

September 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, 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 Health and Community Services and Corporate Services Committees. Mayor Mayville spoke to the Renfrew County Municipal Day which is set to take place on Wednesday September 24, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the County of Renfrew building in Pembroke. And lastly, Mayor Mayville delivered a follow-up statement regarding the strong mayor powers acknowledging that while the message he conveyed in his previous address on August 20, 2025, was important, he indicated that the tone may not have fully reflected the spirit of collaboration and respect he aims to uphold in his role as Mayor.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegations:

Kristen Niemi, Director of Education for the Renfrew County District School Board, was present and invited to speak to Council. Ms. Niemi gave a presentation on the Re-Nature Foundation's "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative, emphasizing its significance. Ms. Niemi indicated that the RCDSB is dedicated to inquiry-based learning, environmental education, and outdoor learning, and has partnered with the Re-Nature Foundation to access resources that will enhance outdoor learning opportunities within the school board. Ms. Niemi explained the background of the Re-Nature Foundation, outlining who they are, the scope of the project, and the specific roles of each partner involved. Ms. Niemi asked and received support from Council for this initiative.

Moved by Bill Smith

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS, The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has the following interest:
Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments.

WHEREAS, The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards acknowledges that The Re-Nature Foundation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board, in partnership with the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of

\$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit. Carried.

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

Mr. Robbie Anderman was present and invited to speak before Council. Mr. Anderman addressed the issue of glyphosate spraying in Ottawa Valley forests and urged Council to advocate to Renfrew County Council, the Province of Ontario, and the Government of Canada for a ban on the use of glyphosate products on the region's forest lands. Mr. Anderman also spoke to Council regarding the use of strong mayor powers, requesting that Mayor Mayville reconsider his decision to enact these powers and instead commit to working collaboratively with Council and to stand up for true democracy.

Councillor Smith asked Mr. Anderman what practical steps Council could take regarding the issue of glyphosate spraying. Mr. Anderman suggested that Council advocate through Renfrew County Council and reach out to both MP Cheryl Gallant and MPP Billy Denault to voice their concerns and push for action. Councillor Smith thanked Mr. Anderman for his remarks on the strong mayor powers and asked Mayor Mayville whether he intended to delegate some of those powers to staff or to Council as a whole. Mayor Mayville indicated that he wants to first gain a clearer understanding of the direction both he and the CAO are heading before making decisions regarding the delegation of powers.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired whether Mayor Mayville had raised the issue of glyphosate spraying at County Council, and if not, whether he intends to do so. Mayor Mayville advised that he had shared with County Council, emails he received concerning glyphosate spraying and confirmed that the matter will be brought forward again at the next County Council meeting.

Councillor MacMillan asked whether it was too late for Council to take action on the matter, given that the glyphosate spraying is already underway. Council discussed and directed CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Gorgerat to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

Council thanked Mr. Anderman for his attendance.

Minutes:

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 20, 2025 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meetings of August 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. open sessions. Carried.

Reports:

Public Works Superintendent: Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was in attendance and invited to give his report. In his report, Public Works Superintendent Holly noted that regular road maintenance is ongoing, and several culverts have been installed throughout the municipality, along with ditching work. Public Works Superintendent Holly advised that manhole covers are scheduled to be replaced later this fall and upcoming training includes Working at Heights in September and Surface Mining Common Core in October. Public Works Superintendent Holly also reported that the summer students have completed their term and extended his thanks for the work they contributed over the summer. Public Works Superintendent Holly asked and received approval to advertise for a part-time/casual position to cover the winter months.

As it relates to waste management, Public Works Superintendent Holly advised that the RFP for C & D Grinding has been made available by invitation and that pine needles and shingles are being transported to the Red Rock waste site by the Public Works Department when they can.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly for his report at which time he left the meeting.

CAO/Clerk - Treasurer: CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that Planning & Building Assistant Kimberley Schroeder provided Council with a staff report on the Round Lake boat launch. In her report, Planning & Building Assistant Schroeder advised that the grates purchased for the boat launch do not provide adequate stability when placed on the lakebed, thus Jp2g Consulting has completed a preliminary drawing for the project, suggesting the extension of the concrete ramp sections to the dock's end, which has been confirmed as a feasible option by Public Works Superintendent Holly. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that preliminary cost estimates for the repair and extension range from \$26,000 to \$43,000 and that Jp2g is also coordinating with the MNR on permits and timelines.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired whether the project could be completed this fall. CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Gorgerat responded that Jp2g is working with the MNR, and there may be a window of opportunity to complete the project this fall.

Correspondence:

Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau – Re: Business Impact Study – Irish Gathering – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Renfrew County Official Attend AMO Conference in Ottawa – filed

EOWC – Re: News Release: The EOWC Champions Regional Priorities and Partnerships at AMO 2025 – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Invitation to Elected Officials: Agricultural Tour – September 12, 2025 – filed

Municipality of Tweed – Re: Incineration Resolution – filed

Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce – Re: Celebrating Northern Credit Union as Title Sponsor for Business Excellence Awards Gala – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Funding Request – 2026 Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair RCRSTF 2026 Sponsorship Levels – Council discussed and directed CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat to donate \$250.00 to this funding request.

Minister for Seniors and Accessibility – Re: 2025 Senior Achievement Awards – filed

EOWC – Re: August 2025 Newsletter – filed

MP Cheryl Gallant – Re: Thank-You – filed

Mayor Mayville – Re: Cottage Rentals thru Air Bnb – Council discussed and directed that staff investigate this matter and provide a report to Council.

Mayor Mayville – Re: Letter from Mike Krawchuk – Strong Mayor Powers – Councillor Browne requested that letters from the public be accepted only if they are from residents of Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards, specifically when discussing matters related to the municipality's business.

Mayor Mayville – Re: Letter from Ian Huggett – Strong Mayor Powers – Councillor Smith advised that he responded to Mr. Huggett. Councillor MacMillan responded to Mr. Huggett's question about why Council decided against bringing in a third party to educate them on the strong mayor powers explaining that Council opted not to engage a third party because there were already free webinars and information sessions available on the subject. Additionally, Councillor MacMillan noted that Council felt the expenditure was unnecessary, especially given that the Mayor had stated he would not be using the strong mayor powers, making the cost unjustified.

EORN – Re: Monthly Update – August 2025 – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Council and Committee Monthly Summary: August 2025 – filed

City of Brantford – Re: Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal Legislation and Bail System Reform, 2025 – filed

Steve & Kim Gravefell – Re: Strong Mayor Powers for KHR – Mayor Mayville read the letter to the public.

Angeline Roach – Re: Strong Mayor Powers – Mayor Mayville read the letter to the public.
Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau – Re: 2025 VIC Summary – filed

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Browne questioned Mayor Mayville about his decision to enact the strong mayor powers, indicating that despite Mayor Mayville's statements about them being legislated and mandated, they were still implemented by the Mayor himself, which Mayor Mayville confirmed. Councillor Browne then raised a point about Mayor Mayville's earlier comments, suggesting that just because something is done does not necessarily mean one agrees with it, particularly when it comes to enforcing the strong mayor powers. Mayor Mayville acknowledged that was his position at the time. Councillor Browne inquired whether the Mayor had considered if the change to the Committee of the Whole structure would result in any savings and asked for clarification regarding the \$86,000 in water and wastewater costs within the budget and how it relates to savings. Mayor Mayville explained that the savings came from transferring funds between the ORP and special area rate reserves to balance the expense side of the water and wastewater in the budget to the revenues portion. Councillor Browne noted that, in his opinion, this was simply a reallocation of funds, not actual savings. And lastly, Councillor Browne indicated that he had a resolution prepared that he would like brought forward.

Moved By Ted Browne
Second By Brian Pecoskie

Whereas the Ontario provincial government has recently implemented Strong Mayor Powers under Strong Mayors, Building Act 2022, S.O. 2022, c. 18- Bill 3, which grants mayors in select municipalities enhanced decision-making authority;

Whereas there are growing concerns among the residents of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, local stakeholders, and members of the municipal council regarding the lack of transparency and consultation in the implementation of these powers;

Whereas Mayor Dave Mayville has misrepresented key aspects of the Strong Mayor Powers to the public, failing to provide accurate, complete, and clear information about the scope, intent, and potential consequences of the powers on local governance;

Whereas Mayor Dave Mayville has downplayed the significant impact that these powers could have on democratic processes and municipal autonomy, thereby creating confusion and mistrust within the community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this Council expresses its lack of confidence in Mayor Dave Mayville due to his mishandling of the Strong Mayor Powers initiative and his failure to provide honest and transparent communication to the public regarding this significant change to municipal governance;

Further resolved that this Council calls for the immediate resignation of Dave Mayville.
Carried.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Pecoskie – Yes
Councillor Browne – Yes
Councillor Kuehl – Yes
Councillor Lavigne – Yes
Councillor MacMillan – Yes
Mayor Mayville – No
Councillor Smith – Yes

Mayor Mayville advised that he would not be resigning.

Councillor MacMillan provided an update on the ROD grant, informing Council that she met with the Community Development Coordinator to explore options for signage, noting that the proposal includes 3 signs for Round Lake, 3 signs for Killaloe, and 1 sign for Wilno.

Regarding the signage in Wilno, Councillor MacMillan advised that, if the grant is successful, staff would collaborate with Madawaska Valley to ensure the signage is suitable for both municipalities. Additionally, Councillor MacMillan reported that the grant submission will also include 3 to 4 wayfinding signs, with the total application amounting to \$15,000 and if successful, the Township would be responsible for \$7,000. Councillor MacMillan asked for, and received, approval for the Community Development Coordinator to proceed with submitting the application for this grant.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

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;
- 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;
- 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 Bil Smith

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

Mayor Mayville asked Council whether they would consider inviting Mr. John Mascarin to give a presentation on the strong mayor powers. Council discussed the matter and decided

not to invite Mr. Mascarin at this time, however, they agreed to revisit the possibility following the MMAH session scheduled for October.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 34 – 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 September 2, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 2nd day of September 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Ted Browne

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

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat