

January 6, 2026

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.

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 Council meeting of January 6, 2026, 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 delivered a New Year's address, expressing appreciation to staff for their contributions over the past year, highlighting key achievements, and his vision for the year ahead.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegations:

Ed Chippior, a member of the Knights of Columbus Wilno, was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Chippior delivered a presentation and subsequently requested Council's consideration of a \$5,000 donation toward play structure equipment, proposed for the lower parking lot at St. Mary's Church.

Council discussed and directed that it be referred to budget deliberations.

Council thanked Mr. Chippior for his presentation at which time he left the meeting.

Minutes:

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 16, 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 Protection and Emergency Management Committee meeting of August 26, 2024 open session. Carried.

Meetings:

Councillor Browne indicated that he would not be in attendance at the Regular Council meetings scheduled for February 3rd and 10th.

Councillor MacMillan requested the Regular Council meeting be rescheduled from January 20, 2026, to January 21, 2026, to accommodate attendance at the ROMA conference. Council agreed to the rescheduling.

Mayor Mayville requested the Regular Council meeting be rescheduled from August, 18, 2026, to August 19, 2026, to accommodate his attendance at the AMO conference. Council agreed to the rescheduling.

Council rescheduled the Special Meeting for the budget presentation to January 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Mayville expressed concerns regarding the calling of the January 15, 2026 Public Meeting, noting that he had previously raised procedural compliance issues with the CAO/Clerk–Treasurer due to the absence of a Council resolution formally authorizing the meeting. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised, that in her opinion, all procedural requirements related to the calling of the meeting and the public notices were followed, however, she has forwarded the Mayor’s concerns to the Township Solicitor and is awaiting a response.

Correspondence:

Township of Nairn and Hyman – Re: Support Steel and Lumber Sectors – filed

MPP Billy Denault – Re: Fire Protection Grant – filed

Amanda Holmes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial Services Division, MNR – Re: Bill 27 – Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025 – Approved Amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act – filed

AMO Policy – Re: We Need Your Voice on OMERS Governance Changes & Bill 68 –

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS’ governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Council supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- MPP Billy Denault; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Re: Municipal Accountability Act – filed
Town of Coburg – Re: Elbows Up for Climate Action – filed
Steve & Kim Gravefell – Re: Taxes – CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat read aloud and the correspondence was filed. Before the correspondence was filed Councillor MacMillan and Mayor Mayville responded to Mr. & Mrs. Gravefell.

By-Laws:

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT By-Law No. 01 - 2026 being a by-law to authorizing the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 6th day of January, 2026. Carried.

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 02 – 2026 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy, the payment of interim taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of one and one-quarter percent for the year 2026 for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 6th day of January, 2026. Carried.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 03 – 2026 being a by-law to appoint members to the Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 16th day of December, 2025. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

CBO/By-Law Officer Tyler Mask was in attendance and invited to present his report to Council. CBO/By-Law Officer Mask indicated that he was in attendance to follow-up on the September 9, 2025 Special Meeting of Council regarding the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law housekeeping amendments. CBO-By-Law Officer Mask indicated that the County planners have compiled the amendments into a draft document in preparation for the rezoning process, which was circulated to Council prior to the holidays and where Council was asked to advise of any concerns with the draft, including the mapping. CBO/By-Law Officer Mask advised that if no issues are identified, Council is requested to select potential dates in late February for a required Public Meeting. CBO/By-Law Officer also noted that the amendments are minor and largely grammatical in nature, with some mapping corrections, and that notice will be provided in accordance with *Planning Act* requirements rather than by mass mail-out.

Council discussed and provided February 23rd or 24th, 2026 at 7:00 pm as possible meeting dates and will await confirmation from the County.

Council thanked CBO/By-Law Officer Mask for his attendance at which time he left the meeting.

New Business:

Councillor Smith thanked the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department responders; Delmar Gienow, Brady Gibson and Michal Eckert, for their assistance at a recent incident where their services were required.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 04 – 2026 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 January 6, 2026 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 6th day of January, 2026. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 6, 2026 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat