

**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS**

BY-LAW NO. ____ - 2026

Being a By-Law to submit two Municipal Questions to the Electors for the 2026 Municipal Election.

WHEREAS Section 8 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended (“the Act”), provides that a council of a municipality may pass a by-law to submit to the electors of the municipality one or more questions to obtain the assent of the electors;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards deems it appropriate to seek public input on the Township’s electoral structure;

NOW THEREFORE Council of The Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 “Act” means the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended.

1.2 “Clerk” means the Clerk of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards or their designate.

1.3 “Municipal Election” means the regular municipal election to be held on October 26, 2026.

2. QUESTIONS TO ELECTORS

2.1 The following two (2) questions are hereby submitted to the electors of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards for the 2026 Municipal Election:

Question 1:

“Are you in favour of abolishing the current ward system in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards?”

Question 2:

“Are you in favour of reducing the size of Council to four (4) Councillors and one (1) Mayor for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards?”

2.2 Each elector shall be permitted to vote “YES” or “NO” for each question, in accordance with the Act.

3. FORM OF QUESTION AND BALLOTING

3.1 The wording of the questions set out in Section 2 shall appear on the ballots used for the 2026 Municipal Election.

3.2 The Clerk shall determine the form, layout, and instructions for the ballot, consistent with the requirements of the Act and any voting method used.

3.3 The Clerk is authorized to take all necessary actions to ensure that the questions are properly included in the voting system(s), including programming, testing, and voter instructions.

4. NOTICE OF THE QUESTIONS

4.1 In accordance with Section 8(6) of the Act, the Clerk shall provide public notice of the passing of this by-law within fifteen (15) days of its adoption.

4.2 The notice shall include:

- The full text of each question
- A description of the municipal significance of the questions
- The binding effect of the results under the Act

5. RESULTS AND EFFECT

5.1 The Clerk shall tabulate the results of each question separately and declare the outcome in accordance with the Act.

5.2 A question shall be binding on Council only if:

- At least 50 percent (50%) of eligible electors in the municipality cast a ballot on the question; and
- More than half of the votes cast are in favour of one response (YES or NO).

5.3 If the result is binding and the majority votes "YES," Council shall pass any necessary by-laws to implement the approved change in accordance with applicable legislative requirements and timelines.

5.4 If the turnout threshold is not met, the results shall be non-binding, but may be considered by Council for future decision-making.

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 The Clerk is authorized to carry out any additional actions required to administer the municipal questions, including voter education materials, staff training, and public information, provided such materials remain strictly neutral in accordance with the Act.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE

7.1 This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2025.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat