAFC Town Hall meeting. Fire Chief Gareau also provided an update on recent and upcoming training initiatives.

As it relates to CEMC, Fire Chief Gareau reported that he recently participated in the IQEMPO (Improving the Quality of Emergency Management Programs in Ontario) 5th EMC Working Group meeting. Upcoming events include his attendance at IQEMPO's 6th, 7th, and 8th EMC Working Group meetings, the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association quarterly meeting, a Capital Sector meeting at the Nepean Sportsplex, and the County-Wide Exercise for 2025.

Councillor Browne inquired whether any charges had been laid against individuals caught burning during the fire ban. Fire Chief Gareau responded that no charges had been laid and proceeded to outline the procedures that were followed in such cases.

Mayor Mayville advised that the County of Renfrew did not charge the Township for the replacement of the larger "Green Flashing Light" signage.

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 on recent grants, noting that the Emigrant Support Programme (ESP) grant application was successful in the amount of \$4,500, and that final reports have been submitted for both the Canada Summer Jobs and Experience Ontario programs and work is currently underway on the final reports for the Emergency Preparedness Grant and the Fire Protection Grant. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that the rink board advertisement terms and conditions had been presented to Council for review and requested guidance on the next steps. After discussion, Council approved the terms and conditions. With respect to the Visitor Information Centre, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported 385 visitors in July, with August visitor numbers on a similar pace. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that the swim BBQ was well attended with approximately 100 participants, and he suggested the purchase of a \$300 back-drop for future ceremonies so parents can take photos upon program completion. Council directed him to include the item in his 2026 budget. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that the Car Show was also well attended, drawing 608 people and 161 cars, and recommended budgeting \$300 for a porta potty for next year. Council directed him to include the item in his 2026 budget. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that the Irish Gathering drew approximately 250 people on Friday evening and 800 people throughout Saturday and noted that funding support for this event was received through the ESP program. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau extended his gratitude to the volunteers, the organizing committee, and the community for their support. And lastly, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau further reported that planning is underway for the Phantoms of the Pathways event at KPP scheduled for October 30th from 6–9 p.m., organized in collaboration with the KHR Volunteer Recreation Committee. Planned activities include a DJ, inflatables, fog machine, and other features within a pilot program budget of \$2,000.

Councillor Smith commented on the Irish Gathering, highlighting the value of having other organizations participate in the event. He noted that it was a great success and that the participating organizations benefited significantly from their involvement.

Councillor Browne thanked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for his hard work, noting the Irish Gathering was a great success, and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the grant providers. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that he had already sent a letter of thanks along with photos. Councillor Browne also noted that he had a conversation with Killaloe Lions President Jim Homer regarding the placement of the "beer gardens" for next year's event. Councillor Smith noted that the Killaloe Lions is committed to continuing to provide this service and will look at its placement for next year.

Councillor Lavigne thanked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for his efforts with the Classic Car Show, noting that the event raised \$2,300 for the KHR Volunteer Recreation, with an additional \$500 received in donations.

Mayor Mayville acknowledged the I.D.A. Village Pharmacy for hosting the cultural centre and generously providing free hotdogs. He also acknowledged Cookies n' Cream, the Knights of Columbus and Betty O'Connor for their contributions at the Irish Gathering event.

Council thanked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for his report.

CAO/Clerk - Treasurer: CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported on the current status of the provisional budget and addressed the questions from the Mayor regarding reserves. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson is seeking Council's direction on siding colours for the basement side entrance and noted that Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson advised that the existing brick colour is no longer available and therefore recommends the use of siding. Council decided on the colour tan. And lastly, CAO/Clerk–Treasurer Gorgerat advised that Council had received correspondence from Eric Lee, Advertising Representative with the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command, at the last Regular Council meeting and noted that Mr. Lee had reached out and is requesting Council's consideration of publishing the Township's contact information in the next edition of the Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$95 plus taxes. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that Mr. Lee further advised that proceeds from this project support Veterans Transition Programs, which assist Veterans with PTSD, mental illness, and other challenges in their transition from military to civilian life and that the publication is available at local Legion branches and on the Ontario Command Legion's website. Council approved to advertise the Township's information in the Military Service Recognition Book.

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #07 – 2025.

Committee Reports:

Councillor MacMillan provided an update on the Rural Ontario Development (ROD) grant, noting that the Committee approved pursuing funding from the ROD grant for new "Welcome" signage for Round Lake and Killaloe and the development of wayfinding signage. Councillor MacMillan also noted that signage would be explored for Wilno. Councillor MacMillan asked and received permission to work alongside Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau on this project.

Correspondence:

Renfrew County District Health Unit (RCDHU)– Re: Helping People Stay Safe: Local Drug Strategy Making Progress – A Harm Reduction Pillar Update – Councillor Smith mentioned that the RCDHU's Harm Reduction Team had partnered with the Killaloe Food Bank and the CRC's Watershed Program to provide staff who engaged with community members offering education and training on certain topics and noted that what began as a pilot project proved to be so successful that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is now implementing it across the County of Renfrew. Councillor Smith thanked the Killaloe Food Bank for taking the initiative and playing a leading role in launching the

project. Councillor MacMillan shared that, moving forward, the Killaloe Food Bank plans to bring in staff from MESA to support individuals seeking help with addiction recovery, counselling, or mental health services/supports.

County of Renfrew – Re: Renfrew County Project Update – August 2025 – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: The Re-Nature Foundation Letter of Intent/Resolution – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat to prepare a letter of support and resolution for September 2, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Centre Director Lori Norwood of the Woman's Sexual Assault Centre/Renfrew County Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Support Centre – Re: Take Back the Night – Council approved this request and directed CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat to advise Ms. Norwood.

West Nipissing – Re: Moratorium of Aerial Spraying – filed

Township of Armour – Re: Support Family Health Teams – filed

MNR Resources Development – Re: Proposed Carbon Storage Regulations – filed

Ian Huggett – Re: Further Emergency Measures Required to Avoid Catastrophic Forest Fires – filed

EOWC – Re: EOWC Advocacy Briefing Package – filed

City of Kingston – Re: Heritage Property Insurance Rates Resolution – filed

Township of West Lincoln – Re: Support H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign – filed

Township of West Lincoln – Re: Human Trafficking Prevention in Niagara Region – filed

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Mayville presented the draft Communication Policy he had prepared, which had previously been discussed at both the committee and Council levels. Mayor Mayville asked Council if they had reviewed the document and whether they wished to proceed with it or have staff develop an alternative policy for consideration. Following discussion, Council decided not to move forward with a communication policy at this time.

Mayor Mayville read a prepared speech announcing his decision to accept the strong mayor powers and outlining his intentions moving forward. This prompted a lengthy discussion during which members of Council expressed their disapproval and disappointment, noting that Mayor Mayville had previously stated he was opposed to these powers.

Councillor Browne inquired with Mayor Mayville why he had not first consulted with members of Council before involving the Integrity Commissioner regarding the matter involving the EASE grant. Mayor Mayville responded that he did not approach Councillor Browne because he felt the situation was serious enough to go directly to the Integrity Commissioner without consulting other Council members.

New Business:

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat noted that OCWA's Drinking Water System Operational Plan had previously been provided to Council for review and any questions or comments. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that, having received no feedback from Council, she has prepared a resolution for its endorsement and signature.

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Bil Smith

WHEREAS the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) has developed an Operational Plan outlining the framework for its Quality & Environmental Management System (QEMS) specific to the Killaloe Drinking Water System;

AND WHEREAS the Plan supports the shared goal of OCWA and the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards to provide safe, cost-effective drinking water through sustained cooperation;

AND WHEREAS OCWA is responsible for the ongoing development, implementation, maintenance, and improvement of the QEMS in compliance with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby endorses the Operational Plan as presented, and commits to working

collaboratively with OCWA in support of its successful implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby directs the Mayor and the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Killaloe Drinking Water System's Operational Plan Commitment and Endorsement Form on behalf of the Township. Carried.

Mayor Mayville advised of the closure of the Killaloe Service Ontario noting that the closure brings a significant loss to the community following the retirement of long-time operator Ms. Judy Cybulskie. Mayor Mayville congratulated Ms. Cybulskie on her well-deserved retirement.

Mayor Mayville provided an update on Jack's Lake, stating that the property is classified as Crown land according to the County of Renfrew and for informational purposes, Mayor Mayville noted that individuals are permitted to camp on the land for up to 21 consecutive nights, after which they are required to move at least 100 meters to a new location.

Mayor Mayville advised Council that two enhanced traffic warning devices were budgeted for and that the County of Renfrew currently has additional units that record data available for purchase at 50% of the original cost. Council directed Public Works Superintendent Holly to contact the County for pricing.

Councillor MacMillan provided a brief update on the Killaloe Police Detachment Board meeting, noting that it was their first official meeting and that she had been elected as Chair of the Board. Councillor MacMillan also provided information that was discussed at the meeting regarding "black cat" devices which offers the same information as the enhanced traffic warning devices.

Mayor Mayville provided an update on the Round Lake water level drawdown, stating that the drawdown is scheduled to begin on September 7, 2025.

Councillor Lavigne requested that a Waste Management meeting be scheduled. Mayor Mayville indicated that it would be included as part of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for September 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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;
- X 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;
- X 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 Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Ted Browne

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

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 33 – 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 August 20, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 20th day of August 2025. Carried.

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

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of August 20, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat