

The Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Mayor Dave Mayville, Councillors Harold Lavigne, Bil Smith, Maureen MacMillan, Carl Kuehl, Ted Browne and Brian Pecoskie present.

Call to Order:

Mayor Dave 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.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared by any of the Council members present.

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the public meeting was to provide information and to receive comments and/or questions from the public with respect to the following questions to the electors at the 2026 Municipal Election which will appear on the Municipal Elections Ballot:

1. *"Are you in favour of abolishing the current ward system in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards?"; and*
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?"*

Delegations:

Members of the public were invited to provide comments, share views, and ask questions of Council. Questions/discussions were posed to Council such as:

- What Council's personal thoughts were regarding the current ward system and Council size;
- Discussion on representation through the ward system and clarification to the fact any person could run in any ward still in the current format;
- Discussion on what cost savings, if any, would exist if the Council size was reduced;
- Discussion on cost comparisons to Municipalities with a smaller Council size already would look like;
- Discussion about the questions included on the ballot for the upcoming election, and what constituted the vote being binding or non-binding;
- Discussion about the impact of Council reduction size in a Strong Mayor Power Township; and
- Discussion on the issue of spoiled ballots and the impact on the binding/non-binding decision.

Adjournment:

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to adjourn the Public Meeting of July 29, 2026 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.