

**January 2, 2024**

**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, Ted Browne, Carl Kuehl and Brian Pecoskie in attendance.

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

**Mayor's Address:**

Serving as your Mayor this past year has been the highest honour of my life, and I am excited about the journey ahead. As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to what 2024 may bring, I hope that each of you will enjoy a happy new year. 2023 was not without its challenges. Our whole community is affected by rising costs and household bills. This brings with it new worries and pressures all across our community, at what can already be a difficult time of year for so many. Council and I remain committed to making this a prosperous township for everybody.

I'd also like to extend my personal thanks to the army of volunteers who give their time freely to help others and ensure that the most in need are looked after. Their dedication is crucial, and should not go unnoticed. I am committed to working with Council and Staff to continue our efforts in the new year. I am also very committed to working with residents. I believe residents provide a wealth of ideas and perspectives. Working in collaboration with the community is a major priority for me and Council as this year moves forward. Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards is a wonderful community because of the contributions of everyone who lives and works here, and I am very proud to represent this township we call home.

As I look ahead to this year, it's my hope for all residents that 2024 is filled with opportunity, and that we can celebrate another year together in this beautiful township.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

**Pecuniary/Financial Interest:**

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

**Minutes:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 19, 2023 open & closed sessions. Carried.

**Reports:**

**Community Development Coordinator:**

Community Development Coordinator Chris Neff was present and invited to give his report. Community Development Coordinator Neff advised that he did not have a report, and read the following:

Dear People of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards:

It is with bitter sweet emotions that I submit to you today my letter of resignation as Community Development Coordinator for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

What a journey we have been on together. Starting in the peak of Covid, a true baptism of fire that ended up being the best thing that ever happened to me, reigniting a fire inside myself that had long been running on fumes, at a time when I truly needed it most.

Having moved to Golden Lake after the passing of my father, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't lost and unsure what was next for me. However, one fateful day, upon reading the Eganville Leader, everything quickly changed and I soon found myself once again filled with hope

and with excitement, dreaming of a future where I was responsible for helping to build the community that my father once so deeply loved and was so involved with through the Irish Gathering and as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Killaloe.

When I first started, I had no idea what I was doing. There was no guidebook or person to teach me how to do this role. However, excited by what seemed like a future with endless possibilities, I soon realized that this role was something I was born to do and began thinking up ways to build community and share this spark with other people who, like me desperately needed to be reconnected and inspired at a time where things were not looking very optimistic.

Those early days in my first year and a half are some of my proudest moments of my career as we made things happen in times when events were limited and rules were constantly changing. However, through the Digital Duck Race, Snow Down, Environmental Action Tour, Reverse Parade, Remembrance Radio, Movie Nights and other events we kept the spirit of community alive and somehow managed to make things happen! Eventually, everyone was looking to KHR for how to run events at a time when events seemed overwhelming and we even got Salvage Kings to come to Killaloe during that time!

Over my career at KHR there have been many highlights but I must say what I am most proud of is the work that has been done to rebuild relationships with community groups and the projects that have come from those collaborations. With over \$450,000 in successful grant projects/donations, at no cost to the KHR taxpayer, we certainly were able to make a lot happen in a short amount of time. I am also immensely proud of the developments at Killaloe Pathways Park and the Junior Rangers Program and I am eternally grateful to Cathy Lyons and her late husband Phil Godon who have been such wonderful friends and mentors to me over my career as well as my late friend Mr. Danny Harrington who so deeply inspired me through his passion for helping others and building community.

Goodbyes are never easy. I will certainly miss the friends I have made with members of staff, Council (past and present) and members of the community. Despite being excited for new opportunities and new adventures with Laurentian Valley Township, I will always have fond memories of KHR and will forever be grateful for the opportunities that were given to me here.

You taught me how to fly again, and I will never forget that.

This opportunity at Laurentian Valley will allow me to carry forward what I have learned here but I will never forget the people of this community who inspired me and helped shape me into the person I am today. I am grateful for your support as well as for the support of my family and my girlfriend Kristyn who have been so supportive over this very emotional time.

The next few weeks will be busy and I will be preparing documents and guidelines so that the next person who sits in this chair will be well prepared and set up for success in the future. I will also be offering my assistance anytime to staff during the transition and anytime afterwards to my predecessor. I have also requested an exit interview and will do all I can to share what I've learned and to try and make things the best they can be for the future of our community and Community Development.

It has been quite the adventure, but I believe it is now time for me to go in another direction for both my career and my personal life but please know that I will always hold a special place in my heart for Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards as the place that helped me find my light again. Thank you.

Council took this time to share words of praise and support for Community Development Coordinator Neff and to wish him well in his new endeavour.

Council thanked Community Development Coordinator Chris Neff for his report.

## **Public Works Superintendent:**

Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was present and invited to give his report. Public Works Superintendent Holly indicated that regular road and equipment maintenance/checks continue, during the holiday the Public Works Department attended to falling trees, sanding of roadways and performed road patrols, the department is currently cutting wood for the outdoor furnace in preparation for next year and he advised that a few roads within the Township are a little rough due to the fluctuation in temperature, however, they have put down "A" gravel in certain areas to assist due to not being able to grade the roads. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that he received a request to waive the fee for approx. 100 bags of garbage and provide pick-up for a resident of the Township. Council discussed and advised that they could not support this request. Councillor Smith indicated that people facing financial difficulty could approach CRC for assistance as they may be able to offer support.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly for his report at which time he left the meeting.

**CAO/Clerk – Treasurer:** CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was present and invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer reported that she had provided Council with a report from Facilities/Asset Manager Dale Thompson pertaining to the Killaloe Rink furnace and indicated that he was looking for direction from Council. Council reviewed Facilities/Asset Manager Thompson's report and directed him to replace the furnace using Round Lake Heating for an approximate cost of \$5,300.00 - \$5,500.00 plus taxes for a 50,000 & 100,000 btu furnace.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat inquired as to a date for the next Finance Committee meeting. Council decided to meet on January 31, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

## **Committee Reports**

Mayor Mayville inquired how ice making is proceeding at both rinks. Councillor Lavigne advised that as of now there is no ice made due to weather, but they continue to monitor the temperatures and are hopeful.

## **Correspondence:**

**Tay Township** – Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – filed

**Town of Aurora** – Re: Resolution Homelessness Crisis – filed

**Town of Aurora** – Re: Resolution Community Safety and Inciteful Speech – filed

**Township of Conmee** – Re: Resolution Proposing the Prohibition of Criminals from Municipal Council – filed

## **Unfinished Business:**

Council reviewed and discussed Mr. Ian Christopher Huggett's request for a letter of support to endorse the construction of an aggregate berm with an increased road setback for the Ben Hokum & Son Ltd aggregate pit on Old Trestle Road and decided not to support this request.

Mayor Mayville advised that he was cc'd in an email that was sent to Director of Public Works and Engineering Mr. Lee Perkins at the County of Renfrew from Pierre Moncion pertaining to a safety issue with the speed limit in the area of his home. Council advised that they would need more information before rendering a decision and asked that Mayor Mayville inquire with Mr. Perkins to see if a speed study had been previous performed before on Round Lake Road and if so when and what was the outcome, they would also like to know the section of road Mr. Moncion would like the speed limit changed (from where to where) and if Council were to pass a resolution in support of Mr. Moncion's request is there a possibility that the speed limit could be lowered even though Round Lake Road is classified as a highway. Mayor Mayville had no objections to this request.

### **Committee of the Whole:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to move into 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):

- The security of property of the municipality or local board;
- X 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;
- 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;
- 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;
- 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); or
- 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 Bil Smith  
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to come out of Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Mayor Mayville indicated that staff have been directed accordingly to reflect the matters discussed in Committee of the Whole.

### **By - Law #01 - 2024 – Confirming By-Law:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law #01 – 2024 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards at its Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2024

be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 2nd day of January, 2024.  
Carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 2, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

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Mayor – Dave Mayville

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat