

June 2, 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, Carl Kuehl, Ted Browne 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 Ted Browne

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby adopts the agenda for the Regular Council meeting of June 2, 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 provided an update on recent events attended on behalf of the Township, including the grand opening of the OV CAOS art display and a County Council meeting including committee meetings for Development and Property and Operations. Mayor Mayville noted that the County of Renfrew Round Lake Road project has been deferred after the tender submissions exceeded the budget by more than \$600,000. Mayor Mayville also advised he attended the Library Plant Sale, the KPS car wash, and Pickleball was taking place at the Killaloe rink.

Mayor Mayville commended the Fire Department for their dedicated service during the recent fire incidents and expressed appreciation to the residents who assisted during those events.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegation

Linda Dombroski of the St. Casimir's Community Group was in attendance and invited to address Council. Ms. Dombroski provided an overview of the group's activities and the organizations it supports. Ms. Dombroski requested that Council consider waiving garbage tag fees for the group.

Council discussed the request and suggested that a monetary donation could be considered as an alternative to waiving the garbage tag fees. No direction was provided at this time, as Council indicated the matter would be discussed further at a future meeting.

Council thanked Ms. Dombroski for her presentation and commended the St. Casimir's Community Group for its valuable contributions to the community. Following her presentation, Ms. Dombroski left the meeting.

Mr. Steve Gravefell was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Gravefell provided a presentation recognizing and commending the Fire Department for their dedicated efforts in responding to the recent fire incidents. As part of his presentation, he shared photographs of the fires and highlighted the challenges faced during the response efforts.

Council thanked Mr. Gravefell for his presentation and for sharing his observations and photographs with Council.

Minutes:

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 19, 2026 open & closed sessions (understanding closed session minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Meetings

Mayor Mayville noted that the agenda required an amendment to reflect the rescheduling of the Regular Council meeting from August 18th to August 19th due to his attendance at the AMO Conference.

Reports:

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat presented her report to Council. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that both she and Treasurer Lapenskie would be attending the AMCTO Conference from June 6th to June 10th and would be absent from the office during that time. In their absence, Deputy Clerk Tyler Mask would be responsible for recording the Committee of Adjustment and Committee of the Whole meetings. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat requested approval to reschedule the Property Standards presentation by the Deputy Clerk and By-Law Officer to July 14th to which Council provided their approval for the change. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised Council that most of the equipment for the new Council Chambers system has been purchased and that the installation and setup process will begin in the near future. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat also reported that she had contacted neighbouring municipalities regarding the management and disposal of sharps and advised that once the information has been compiled and the report is completed, it will be presented to Council for review. She also advised that Deputy Clerk Mask is working on the Committee of the Whole report and should have it to Council for the July 14th Committee of the Whole meeting.

And lastly, CAO/Clerk Gorgerat reported that two invoices were received from the County of Renfrew related to services associated with matters concerning strong mayor powers and that neither Council nor Township administration had been aware of the services and associated expenditures prior to receipt of the invoices. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat outlined the circumstances surrounding the invoices and the authorization process. Council reviewed the report and discussed the authorization and administrative processes related to the requests and associated expenditures. During discussion, Mayor Mayville advised Council that he had initiated the requests that resulted in the invoices and indicated that the services were related to concerns of being suspended, the human resources review and policies. Mayor Mayville further advised that the requests were made to ensure that everything he was asking was legally accurate. Council directed staff to contact the County of Renfrew and request disclosure of all correspondence and supporting documentation related to the expenditures referenced in the invoices.

Correspondence:

Minister for Seniors and Accessibility Honourable Raymond Cho – Re: June is Seniors Month in Ontario –

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Ted Browne

WHEREAS seniors make significant contributions to the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards through their experience, volunteerism, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario recognizes June as Seniors Month to celebrate and acknowledge the important role seniors play in our communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby proclaims June 2026 as Seniors Month and encourages all residents to recognize and celebrate the contributions of seniors in our community. Carried.

Richmond Hill – Re: Resolution Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities –

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from Richmond Hill regarding Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, which was passed at their May 13, 2026 meeting as attached.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Long-Term Care, the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community Social Services, MPP Billy Deneault, AMO and to all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and advocacy. Carried.

Township of Madawaska Valley – Re: Alcohol Empties Resolution – filed

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario – Council requested that a resolution in support be brought to the next meeting.

Township of Puslinch – Re: Support of Finlay’s Law on Emergency Room Reform – filed

RCDHU – Re: Medical Officer of Health Report to the Board – filed

Melissa Marquardt; County of Renfrew – Re: Invitation to Elected Officials to a Tourism Tour on June 16, 2026 – filed

Dwane Bielawski & Family – Re: Thank-you – filed

Township of Armour – Re: Hwy 11 & 17 Rest Stops/Areas – filed

The Municipality of Clavin – Re: Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services – filed

County of Prince Edward – Re: Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units – filed

County of Prince Edward – Re: Better Regional Governance Act – filed

Tom Sheridan – Re: Road Matters – CAO/Clerk Gorgerat read aloud the letter to which Council discussed and directed staff send a letter in response.

The Council of Canadians Kitchissippi-Ottawa Valley – Re: June 6 Environment Festival Activity Times & “Protecting Our Hopes” Deets – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Monthly Summary for May – filed

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Hon. Robert J. Flack – Re: Bill 119 – filed

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Mayville requested that Council consider rescinding the operational restrictions imposed through a previous Council resolution, following which CAO/Clerk Gorgerat read the resolution aloud for Council's consideration.

Moved by Dave Mayville

Seconded by Bil Smith

Re: Rescinding Operational Restrictions Imposed Through Council Resolution

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 establishes the statutory role, responsibilities, and authority of the Head of Council, including powers and duties assigned directly by provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS Section 223.4(5) of the Municipal Act, 2001 specifically outlines the penalties Council may impose following an Integrity Commissioner report;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted a resolution imposing monetary sanctions and operational restrictions affecting the Mayor’s communication with municipal staff, the implementation of Mayoral Directives and Decisions, and the ordinary functioning of the Office of the Mayor;

AND WHEREAS Council subsequently received legal advice in writing from Cambridge LLP that the Municipal Act Section 223.4(5) caps any suspension of remuneration “for a period

of up to 90 days” and that operational restrictions affecting the Mayor’s communication with municipal staff, the implementation of Mayoral Directives and Decisions, and the ordinary functioning of the Office of the Mayor are not remedial but punitive actions that are contrary to the Municipal Act.

AND WHEREAS the current framework has resulted in communications between the Mayor and municipal administration being filtered through members of Council, including individuals who are political opponents and potential election opponents of the Mayor;

AND WHEREAS the involvement of elected political actors as intermediaries between the Head of Council and municipal administration creates concerns regarding:

- administrative neutrality;
- governance integrity;
- procedural fairness;
- transparency;
- and the appearance of political interference in municipal administration;

AND WHEREAS effective municipal governance depends upon clear, professional, and direct administrative communication between the Head of Council and municipal staff within the framework established by provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS the current restrictions have created ongoing governance conflict, operational inefficiencies, and uncertainty regarding the lawful exercise of responsibilities assigned to the Office of the Mayor under the Municipal Act, 2001;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind its previous resolution that:

1. imposes a suspension of pay for 180 days;
2. restrict direct communication between the Mayor and municipal staff;
3. require communications or requests from the Mayor to be routed through members of Council;
4. require mandatory legal review prior to implementation of Mayoral Directives or Decisions otherwise authorized under provincial legislation; and
5. impose continuing operational restrictions affecting the ordinary exercise of the Mayor’s legislated role;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct administration to resume normal administrative communication practices between the Office of the Mayor and municipal staff consistent with the Municipal Act, 2001;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request the Township Solicitor, Sheldon Reiche, to provide a written legal opinion to Council, to be publicly posted on the Township’s website:

- addressing and opining on the written legal advice received by Council from Cambridge LLP;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for information purposes. Not Carried.

Councillor Smith advised that, in his view, the resolution suggests that Council received advice or an opinion from Cambridge LLP and characterized the letter received as a demand letter from Mayor Mayville’s Solicitor. Councillor Smith confirmed that Council received advice from the Township Solicitor relating to this matter. Councillor Smith also

advised that emails received from Mayor Mayville and forwarded to staff through him had been transmitted in their entirety and without alteration.

Mayor Mayville advised that he was seeking clarification regarding the legal authority relied upon by Council to impose the restrictions and sanctions contained in Council's resolution and whether the Township's Solicitor has provided an opinion identifying the statutory authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001* that permits Council to impose those measures, particularly, where they extend beyond the penalties expressly described in Section 223.45 and whether Council has the legal Authority under the *Municipal Act* to do what they did.

Councillor Browne reported that Mayor Mayville had the opportunity to appeal and did not to which Mayor Mayville explained that he did not pursue the legal appeal to save the Township money on legal expenses.

Council discussed this matter at length to which the resolution was not carried.

Mayor Mayville requested that a resolution be brought forward authorizing staff to release the Township Solicitor's opinion to him. Council discussed this matter with no resolution being brought forward at this time.

New Business:

Councillor Lavigne inquired whether any other members of Council had been contacted regarding the possibility of holding a free brush disposal day to which they said they were not. Councillor Lavigne advised that he had received one.

Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was in attendance and invited to speak on the RFP – 01 – 2026 Diesel Powered 6 Ton Tandem Axle Truck. Public Works Superintendent Holly presented a report to Council outlining the two proposals received in response to the RFP and provided an evaluation of each submission. Public Works Superintendent Holly recommended that the contract be awarded to Rush Truck Centre International.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards accepts the Request for Proposal from Rush Truck Centre International, of Pembroke, Ontario in the amount of \$398,476.09 plus applicable taxes in the amount of \$51,801.89 with a total amount of \$450,277.98 for RFP – 01 – 2026 Diesel Truck with Sander and Plow. Carried.

Councillor Kuehl advised that he had received a request from a resident regarding the application of dust control measures on Stone Church Road.

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

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised Council of the invitation to the ORPC and the ORES 2026 Annual General Meetings to which Councillor Kuehl and Smith and Mayor Mayville advised they would attend.

Councillor Smith advised Council that he had received a complaint concerning speeding on Mill Street. Council discussed the matter, and directed that a speed sign be installed on Mill Street.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to move into closed session (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):

- b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board

- employees;
- d) Labour relations or employee negotiations; and
 - f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
 - Staffing Changes and Recruitment Matters
 - Compensation Matters
 - A Proposed Lease Agreement Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege
 - Proposed Amendments to Shareholders Agreement
 - Council Matters

Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to come out of closed session (committee of the whole). Carried.

Mayor Mayville stated; Council has reconvened and any matters discussed will be considered by Council through the appropriate procedural steps.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby consents to and approves the proposed amendments to the Shareholder Agreement dated October 1, 2000, submitted by the Board of Directors of Ottawa River Power Corporation and received on May 20, 2026, pertaining to Section 16.0(b), "Restrictions on Management of the Corporation." Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 37 – 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 June 2, 2026 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 2nd day of June, 2026. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of June 2, 2026 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk – Tammy Gorgerat