

December 6, 2022

Inaugural Meeting

11:00 AM

The Inaugural Meeting for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards was held on the above date with Mayor Elect Dave Mayville and Councillors Elect Ted Browne, Carl Kuehl, Brian Pecoskie, Maureen MacMillan, Bil Smith and Harold Lavigne present.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer opened and called the meeting to order. The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer then administered the Declaration of Office to the Mayor Elect and Councillors Elect after which a motion was made for Mayor Mayville to chair the remainder of the meeting:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion for the Mayor to Chair the remainder of the Inaugural Meeting this day of December 6, 2022 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor Mayville read the First Nations Land Acknowledgement and then invited Elder Irvin Sarazin to perform a smudging ceremony.

Mayors Address:

Welcome everyone:

On a personal note, I would like to thank Janice, Stanley, John and Debbie for their service and commitment to our Township. Good Luck on your future endeavours.

First, I would like to acknowledge all of our families, friends and guests who are here today and those who are watching online. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all those who put their names forward to serve our township, and congratulations to all those elected.

To my family, thank you for your support. I'm thinking today of my mother and father and my grandmother Stella Mask who would probably be saying "Oh David. What have you done."

Thank you to the spouses and partners for the support you give these elected councillors in service to our Township.

Maria: Words of thank you do not adequately tell you of my feelings to you. You have put up with me and supported me for 46 years. After you gave me the ultimatum of finding a place to call home, so that our children could come back to our home in Killaloe 21 years ago this December, whoever would have thought we would be sitting here today. Thank you for your patience, support and every other key ingredient that makes up our relationship.

To those who were part of my campaign team, I wouldn't be here today without you. One more sign. One more door knock. One last flyer going out. Each and every one of you were the difference makers in your own way. You kept me calm and focused. The election is over. The voters have spoken, and with that, comes a tremendous sense of responsibility. I am sincerely honoured to be here today as your mayor of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

During my campaign I emphasized my commitment to our community, and I plan to continue as I started. Respect will be at the centre of my approach. This means that I will keep you, the community, informed as much as possible. I plan to empower the staff, together with council, by making sure everyone has the tools and education they need to do the best job they can for the township. There is so much that goes into municipal government and this township is fortunate to have excellent staff in place of our success. I would like to thank all the department heads, the roads crew, the fire department and all the staff in advance. I'm looking forward to working with you all and appreciate your patience as I take on this new responsibility.

I would like to ensure this entire township is run like a customer service organization. We are here solely to serve the public and I, along with council and all staff, want customer service to be front and centre.

I look forward to working with this elected council. They bring a wealth of life experience and a diversity of ideas. Fresh ideas. And through conversations I have had with each of them I've discovered we all share 3 common traits – strong work ethic, willingness to learn and love for this township. Working together we will always champion what our township needs to thrive and grow.

Over the next four years, the seven of us are committed to engaging with the community to deal with the challenges and opportunity in our township. Our broad goal is to be informed, to collaborate and build consensus on the issues a growing township faces. From this day forward the seven of us represent every citizen of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, whether you voted for us or not. And that's our commitment to you. To do the very best we can for the whole community. Together, we will be the voice of the community. We will maintain a healthy working affiliation with the County of Renfrew and build our relationship with other levels of government.

I have met personally with Warden Emon already and, we discussed several KHR issues including the speeding problem on County Road 58 and Simpson Pit Road. I attended the November County Council meeting and was placed on the County Finance and Administration Committee and the Community Services Committee. I'm looking forward to bringing KHR wants and needs to the County table.

I've had meaningful conversations with our neighbouring mayors and intend to initiate quarterly meetings with them to share stories and to determine if there are any efficiencies we can share. Our collective goal is to serve as positive role models for our community. We will strive to foster an environment of openness and clarity so that we may continue to earn community trust.

That being said, know this, I don't want to hear the words "but that's not the way we've done this in the past." What was done in the past may well be the best way and if so, it will continue. But we will not be afraid to give new things a chance for the benefit of the community. Each of us here will be part of the process and at the end of our four year term we can then be judged by our decisions.

There is no doubt that I will ask new and different questions to fuel the township's decision-making process. I will ask questions as a way to gain perspective so these fresh eyes can bring a new and varied understanding to this township in a way that has not been considered before.

The past is the past. We must harness new ideas, work harder, learn more, reach higher. But while there will be some changes, our purpose remains: we are a township that will be focused on effort and determination. That is what we require. That is what will give real meaning to the next four years.

I would like to build a stronger strategic plan filled with wide-ranging goals brought by community stake holders. Proper planning will allow us to deliver maximum performance. When opportunity knocks, we must be shovel ready, not creating a project to suit the opportunity. There should be firm, well thought out, short, medium and long-term goals that the community, council and staff are all focused on.

I have a new network of resources to consult with, and a whole new set of contacts and connections that can be leveraged while at the same time keeping close the successful relationships that already exist.

I hope to hear and consider opinions from the community, council and staff on a regular basis. Social media is a great way to get ideas out there and I have my own Facebook page and I check social media daily for comments and updates, however, I'm still somewhat old school. I want to talk to you face to face. I plan to be present in the community, I would like to institute an Open Door with Dave plan, giving you the opportunity to for an informal chat. The first Open Door with Dave will be Saturday January 14th, 10 am to 12 noon at the Killaloe IDA and again Saturday January 28th, 10 to noon at Eva's Café in Round Lake. I'll be there, hopefully you will be too.

I would like to address the youth in our Township by making a concentrated effort to touch base with them to retrieve their ideas and comments about this township to encourage a youthful future and so the KHR Youth Council is being formed with interested youth. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact me.

In all areas of township business, we will need to review first, only then can we move forward with fresh ideas and plans. I stand by my campaign statements to dig into finances. The municipality is the custodian for the taxpayers' dollars and government needs to be fiscally sound, prudent and conscientious of spending and, the challenge to maximize community services while minimizing tax increases will always be at the forefront.

You and I, as KHR rate payers and residents, have the power to set this township's course. While KHR has challenges, it also has many opportunities. We are a special community, we have many amazing, dedicated and compassionate people. We live in beautiful surroundings. Ours is a picturesque natural environment. We enjoy seasonal growth, and we have a vibrant arts community.

In recognition of the many incredible people who shaped this township over the past 21 years and the years before amalgamation, with the support of council, I'm proposing a Wall of Honour on display here in the township hallway. I'm thinking of people from the past whose accomplishment, community roots and upstanding citizenship contributed in a positive way to life here. If you are a local history buff, now's the time to start your list of people who come to mind. Those you think should be honoured.

And so, it begins. Today we all embrace with solemn duty and awesome pleasure our obligation to shape the course of the next four years. With common efforts and common purpose, with passion and dedication, each of us will answer the call of duty and carry on with optimism. With a clear public mandate, it's now time to deliver on our commitment and get the job done.

Thank you.

Other Business

Mayor Mayville named the committees indicating the list was a very well thought out and arduous process. He indicated that he met with every Councillor individually to gauge their interests while taking into account their background, personality and experiences. Mayor Mayville indicated that the committees went from 21 to 7 with no committee being discarded and each committee having three councillors with a chair and co-chair. He stated that there is no co-chair on the Finance Committee at this time as the position will be filled when a Deputy Mayor is announced. Mayor Mayville announced that he will sit on each committee and may participate fully in meeting business, however, he will not count as part of the quorum and hold no voting privileges.

Adjournment

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to adjourn the Inaugural Meeting held on December 6, 2022, for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat