

June 16, 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, Carl Kuehl, Ted Browne and Brian Pecoskie 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.

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 County Council and Health, Community Services, and Corporate Services Committee meetings. He also advised that he has recently been appointed to the Renfrew County Forest Sector Committee and attended the opening of the Farmers' Market.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegation:

On behalf of the Township, Mayor Mayville presented Stasia Recoskie with the 2026 Ontario Seniors Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the community. Councillors Smith and MacMillan also shared remarks, reflecting on their experiences working alongside Ms. Recoskie and congratulating her on the many positive contributions she has made throughout the community.

Ben Hokum & Son Limited President Dean Felhaber and Governmental Affairs Advisor John Yakabuski were in attendance and invited to address Council.

Mr. Felhaber provided an overview of his family's history in the forestry sector and his company's vision for revitalizing the industry through the development of a biomass power plant utilizing low-grade wood. He highlighted several potential benefits of the project, including improved forest management through the use of wood that might otherwise deteriorate and contribute to fire hazards, the creation of dozens of jobs, and the generation of enough low-carbon electricity to power approximately 12,000 homes. Mr. Yakabuski echoed Mr. Felhaber's views regarding the project and its anticipated benefits.

Mayor Mayville inquired about the project's timeline. Mr. Felhaber advised that several steps remain to be completed but expressed hope that the project could be operational within the next two to three years.

Councillor Browne asked about potential impacts on the lake. Mr. Felhaber indicated that the plant would have no effect on the lake, noting that it would be built using technology designed to meet or exceed all environmental standards and would utilize clean technology.

Councillor MacMillan inquired about potential odours associated with the facility. Mr. Felhaber explained that the process differs from that of pulp and paper mills and would not produce odours. He noted that only steam, rather than smoke, would be emitted from the stack, as emissions would be treated through two different types of systems. Councillor MacMillan inquired if biomass plants already exist in Ontario. Mr. Felhaber advised that similar biomass facilities are already operating in Northern Ontario, including in Calstock and Hornepayne. Councillor MacMillan commended Mr. Felhaber for the employment opportunities and benefits his company provides to the community and their employees.

Councillor Smith echoed Councillor MacMillan's comments regarding employment opportunities Hokum & Sons brings to the community. Councillor Smith inquired if the plant would only burn wood to which Mr. Felhaber confirmed that it would. Councillor Smith also inquired where the water would be taken from. Mr. Felhaber advised that the plant would require minimal water, which would be sourced from a designated well and purified through two different streams.

Councillor Lavigne commended the work being done at the mill and acknowledged the jobs it provides within the community.

Councillor Smith inquired how many megawatts the plant would generate to which Mr. Felhaber advised that the biomass plant would produce approximately 13.5 megawatts gross, with 12.5 megawatts supplied to the line, enough to power approximately 12,000 homes.

Council thanked Mr. Felhaber and Mr. Yakabuski for their presentation at which time they left the meeting.

Community Development & Communications Officer Michele Gagnon from Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation was in attendance via Zoom and invited to address Council. Ms. Gagnon provided an overview of current programs/support and services the Community Futures program provides which includes small business financing, community economic development and business counselling and support. Ms. Gagnon also advised that the Community Futures Program has sixty offices in Ontario and 267 across Canada.

Council thanked Ms. Gagnon for her presentation at which time she left the meeting via Zoom.

Minutes:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 2, 2026 open & closed sessions (understanding closed minutes remain confidential). Carried.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment of June 2, 2025 open session and the Committee of Adjustment meeting of June 9, 2026 open session. Carried.

Meetings:

Councillor Browne scheduled a meeting on July 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm with Councillors Lavigne and Kuehl, Mayor Mayville and Fire Department Personnel.

Reports:

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat indicated that the Township received an application to purchase a portion of the shoreline road allowance along Round Lake and presented the following resolution.

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby declares the property described as follows as being surplus to the needs of the Municipality:

Part of Original Shore Road Allowance along Round Lake fronting Part Lot 11, Concession 1 in the Geographic Township of Richards, in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, County of Renfrew, more particularly described as Part 1 on Plan 49R-21143, being Part of PIN 57535-0143 (LT).

Carried.

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that a Public Meeting is required for the proposed by-law to close, stop-up and convey the subject lands to the adjoining landowner(s) with regards to the application to purchase a portion of shoreline road allowance and suggested July 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Council had no objection.

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that Mayor Mayville requested that the information regarding "Responsible use of AI Framework", which was provided to Council, be circulated to Council for review and then be brought to the next Council meeting for discussion.

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that Mayor Mayville would like to reschedule the Committee of the Whole meeting to either June 18th or June 22nd. Council agreed to June 22nd at 7:00 pm.

And lastly, CAO/Clerk Gorgerat reported that Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau had provided images of the proposed signage for the ROD Grant wayfinding signage project for Council's review and requested approval to proceed with ordering the signs as presented. Following review, Council directed that an accessible washroom symbol be added to the KPP section on the Killaloe signs and authorized staff to proceed with ordering the signage.

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #05 – 2026.

Correspondence:

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario –

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from The Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding "Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario", which was passed at their May 13, 2026 meeting, as attached.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Solicitor General, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Billy Denault, and to all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and advocacy. Carried.

EORN – Re: Cell Gap Project Monthly Update May 2026 – filed

Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands – Re: Resolution – The Need of Our Health Care System – filed

Ed & Carol Chippior – Re: Thank-you to the Public Works Department – filed

Town of Iroquois Falls – Re: Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements – Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

EOWC – Re: Newsletter June 2026 – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Construction Update June 5, 2026 – filed

RCDHU – Re: RCDHU Announces Completion of School Immunization Surveillance and Catch-up Efforts – filed

RCDHU – Re: Ticks are Active: Know the Risks and Protect Yourself from Tick Bites – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Resolution-Recognizing Hwy 17 as Nationally Significant Infrastructure – Council directed staff to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Maureen & Benny Recoskie – Re: Thank-you to the Volunteer Fire Department– filed

By-Laws:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law No. 38 - 2026, being a By-Law to provide for the stopping up and closing of part of an allowance for road along Round Lake, fronting Part

Lot 11, Concession 1 in the Geographic Township of Richards in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, County of Renfrew, more Particularly Described as Part 1 on Plan 49R-21143, Being Part of PIN 57535-0143 (LT). Carried.

Unfinished Business:

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat reported that Deputy Clerk Mask provided an update, for Council's review, on the Round Lake boat launch rehabilitation project, advising that preliminary drawings have been completed by JP2G Engineering. He reported that revisions to the boat launch include raising portions of the launch, installing rip rap stone at the retaining wall, and investigating a seasonal guide system. He further advised that MNR permit revisions are underway, final construction drawings are being completed, and the project is expected to be tendered within the next month.

Councillor Smith put forward a resolution pertaining to a donation to St. Casimir's Community Group.

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

That KHR donate \$500 to the St. Casimir's Community group to offset waste disposal fees arising from their charitable endeavours. Carried.

Councillor Smith brought forward a resolution regarding the Township Solicitor's opinion letter.

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

That Council direct staff to release the opinion letter from Sheldon Reiche regarding the legality of the sanction's council imposed on the mayor. Carried.

New Business:

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that ORPC and ORES requested a resolution be presented with regard to appointing a voting delegate for the upcoming 2026 AGMs.

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby appoints Councillor Carl Kuehl as the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' voting delegate for the ORPC and ORES 2026 Annual General Meetings taking place on June 25, 2026 at the Best Western Pembroke Inn & Conference Centre, Pembroke Ontario. Carried.

CAO/Clerk Gorgerat reported that the Killaloe and Area Pickleball Club submitted a proposal requesting Council's support to explore enhancements to the Round Lake Rink Project that would allow for pickleball use during the non-winter season while maintaining the facility's primary function as an outdoor ice rink. CAO/Clerk Gorgerat advised that the Club requested authorization to work with Township staff to identify potential improvements, including surface and drainage enhancements, permanent court markings, permanent or removable pickleball nets, equipment storage, and related professional services. The Club also requested support to prepare a grant application through the New Horizons for Seniors Program for Council's review and approval prior to submission. Council was further advised that the Township has not yet received the outcome of its OTF capital grant application. Council discussed the proposal and directed staff to proceed with preparing the grant application and present it to Council prior to the July 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, with review and discussion of the application to take place at that meeting.

Councillor Smith asked and received approval for staff to contact Happy Trails to preform trail maintenance at Killaloe Pathways Park.

Councillor Kuehl thanked the Killaloe and Area Lions Club for placing flowers throughout the Village.

Mayor Mayville inquired whether the Farmers' Markets insurance would cover the replacement cost of the light post that was damaged and had to be removed. Councillor Smith advised that he would investigate.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Ted Browne

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
 - Personnel & Recruitment Matters

Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
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 Ted Browne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the hiring of:

Jerimiah Kauffeldt as the Tourism Services Coordinator / Horticultural Support;
Noah Macmun as the Swimming Instructor;
Lukas Velakis as the Swim Instructor Assistant; and
Alya Overy-Mckone as the Tourism Services Coordinator.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 39 – 2026 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Council meeting and Public Meeting held on June 16, 2026 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 16th day of June, 2026. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Bil Smith

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of June 16, 2026 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.