

October 21, 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 and Brian Pecoskie in attendance.

Call to Order:

Mayor Mayville chaired the meeting which he opened and called to order.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025, as presented. Carried.

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 provided an update on the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Township, including the County Council meeting and its Health, Community Services, and Corporate Services Committees, the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' first Committee of the Whole, a Veterans' dinner in Barry's Bay, and a mayor's breakfast originally scheduled at Lake Dore Lodge that was later cancelled and moved to Deep River. Mayor Mayville expressed gratitude to the fire department for their dedication and hard work during the recent fires. And lastly, Mayor Mayville delivered a statement on the Strong Mayor Framework, outlining the CAO's responsibilities and noting concern that the required administrative updates have not yet been completed as it is basic legislative compliance. Mayor Mayville emphasized that it is important to move forward promptly with a clear plan and the necessary updates to the procedural by-law and related documents.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Minutes:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 7, 2025 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Meetings:

Mayor Mayville reminded of the October 24th, 2025 CEMC training session held in Council Chambers.

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #09 – 2025.

Correspondence:

Mr. Robbie Anderman – Re: Forest Management – filed

Ms. Lori Norwood – Re: Many Thanks – filed

Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commers – Re: Events Across the County – filed

Mr. Alex Blais – Re: Letter of Complaint to Public – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Read aloud – filed

EORN – Re: Monthly Update September 2025 – filed

Halton Region – Re: Public Safety Requirements to Protect Our Communities – filed

Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal – Re: Support Resolution OCIF – filed

MyFM – Re: Official Day for Christmas Greetings Best Offer – filed

AMO – Re: Healthy Democracy Leaders Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities – filed

Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Re: Conservation Authority Fee Freeze – filed

Municipality of Bluewater – Re: Keep Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat to prepare a resolution for the next meeting

Town of Whitby – Re: Extended Producer Responsibility for Blue Box Recycling Collection and Impact to Small Businesses – filed

MMAH Delegations – Re: 2026 ROMA Delegation Request – Council directed the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to prepare a delegation request for submission

By-Laws:

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 41 – 2025 being a By-Law to appoint Municipal Officers and set salaries and benefits for Township Employees be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 21st day of October, 2025. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources, conducts aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides on Renfrew County Forests; and

WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, and residents and ecosystems may be impacted by this activity; and

WHEREAS emerging scientific evidence has linked glyphosate-based and end-use products to cancer, metabolic and nervous system-related diseases, toxic effects on reproduction, and harm to ecosystems; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards formally requests that the Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources, reconsider the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in Renfrew County Forests and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, MPP Billy Denault, MP Cheryl Gallant, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all Ontario municipalities for their support and endorsement. Carried.

Moved by Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards recognizes the value of community events in promoting local culture, economic activity, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS a Night Market event is planned to take place at Station Park on November 28, 2025 to support local vendors, artists, and residents; and

WHEREAS the cost associated with hosting the event has been estimated at \$1,200;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves an expenditure of \$1,200 to support the Night Market event in Station Park, with funds to be drawn from the "Other Cultural Events" budget line. Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

WHEREAS the existing oil tank for the hot water heater at the Killaloe Rink (28 Cameron Street, Killaloe), has failed to meet the required safety inspection standards and must be removed; and

WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' Facilities/Asset Manager has reviewed the situation and recommends the removal of the current oil tank and oil-fired water heater, and replace with a propane-fueled tankless hot water heater;

AND WHEREAS Round Lake Heating and Air Conditioning, based in Killaloe, Ontario, has provided a cost estimate of \$6,000 for their services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards approves the removal of the existing oil tank and hot water heater at the Killaloe Rink, and the installation of a propane tankless hot water heater, to be completed by Round Lake Heating and Air Conditioning at an estimated cost of \$6,000, with the understanding that the final cost may vary (higher or lower) depending on project variables. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat informed Council of the MMAH Strong Mayor Powers training for Council and staff, and Council agreed, proposing November 19th and 24th at 7:00 p.m., subject to MMAH availability.

New Business:

Council reviewed the request from Rachelle Clayton regarding Lake Street sidewalk improvements and asked that Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly assess and report back to Council before a decision is rendered.

Councillor MacMillan advised that she had contacted the Wilno Tavern regarding available dates for the annual Christmas Party. Council approved November 29, 2025, as the event date and directed staff to make the necessary arrangements.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised that the Renfrew County Speech and Language Services requested the use of the Round Lake Rink and asked Council to consider waiving the fee.

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS the Renfrew County Speech and Language Services has requested the use of the Round Lake Rink facilities to provide essential speech and language programming for the community; and

WHEREAS the services will be delivered on Wednesdays from November 19, 2025, to December 17, 2025, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS the standard facility use fee of \$20.00 per use would typically apply; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the value of these services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby waives the \$20.00 per use facility fee for Renfrew County Speech and Language Services for the above-mentioned dates and times. Carried.

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;
 - i. Safety Concerns within the Public Works Department from a Member of the Public and
- 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;
- X Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - i. To Review and Discuss the Legal Opinion provided by John Mascarin of Aird Berlis LLP Regarding Strong Mayor Powers
- 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 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.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

WHEREAS Mayoral Directives 1 through 6 are currently posted on the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards website; and

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the applicability of these directives under the Strong Mayor powers granted through the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and

WHEREAS Council has received and considered legal opinions from two independent legal professionals, which concluded that Mayoral Directives 1 through 6 are not valid under the current legislative framework;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards directs staff to remove Mayoral Directives 1 through 6 from the Township's official website;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council's decision is based on the legal guidance received, which confirms that these directives are not valid under the Strong Mayor provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

WHEREAS Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards received a legal opinion dated October 14, 2025, from John Mascarin of Aird & Berlis LLP regarding the applicability of strong mayor powers and mayoral directives; and

WHEREAS Council believes it is in the public interest for taxpayers to have access to this legal opinion in the interest of transparency and accountability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to contact John Mascarin of Aird & Berlis LLP, Toronto, Ontario, to request permission for the Township to publicly release the legal opinion dated October 14, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if permission is granted, staff shall post the legal opinion on the Township's official website for public access. Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 42 – 2025 Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Council meeting held on October 21, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 21st day of October 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of October 21, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat