

**November 4, 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 and Carl Kuehl 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.

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 4, 2025, as presented. Carried

**Moment of Silent Reflection:**

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

**Mayor's Address:**

Mayor Mayville reported that he attended a County Council meeting that included the Development and Property and Operations Committees, participated in EOC training, attended a poppy presentation, and took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for MPP Billy Denault's office grand opening.

Mayor Mayville provided a statement regarding the Strong Mayor legislation and the municipality's compliance with its requirements, concluding his remarks by quoting from a publication by Mr. John Mascarin and Jennifer Bilas titled "*Strong Mayors – Shifting the Municipal Governance Model.*"

**Pecuniary/Financial Interest:**

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

**Delegations:**

Mr. Ian Huggett was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Huggett requested that Council consider passing a motion to protect the 200-hectare area of Acorn Lake from the scheduled clear-cutting expected to begin this winter, and designating Acorn Lake as an outdoor recreation area, excluding it from industrial use.

Council discussed this matter and asked that Mr. Huggett set-up a delegation with Mr. Nick Gooderham; General Manager of Ottawa Valley Forests Incorporated to discuss this issue further and before rendering a decision.

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

**Minutes:**

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 21, 2025 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

**Reports:**

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat presented Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau's report in his absence. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau's report provided information on the Canada Summer Jobs program and inquired whether Council wished to apply for the same number of positions. Council approved maintaining

the same number of positions. The report also inquired if Council wanted to apply for the same level of funding as in 2025 through the Celebrate Canada grant stream, and Council approved applying for the same amount.

**Correspondence:**

**Municipality of Bluewater** – Re: Keeping Climate Change as a Foremost National Priority

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Moved by Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Bil Smith

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bluewater has passed a resolution urging the Government of Canada to keep climate change as a foremost national priority;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards recognizes the serious impacts of climate change on communities and the vital role of federal leadership and municipal support;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards supports the Municipality of Bluewater’s resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP Billy Denault, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities. Carried.

**Donna Lynch** – Re: Letter to the Mayor, Council, CAO, KHR Staff and Community Members – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat read aloud and the letter was filed

**Township of Madawaska Valley** – Re: Thank-You from Our Community to Yours – filed

**Bennett Blackwell** – Re: Supporting Crime Stoppers in 2026 – filed

**Ernie P. Coulas** – Re: Letter to Council – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat read aloud and the letter was filed

**EOWC** – Re: News Release: The EOWC Strengthens Ties with Federal Leaders During Parliament Hill Advocacy Day – filed

**Kitchissippi-Ottawa Valley Climate Matters! Action Group** – Re: Every Action Matters: Our Responsibility to Future Generations Through Climate Protection Leadership – filed

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

**Municipality of Wawa** – Re: Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario – filed

**MMAH** – Re: Amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* – filed

**Mayor Mayville** – Re: KAP Outdoor Statistics – October 2025 – filed

**MPP Billy Denault** – Re: Seniors Community Grant Deadline December 18, 2025 – filed

**County of Renfrew** – Re: Support for Nation – Building 2 + 1 Highway Program on Highway 17 & 11 – filed

**Unfinished Business:**

CAO/Clerk–Treasurer Gorgerat advised that MMAH can provide Strong Mayor Powers training for Council and staff on November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, and asked whether the session would be open to all staff or only Department Heads. Council agreed to make the training available to all staff and requested that CAO/Clerk–Treasurer Gorgerat confirm with MMAH whether the session would be held in closed or open session.

Mayor Mayville provided a statement reiterating that the Aird & Berlis LLP opinion was based on the Township’s outdated Procedural By-law, making it a costly legal opinion that cannot be relied upon. Mayor Mayville concluded by opposing further discussion or release of the Aird & Berlis opinion, stating it spreads misleading information about the law and the head of Council’s role under the strong mayor framework.

Councillor Browne objected to Mayor Mayville’s statement.

Councillor Smith outlined the reasons the Township sought a second legal opinion and explained the decision to engage Mr. Mascarin of Aird & Berlis LLP. Councillor Smith provided a detailed overview of the legal opinion received from Aird & Berlis LLP, summarizing its key findings and interpretations regarding the strong mayor powers. Councillor Smith noted that, based on this opinion, Council determined that Mayoral Directives 1–6 exceeded the authority granted under the strong mayor power legislation and therefore decided to rescind and not follow them to ensure compliance with the legislative framework and maintain proper governance within the Township.

**New Business:**

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reviewed the Closed Meeting Investigation Report and followed with a resolution.

Moved by Carl Kuehl  
Seconded by Ted Browne

WHEREAS Council has received the report of the Closed Meeting Investigator; and

WHEREAS the report includes recommendations to strengthen the Township's closed meeting procedures and Council communication practices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council receives the Closed Meeting Investigator's Report as information;
2. Council direct staff to ensure that all future resolutions to move into closed session clearly identify the subject matter and the applicable exception under the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
3. Council confirms that discussions and decisions during closed session shall not extend beyond the matters properly identified in the resolution; and
4. Council adopt a practice prohibiting the conduct of Council business by email or other informal means where a quorum may be involved, ensuring that all Council deliberations occur only at duly called meetings in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer presented the OCWA Killaloe Drinking Water System Financial Plan #259-301 followed with a resolution.

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 453/07 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* requires municipalities to prepare and approve a financial plan as a condition of maintaining a municipal drinking water licence; and

WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has retained the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to update the Financial Plan for the Killaloe Drinking Water System (DWS), resulting in the Killaloe Drinking Water System Financial Plan #259-301, which outlines the financial sustainability and long-term viability of the system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards approves and adopts the *Killaloe Drinking Water System Financial Plan #259-301* as presented and that a copy of the plan be posted on the municipal website. Carried.

Councillor MacMillan requested clarification on Mayoral Decision 1, specifically concerning the organizational chart, which appears to show Council reporting directly to the Mayor, and also asked for a legal opinion on the decision. Mayor Mayville asked for additional time to review the matter before making a decision seeking legal advice. Council had no objections to this request.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that she provided Council with information from the Minister of Finance on the 2026 OMPF noting that the Township is expected to receive \$1,198,600 which represents an increase of \$142,600 or \$83.00 per household.

Mayor Mayville advised that he amended Mayoral Directive 1, which he signed and provided to the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer for distribution and posting on the website.

Mayor Mayville inquired with Councillors Kuehl, Browne and Lavigne if they were attending the 2026 Good Roads Conference. Councillors Kuehl and Browne advised that they would be attending.

Mayor Mayville confirmed the date of the Christmas party and inquired about staffing over Christmas and New Years. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she would look at the dates and the Human Resources Policy and report back to Council.

**Committee of the Whole:**

Moved by Bil Smith

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):

- X Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
  - Medical Request and
- X Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
  - To review and discuss the Legal Opinion from the Township Solicitor

Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Ted Browne

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 Carl Kuehl

Seconded by Ted Browne

WHEREAS Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards approves the fee exemption as requested and discussed under Closed Session Agenda Item a). Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Bil Smith

WHEREAS Mayoral Directive 7 is currently posted on the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards website; and

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

WHEREAS Council has received and considered the legal opinion from the Township Solicitor, which concluded that Mayoral Directive 7 is 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 Directive 7 from the Township's official website as discussed under Closed Session Agenda Item b);

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

**Confirming By-Law:**

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded Ted Browne

THAT By-Law No. 43 – 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 November 4, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 4th day of November 2025. Carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Maureen MacMillan  
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of November 4, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

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Mayor – Dave Mayville

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat