

**February 16, 2021**

**Special Meeting**

**7:00 PM**

Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Mayor Janice Visneskie Moore and Councillors Debbie Peplinskie, Ted Browne, Brian Pecoskie and Carl Kuehl attending virtually and Councillors John Jeffrey and Stanley Pecoskie attending in person in the council chambers.

Also, in attendance electronically were staff members CAO Clerk-Treasurer Sue Sheridan, Works Superintendent Dean Holly, Fire Chief Bob Gareau and Community Development Coordinator Chris Neff.

Mayor Visneskie Moore welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order.

**Pecuniary/Financial Interest** Councillor Browne stated he would declare at the appropriate time.

**Minutes:**

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie  
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve minutes of the Special meeting held on January 19, 2021. Carried.

**Delegations:** Lorraine Pecoskie was present and was invited to address Council. Ms. Pecoskie stated her purpose was to clarify and request consideration to reduce the charges invoiced to her with respect to an illegal burn at 321 Deer Trail Road. Ms. Pecoskie stated that they did not receive any prior correspondence or notification of this infraction until the invoice was received in the mail. Fire Chief Gareau was present and asked to clarify the events leading up to the issuance of the fine. Following a discussion on this matter, full council did not approve Ms. Pecoskie request. Mayor Tiedje thanked Ms. Pecoskie for attending to council on this matter, at which time she left the virtual meeting.

**Reports:**

**Community Development Coordinator Chris Neff reported on the following:**

- Item #1- COVID-19 update with respect to the restrictions allowed in Green Zone.
- Item #2 – Outdoor rinks – Both rinks and warming areas are open and provided the restrictions allowed under the Green Zone.
- Item #3 – Photo Shoot with Ottawa Valley Tourist Association – Promotional shoot is now available and links were provided.
- Item #4 – Rural Economic Development and Programming – Staff from Madawaska Valley, North Algona Wilberforce, South Algonquin, Brudenell, Lyndoch Raglan and Whitewater have formed a group to share programming costs Economic Development initiatives and ideas for COVID programming.
- Item #5 – Canada Healthy Communities Initiative – Working on a grant proposal for council's consideration.
- Item #6 – Reading Trail/Art Walk – In discussion with the Friends of the Library to Create a reading trail/art walk in the Village of Killaloe.
- Item #7 – Easter – Working with the KHR Volunteer Recreation to plan an event.

**Fire Chief Bob Gareau reported on the following:**

- One fire call response on February 15, 2021 of a truck fire at the intersection of Turner's Road and Round Lake Road.
- Activities of Note: Provincial Advisor Committee of the Fire Chiefs regarding the closing of the Ontario Fire College.
- No face-to-face training with Fire Fighters due to COVID-19.

- CEMC Initiative – Attended COVID-19 ministry meetings, EOCG meetings bi-weekly, capital sector meetings as well as two EMO meetings. KHR fire department purchased two ionizers for COVID -19 disinfecting of both fire halls.

COVID-19 Report – Chief Gareau reported on statistics locally, provincially, nationally and internationally and included COVID-19 Vaccination tracker and current Renfrew County and District Health Unit case summaries.

**Workers of the Ontario Fire College – Support to keep the college open-**

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario. Carried.

**Works Superintendent Dean Holly reported on the following:**

- Works department have been doing snow removal and clearing since Friday and after the recent storm on Wednesday.
- Loader blew a hydraulic pump and had to bring the one from the waste site until it was repaired.
- Water pump blew up in the one of the plow trucks and had to use the 2006 International.
- Reminder to the public from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year parking restrictions on certain streets within the Village are in effect and that pushing snow

across the roadway or sidewalks is not permitted. He has issued two warnings on this matter.

- Winter wood for the outdoor furnace is completed and we are continuing to brush along the roads. Works Superintendent Holly received a letter from a Yona Payne from Deer Trail Road thanking staff and council for an excellent job brushing and maintenance. Mayor Tiedje also passed along her thanks and on behalf of Council, the excellent work done by the road department and to pass this on to his staff.
- GSP units for the two new trucks are scheduled to be installed tomorrow.

I, Ted Browne, declare pecuniary/financial interest with road and general voucher #01-2021. Councillor Browne did not participate.

### **Expenditures:**

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie  
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve Road and General voucher #01-2021 in the amount of \$414,114.43.  
Carried.

Councillor Browne returned to the meeting.

### **CAO Clerk-Treasurer Sue Sheridan reported on the following:**

- Training on Unconscious Bias and Cultural Diversity is being offered free through Algonquin College via zoom sessions for all council and staff. Council approved this training for all township council members and staff and will be included as a mandatory requirement in our Human Resources plan. Information and dates available will be forthcoming.

### **Correspondence:**

**Ontario Clean Water Agency** – Stay at home-work order – filed.

**Renfrew County District Health Unit** – Covid-19 Epidemiology update – filed.

**Hon John Yakabuski** – Doug & Sheila Fee letter on BRWMP and response – filed.

**Steve Lucas** – water levels on Round Lake – filed.

**Township of Asphodel-Norwood** – resolution to extend CSWB plan date – filed.

**Minister of Solicitor General** – Regulatory amendments related to off-road vehicles – filed.

**Ottawa Valley Business News** – February newsletter (not in package) – filed.

**Ministry of Energy, Northern Development** – Ontario long-term energy planning network – filed.

**Lynn Jones** – Opposition to the proposed Chalk River radioactive waste dump – filed.

**County of Renfrew** – Ontario Winter Games looking for support/volunteers – filed.

**Linda Archibald** – resolution calling for action on the overdose crisis –

Moved by Brian Pecoskie  
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

**Whereas** the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death on average about every two hours and a death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020).

**Whereas** other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use.

**Whereas** the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well.

**Whereas** supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports.

**Whereas** the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has stated that they agree the evidence suggests “decriminalization for simple possession as an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use”, causing the government to indicate that it is now “deliberating” over decriminalization.

**Whereas** the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating.

**Be it resolved** that the Government of Canada declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately.

**Be it also resolved** that the Government of Canada immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization for personal use.

**County of Renfrew** – Planning Staff Responses to Municipal comments on Draft OPA 31 – filed.

**Ottawa Valley Business News** – February 16, 2021 – filed.

**Neal Hougham from Bell Canada** – Letter of support for high speed –

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

Motion to support Bell’s Application to the Universal Broadband Fund. Carried.

**Alison Brownrigg** – Round Lake Post office – Mayor Tiedje will respond to Ms. Brownrigg advising that Council has not heard any complaints.

### **By-Laws**

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-Law #10-2021, being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Amanda Kutchcoskie and Dr. Mikel Vantomme for rental at the Killaloe Medical Centre. Carried.

The CAO Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #10-2021 a first and second time.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of By-Law #10-2021. Carried.

The CAO Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #10-2021 a third time short, at which time it was passed by Council.

**New Business:** Councillor Browne asked if the Federal Government is planning on downloading the responsibility of handguns to the municipality. Mayor Tiedje advised that this was announced on CBC new this am. Mayor Tiedje also advised that there is pending legislation to impose a Home Equity Tax based on possible rental of your property.

Moved by John Jeffrey

Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of By-Law #11-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on February 16, 2021. Carried.

The CAO Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #11-2021 a first and second time.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of By-Law #11-2021. Carried.

The CAO Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #11-2021 a third time short, at which time it was passed by Council. Carried.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn Special Meeting held on February 16, 2021 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

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Mayor

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CAO Clerk-Treasurer