

Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Mayor David Mayville and Councillors Harold Lavigne, Ted Browne, Brian Pecoskie and Carl Kuehl in attendance. Also in attendance was Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly and Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson.

Mayor Mayville chaired the meeting which he opened and called to order.

Mayor Mayville stated that the Township's prayers and thoughts are with Hazel McCallion and David Stewart who passed away, and also indicated that he would like to pass along prayers and thoughts to Dan Harrington.

Mayors Address:

I had planned to wait and give you a summary after my first 100 days in office, but at 63 days I just can't wait. This job is very respective, the work does not stop at the end of the day, at the end of the week; the work is all encompassing. Work finds me at the grocery store, when I'm out for dinner, when I'm together with friends and family and I have enjoyed it all.

I believe I was elected because people want me to look for, bring to light and solve issues. To maintain the good and improve what needs improvement. When I talk to people I can literally see them searching my eyes to figure out if everything is going to be okay. Even when sometimes I may not be sure. But I still keep getting up and getting out there and trying to make it work.

I must speak the truth and be honest as Mayor because this work does not allow me to be anything but helpful and down to earth. I must speak honestly about the good and the bad. When I took office I knew I was stepping into unknown territory. I was hopeful though.

January was a busy month of meetings meant to steer things in a fresh direction. Councillors are moving ahead in all areas of township business making changes, bringing things up to date and researching new ideas and I thank them all for seizing the opportunity to try something new. That brings a smile to my face and should make you happy as well.

Each meeting though, has also brought new points of concern. To begin, you need to know that this administration building, the roads department structure and of course many, many of our roads are in dire need of expensive and extensive repairs. The lack of strategic planning in the past has brought us to this point now where everything is in a crisis state. We are faced with costly repairs that could have and should have been addressed over the past several years.

Another point of interest; during the campaign I pointed out a shortfall of \$150,000 in the water treatment plant in 2021 and no one, no one at the time was able to tell the public why that happened. What happened in 2021? Certainly, a Mayor and Councillors who are responsible for the financial health of this community would know the reason behind such a large anomaly and be able to provide that info to the public especially since I was asking the question. There was a lot of push back when I brought that forward but no explanation was given. Well, I have found out that the amount was related to amortization. Simple answer, still scary but a simple answer. An answer that was available but not shared. And for your information, we all pay for amortization.

Through conversations I've heard that some Councillors in the past did ask questions regarding various issues but were not provided answers and were told it was not their business. That is shocking to me, and it should be to you too. I've made a vow that these Councillors will know everything that makes up revenue and expenses and everything else that crosses my desk so they are informed; no secrets. The notion that financial information would not be made available to me, the Mayor and township ratepayer, is something I will not tolerate.

One last matter; recently, I've reviewed back taxes and water and sewage not paid. There is a bylaw concerning this delicate matter, but it seems it has not been followed. The Policy and Procedure Committee is reviewing the property standards by-law and the list of properties the township owns. People are not going to lose their homes but an amount of over \$1,000,000.00 is owing to the township and every year that amount increases by another \$150,000.00 which leaves the rest of the rate payers to cover the shortfall. To simplify; if our budget says we need \$1,000.00 and we only raise \$800.00, we still need \$1,000.00 to run the township. We all pay to fill the gap to pay the bills, pay the county and education. I plan to work with Council to form a working group specifically geared to address the back tax and water and sewage issue. They will gather information, address the bylaw and make recommendations. Again, we're here to help, not hinder but following the bylaw is our responsibility.

To show you how concerned I am now that I have this information; I am setting up a new committee and it will be called the Integrated Municipal Enforcement Team. The committee will be done in committee of the whole as it pertains to personal matters. As you can tell this is a serious issue that needs to be addressed. Again, people will not lose their homes but setting up the committee is the start of something that should have been addressed all along.

And so again, thank you. Don't judge me now, wait till the end of the four years and make your judgement then.

In conclusion, I ask the community to continue to make your voices heard, continue to use your platform to fight for a vibrant community, for more economic opportunity, and for all the things that you so uniquely understand and know that our families need to succeed and to thrive here in Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

In return, together with Council, I will continue to deliver each and every day and I will continue fighting to get the job done.

Tammy, Bil, Maureen and I attended the ROMA conference. Congratulations to Mayor Jennifer Murphy for being elected to the ROMA board. Congrats to Warden Peter Emon for being elected chair of the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus. That's very two important positions for every Township in the County. Each of us who attended the conference completed a report that will be in the ROMA file for future reference. I think we all appreciated the opportunity to attend even though it was overwhelming at times. We basically had over 1500 people there, it was really something. We met with many other ROMA members and Councillors and brought back new ideas and encouragement to re-enforce existing ones. An example would be licences for Airbnb's; the idea will be forwarded to committee for further review.

Another "Chat" with Dave was held January 28th at Eva's Café in Round Lake. These chats have been well received with anywhere between 15-20 people attending. The community brings their suggestions and comments that I take to the appropriate committees. The next chats are; Saturday February 11th – 10 am to 12 pm at the Engine House Café and Sunday February 19th – 1 pm to 3 pm at the – Wilno Tavern.

Snofun: Thank you to all the organizers and the many volunteers who contributed to Snofun weekend. I attended a few of the events and enjoyed the community spirits and the twisters were awesome.

The Renfrew County Winter Games opening ceremonies were February 2nd and the 9th. They do that back-to-back weekends to give every kid an opportunity for the opening ceremonies which is an awesome idea. I will be attending the opening ceremony this Thursday for the new athletes and events arriving.

Chris Neff, Bil Smith and Maureen Macmillan are attending the Economic Developers Council of Ontario conference for the next 3 days. They will each be filling out a conference report outlining their activities.

In regards to committees, I'm very excited to report that Council is busy attending to committee business. The Human Resources is halfway through updating the Human

Resource manual with much needed revisions and renewing. Economic Development has many fresh new ideas and are full of energy. The Public Works committee showed great initiative meeting with neighbouring township for new concepts and to show off how we do things. The Finance will have its first meeting next Monday to start the budget process. Policy and Procedures Chair Councillor Kuehl is like a little kid in a candy store discovering new points of interest and suggesting revisions. Planning has met once reviewing what is involved and to discuss a starting point. Protection and Emergency Services will have its first meeting at the end of the month. Council has met with our Township Lawyer Sheldon Reiche to discuss roles and duties of Council and other issues. Financial information: effective immediately all cheques issued by the Township will need either myself or Councillor Kuehl to co-sign. Cheques require one administration signer and one Council member signer. Ideally, signers will be Tammy and myself.

I am almost done loading history for the 2023 budget and I would like Council to know that I will be looking at everything that occurred in 2022 to give me a better handle on spending and the 2023 budget process. Is everyone OK with that? Tammy, currently we receive a cheque listing for approval at the end of the month, which we all get in our packages. In the future, we would like to be able to provide Council with a statement showing one column 2023 estimate, 2023 monthly actual and 2023 year to date. So that all Council will know if we spend \$1000.00 on paper clips, we have only have another \$500.00 left and a year to date total.

Shout out to Dean, relay to the crew, a thumbs up for their work during the heavy snow periods, outstanding job and we have had weather watches that are unreal. Special shout out to Dale, thanks for coordinating the demolition on Queen Street, just going by today it looks awesome, nothing left, very tidy and I am sure you had a lot to do with it.

County Road 58; the paving of the shoulders, I have talked to the people at the County, from Highway 60 to Round Lake Centre – approximately 12.7 miles the shoulders will be paved. From Deer Trail Road to Bonnechere River bridge – approximately 2.5 km will be done this year and there are more sections in the future years.

Also, I attended the Green Burial AGM on January 28th to learn about their plans so we can continue working together.

The speed problem on highway 512 coming into Killaloe, I've had many discussions with the County and we'll continue work to address the concerns.

Now that the building is down on Queen Street the file will go to the Economic Development Committee for them to bring recommendations to Council.

And that's the end of my report.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Minutes:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2023 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve minutes of the Strategic Plan Committee Meeting held on September 13, 2021 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2023 open session. Carried.

Reports:

Facilities/Asset Manager: Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson was present and invited to give his report. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson reported that Schouten Environmental Inc. plan to have everything finished with the demolition and removed by the end of the week. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson indicated that an issue arose with the thickness of the concrete floors. He indicated that typically concrete floors are 4'-8' thick, however the floors at the demolition site were 18' close to 24'. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson advised Council that Schouten Environmental Inc. is requesting an additional charge of \$10,145.00 plus applicable taxes for the extra material, time and backfill needed. Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson also advised Council that he has been working with the project manager and the machine operator to reduce the quote price by supplying some backfill from the Fire Hall. Council discussed the situation and approved the extra cost.

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to accept Schouten Environmental Inc.'s request to charge an additional \$10,145.00 plus applicable taxes to complete the demolition of 156, 158 and 160 Queen Street rendering the total contract price of \$128,485.00 plus applicable taxes from the initial RFP 2022 – 03 price of \$118,340.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to accept Facilities/Asset Manager recommendation to allow Schouten Environmental Inc. to utilize the fill that is located at the Fire Hall to offset the additional costs for RFP 2022 – 03.. Carried.

Council thanked Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson for his report.

Public Works Superintendent: Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was present and invited to give his report. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that his department has been busy with snow removal and shoving the banks back. Public Works Superintendent Holly advised that since the Public Works Department has started sanding and salting the roadways to present they have been out approximately 38 times, not including the big snowfalls. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that his department continues to perform maintenance and repairs on vehicles. Public Works Superintendent Holly reminded that under the Highway Traffic Act it is illegal to push snow across a municipal road as well not to park in a manner that would interfere with snowplow operations. As it relates to waste management, Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that as in Mayor Mayville's report; himself, Councillors Kuehl and Lavigne and Waste Management Coordinator Daren Schutt visited the waste site in Madawaska Valley to observe how they operate their site.

Mayor Mayville reiterated to Public Works Superintendent Holly that his department is doing an awesome job due to the severity of the winter.

Councillor Kuehl inquired with Public Works Superintendent Holly as to whether he had looked into any tours to attend when they go to the OGRA conference. Public Works Superintendent Holly indicated that he briefly did and will look further when at the conference.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly for his report.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer: CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was present and invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised Council that in their package they were provided with copy of her municipal report in relation to her attendance at the ROMA conference. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat also advised that she provided them with a letter from the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee providing their financial report and the Townships portion of costs associated with their services. She indicated that Stanley Pecoskie was the previous municipal representative to this committee

and the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee is asking to forward the name and address of the new person, if the new person has been appointed. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat inquired if Council would like to appoint a new member to sit on this committee. Council discussed and decided to appoint Councillor Pecoskie.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion for Brian Pecoskie to be Appointed to sit as a Municipal Representative on the Renfrew County Veterinary Services Committee. Carried.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that she received a request asking that a petition to be available at the front desk for signatures. The petition is to the County of Renfrew to install pedestrian courtesy crosswalks on Queen Street. between Station Park and the Tourist Information Booth and near to the school zones and to install a recycled rubber speed bump on Queen Street between the Freshmart and James Street. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat asked for direction. Council discussed and decided not approve this request.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat asked and received permission to take Monday February 13, 2023 during the day off and Friday February 17, 2023 off as well. She also asked and received permission to take various days off to complete her assignments for the Municipal Law course she is enrolled in. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat will advise Council of those days via email as they arise. Council had no objections to this request.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she provided Council with information for review in relation to the budget process and to bring any questions to the next Finance Committee meeting. Council had no objections to this request.

Council thanked CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat for her report.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Browne reported that himself and Fire Chief Bob Gareau conducted an interview and is recommending that Alex Jeffrey be hired as a probationary firefighter for the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department.

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to hire Alex Jeffrey as a Firefighter for the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department effective February 7, 2023. Carried.

Correspondence:

City of Hamilton – Re: Resolution: Impacts of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act - filed

Town of Halton Hills – Re: Resolution: Repeal Bill 23 – The Build More Homes Faster Act - filed

Township of Lanark Highlands – Re: Resolution: Violence Against Women - filed

Town of Petrolia – Re: Resolution: School Board Elections - filed

City of Thunder Bay – Re: Resolution: Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act - filed

City of Kitchener – Resolution: OBCM Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 - filed

Jesse Van Allen MNR – Re: Reply Letter: Stocking of Round Lake - filed

MPP John Yakabuski – Re: Letter in Support of Socking of Round Lake - filed

Lynn Jones, Secretary Treasurer; Ottawa River Institute – Re: Watershed Ways – Discovering the Magic of Native Plants - filed

County of Huron – Re: Resolution: Call to Action : Review of the Cannabis Act - filed

By-Laws:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law 06 – 2023 being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner/Closed Meeting Investigator for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2023 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of February 2023. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Browne inquired with CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat for confirmation on the planning 101 training session scheduled with County of Renfrew’s Manager of Planning Bruce Howarth. The training session was confirmed and scheduled for February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Councillor Kuehl inquired as to when the draft comprehensive zoning by-law review will commence. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that after the planning 101 training session it will commence.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by: Carl Kuehl

Seconded by: Harold Lavigne

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):

- The security of property of the municipality or local board;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- X A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed could reasonable be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- X A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board;
- A request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, if the council, board, commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act; or
- An ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1).;
- Education or training sessions for council or local boards if the meeting is held for that purpose and if at the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

Carried

Moved by Harold Lavigne

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to come out of committee of the whole. Carried

By - Law #07 - 2023 – Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law 07 – 2023 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2023 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of February, 2023. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting held on February 7, 2023 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat