

**May 21, 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, Maureen MacMillan, Carl Kuehl, Ted Browne and Brian Pecoskie in attendance.

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

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves that the agenda dated May 21, 2024 be amended to move the Mayor's Address after Committee Reports. Carried.

**Pecuniary/Financial Interest:**

Councillor MacMillan to declare at the appropriate time.

**Delegations:**

Mr. Pat Cybulskie was in attendance and invited to address Council. Mr. Cybulskie shared his opinions relating to the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law and its passing indicating that the governments involvement in private lands is becoming too much. Mr. Cybulskie thanked previous Council for implementing the Bonnechere River Water Management Plan and current Council for supporting the plan stating it is working well. Mr. Cybulskie indicated that in the event Council would like to view what the adverse effects of the water levels looked like before the plan was implemented he has videos, records and pictures he would be willing to share.

Council thanked Mr. Cybulskie for his address.

Ms. Doris Murray was in attendance and invited to address Council. Ms. Murray indicated that the door located at the back entrance should be open on meeting days 10 minutes prior to the start of a meeting as she requires the wheelchair parking. Ms. Murray inquired as to who prepares by-laws. Council indicated that they develop municipal by-laws respective to the Township and the County of Renfrew Council develops by-laws respective to the County of Renfrew. Ms. Murray indicated that she does not agree with how trailers are managed in the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law. Ms. Murray advised that Council is hard to hear online and indicated that they need to either speak louder or get microphones. Ms. Murray inquired if Council is provided information as to what is discussed in County of Renfrew Council and Committee meetings. Mayor Mayville advised that there is one general County Council meeting and 6 or 7 individual committee meetings per month and that information discussed at committee meetings is brought to the general County Council meeting for information/discussion. Councillor Browne indicated that minutes from the meetings are available to the public on the County of Renfrew's website and the link to the recorded meetings is there as well. Ms. Murray stated that County Council was asked that anything of importance discussed at the County level be sent to ratepayers who request the information via Canada post and that County Council change their meeting times to 7:00 pm. Ms. Murray advised that she received a response from the County indicating that that County Council did not approve these requests.

Council thanked Ms. Murray for her address.

**Minutes:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 7, 2024 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Moved by Carl Kuehl  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting of May 7, 2024 open session. Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of May 6, 2024 open session. Carried.

### **Reports:**

#### **Fire Chief:**

Fire Chief Bob Gareau was present and invited to give his report. Fire Chief Gareau reported that as it relates to fire, operations included; burning of a mattress on River Road on April 24th, burning of garbage on King Street on May 17th and a car fire at Round Lake Road and Beechnut Road on May 18th. Ongoing activities include weekly truck and monthly equipment checks. Recent events include; Rural Perspectives on Economic and Social Trends by Nik Nanos at Algonquin College Pembroke on April 23rd, a training certification planning meeting on May 8th, ladder inspection and certification and an officer's meeting on May 9th, Bells Chip Wagon inspection on May 10th, a bi-monthly meeting on May 14th and a OFM live demo regarding risk reduction. Upcoming events include a Charged for Life Lithium-Ion Education Symposium on May 22nd, KPS Car Wash on May 25th, KPS Fun Day on May 30th, a Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting in Pembroke on June 5th, September 4th, and December 4th and bi-monthly meetings on July 9th, September 10th and November 26<sup>th</sup>. Recent training included ventilation (theory/practical) on April 23rd, ground ladders (theory/practical) on April 30th and extrication (theory/practical) on May 21st. Fire Chief Gareau reported on upcoming training set to take place between May 21st to December 10th. Fire Chief Gareau indicated that the fire department is in receipt of the "green flashing light" awareness signage, however they are trying to find appropriate poles as they are very heavy, and the current poles will not hold them. As it relates to CEMC, Fire Chief Gareau reported that recent events included Freshet meetings on April 18th, April 25th and May 2nd and indicated that further Freshet meeting will be organized if required.

Fire Chief Gareau requested the re-hiring of a probationary firefighter;

Moved by Maureen MacMillan  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the re-hire of Mr. Jordan Bozak as a Probationary Firefighter effective May 21, 2023. Carried.

Councillor MacMillan inquired if there would be firefighters managing the gates at St. Andrews Catholic School for the Canada Day celebrations. Fire Chief Gareau advised that there would be.

Councillor Pecoskie inquired what the "Quiz Night" noted under upcoming training involved. Fire Chief Gareau indicated that the night will focus on the review of information from the IFSTA training manual as firefighters have to pass a written exam to receive certification.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gareau 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 Gorgerat reported that she asked and received approval that the Summer Employment Opportunities application for grant funding to hire a Tourism Services Coordinator/Plant Caretaker student would be amended.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that the Farmers Market has requested once again that the special permit fee for 2024 be waived as it was 2023.

Moved by Harold Lavigne  
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby agrees to waive the \$100.00 Special Permit Fee for the 2024 season for the Farmers Market being held in Station Park in the Village of Killaloe. Carried.

And lastly, CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she prepared a resolution for the hire of two summer students;

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the hiring of Ms. Emily Mintha as the Tourism Services Coordinator effective May 17, 2024 and Mr. Cameron Dunn as the Tourism Coordinator/Plant Caretaker effective May 17, 2024. Carried.

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

### **Examining Accounts**

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher 04 – 2024.

### **Committee Reports**

Councillor Smith advised that the interviews for the Community Development Coordinator position were held on May 13th where 6 candidates were interviewed. A decision was reached the following day with the recommendation to hire Mr. Colton Charbonneau;

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the hiring of Mr. Colton Charbonneau as the Community Development Coordinator with the effective date yet to be determined. Carried.

### **Mayor's Address:**

To begin, thank you to everyone involved in this process, especially Council who reluctantly put up with several meetings and all my questions and comments. Today though, I'm not happy. In all the years I've presented budgets and made speeches, this is the most difficult presentation I have ever been required to give. I took the doubt that council projected towards me so in the end they would notice the variables and items where changes should be made. During my campaign I promised that I would be transparent and show respect to the budget process by asking questions and passing this information forward. This is Council's second budget and last year the decision was made to put a band aid on the budget and taxes were increased by 5%. This year, we have no choice. We have to rip the band aid off. This year we are proposing a 17% tax rate increase as well as having our Water and Sewage Rates go up by 10%. That means, a property valued at \$100,000 will see an increase in the municipal levy of \$120.91 per year.

Exhibit 1 – Summary of Municipal Tax Rates (additional information provided on a separate sheet).

Expenses have been tightened but services are being maintained. Remember, this budget affects all 7 of us sitting around this table just like you. I think each of us here were affected by going through the process and hopefully this will finally make all 7 of us ask questions, because this township needs answers. I am happy that we were able to carve out a 3% increase for our staff and council this year. Because of the 17% tax increase personally I will not be accepting the 3% increase. It's a small gesture. We must change our thought process regarding the amount of money we spend and what we spend it on. We can no longer just say yes to lines that come in under budget, we must ask the questions about what goes into the budget line, we must dig deeper everywhere to see where and what we are spending on. We can not keep doing what we're doing and expect a better result. We have to break the 'we've always done it like this' KHR mentality. We have been routinely

led down the garden path in past years and encouraged not to ask questions. We were always told, everything was fine. Guess what, it's not fine. Just look at where we are today. There are many municipalities that are in the same boat as us and each municipality will attempt different paths to mitigate the issues. The total budget this year is \$6,578,715, an increase of \$128,996 from the 2023 estimate of \$6,449,719 with \$3,432,102 to be collected through the municipal levy which has increased by \$555,720 over 2023's amount of \$2,876,382.

Exhibit: 2. Revenue Bar Graph, 3. Revenue Pie Chart, 4. Expenditures Bar Graph, 5. Expenditures Pie Chart (additional information provided on a separate sheet).

There are many reasons why we are in this predicament; cost of Covid 19, costs going up, Provincial downloads, County and School increases, using reserves for operating expenses, making up for years of zero and low tax increases and tax arrears of more than 15% is considered high risk. We have been at the high risk level since 2019 ranging from 30 – 38% and climbing. Now, let's take a more in depth look.

Exhibit 6 – Facts and Figures, Exhibit 7 – Factors Contributing to Tax Increase (additional information provided on a separate sheet).

We are fortunate that we had 2 major projects covered by grants.

Exhibit 8 – Factors Covered by Grants (additional information provided on a separate sheet).

We are still hopeful our Queen Street property will sell so the proceeds will go back to working fund reserves. We left a lot of projects on the table, that we hope to get back to some day.

Exhibit 9 – Wish List (additional information provided on a separate sheet).

The balance in the Reserve for Working Funds after a transfer of \$545,759 will be \$1,551,585. The Road Reserve will remain with a balance of \$232,080.79. The capital waterworks will have a zero balance after transferring \$15,259 to the SCADA Project. The Investment in ORPC after a transfer of \$30,000 will be \$31,492.77. The Reserve Fund set up for shoreline sales currently has a balance of \$14,430.69 as of Dec 31, 2023. The Environmental reserve fund which is set up from waste site tags and tipping fees currently has a balance of \$200,496.81 as of Dec 31, 2023.

In conclusion, again I am asking Council and staff to find new revenue streams and efficiencies. At our next council meeting I will be bringing forward recommendations for Council to consider. Now I would like to ask each Councillor for their comments in regards to the budget. Thank you.

Councillor Lavigne indicated that Council did what they had to do to balance the budget.

Councillor Smith disagreed with Mayor Mayville's comment that Council had been routinely led down a garden path and were encouraged not to ask questions as this being his second budget, questions were asked and answered, and staff had made Council aware that there were issues. Councillor Smith advised that Staff encouraged questions from Council. Councillor Smith apologized to the public for the tax increase indicating that services provided need to be paid for.

Councillor MacMillan relayed her compassion to the public about this budget.

Councillors Browne and Kuehl advised that it is unfortunate Council has to decide on the 17% tax increase as there was no other option and both agreed that as a contributor to the increase, if residents not paying their taxes, would, the Township may not be in this predicament.

Councillor Pecoskie indicated that in prior years previous Councils passed budgets with zero increases to the tax rate with no complaints received, and he hopes that no complaints are received due to having to increase the tax rate 17%.

Moved by Bil Smith  
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves the provisional Budget as presented at the Finance Committee meeting dated May 14, 2024 with a 17% taxation increase for the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby approves an increase in the sewage rates and an increase in the water rates totaling a 10% increase each for a 5-year period and directs staff to prepare a notice to all affected residents. Carried.

### **Correspondence:**

**Township of Manitouwadge** – Re: Resolution; Review of OW and ODSP Financial Assistance Rates –

Moved by Maureen MacMillan  
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Township of the Manitouwadge and the Town of Goderich regarding a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Program financial assistance rates.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Paul Calandra, MPP John Yakabuski, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Eastern Ontario Warden Caucus, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and all Ontario Municipalities. Carried.

**Township of Stirling Rawdon** – Re: Resolution Support – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities –

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural Municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities of Canada, the Acting President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, AMO, ROMA, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

**Township of Lake of Bays** – Re: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act – filed

**Minister Cho** – Re: June is Seniors Month –

Moved by Brian Pecoskie  
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby declares June as Seniors Month and over the course of the month directs staff to promote information provided from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility on their social media platforms and in hard copy at the Municipal Office. Carried.

**Township of Georgian Bay** – Re: Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities – filed

**Pat Pilgrim** – Re: 3rd Annual Lorna Hudder Charity Memorial Golf Tournament Registration Form – filed

**New Business:**

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she prepared a resolution approving the composition of Killaloe & District Housing Inc. Board;

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion that Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards approves that the following are hereby appointed to the Board of the Killaloe & District Housing Inc. effective May 15, 2024: Glenn Allen, Wren Crossland, Janet Johnson, Terry Mullin, Deanne Farrar, Chris Millar, Greg McLeod, Sue Sheridan, Lee Lafont, Joanne King. Carried

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised that Sam Windrem was inquiring if the Township would like to participate in their “Team up with Killaloe OPP and Get Noticed” initiative where the Township’s logo would be placed on custom-reusable shopping bags that would be handed out for free through various safety events. Council discussed and elected not to participate.

Council reviewed a letter from the Killaloe and District Senior Citizens Friendship Club President Rachelle Clayton regarding pedestrian and handicap access during bridge construction. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised that Public Works Superintendent Holly was in contact with County of Renfrew representatives and indicated that there will be public access across the bridge during the construction. Public Works Superintendent Holly also advised that the construction start date will commence either the 1st or 2nd week in July and a plan will be provided to Council prior. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that once a plan has been approved flyers will be distributed to local businesses.

Council reviewed and discussed the email received from the Round Lake Property Owners Association regarding the Round Lake boat launch ramp. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer advised that she would have to discuss with Public Works Superintendent Holly as to when the application was submitted to the MNRF for approval for the grate installation. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that the dock extensions are in need of parts, which are on order, before they can be installed.

Council reviewed and discussed the email received from the Round Lake Property Owners Association regarding the Round Lake boat launch condition. Mr. Scott Gardner was in attendance and invited to speak on the matter. Council asked that staff provide a report as to the condition of the ramp and remedies to repair. Council also directed staff to close the ramp to the public if necessary.

Councillor MacMillan asked and received approval to invite the Community Development Coordinator and the Community Development Coordinator Assistant to attend the Teeny Tiny Towns Summit taking place on June 5th in Tweed. Councillor MacMillan asked and received approval to assist Community Development Assistant Michaela Vandergragt with Canada Day bookings as she has received some cancellations. Councillor MacMillan reminded of the Irish Gathering meeting taking place May 23rd at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. And lastly, Councillor MacMillan reported that the Big Community Paddle Event organizers are asking if Council would consider waiving the fee for the use of the rink. Council agreed to waiving the fee.

I Maureen MacMillan declare pecuniary/financial interest in regards to the Trillium Grant under new business presented by Councillor Smith.

Councillor MacMillan left the meeting.

Councillor Smith advised that Ottawa Valley Community Arts also known as OV-CAOS is interested in partnering with the Township in applying for a Trillium Seed grant for a placemaking project which involves the building a total of 10 benches and installing them in different locations within the Municipality. Councillor Smith advised that the benches would be artful creations with the inclusion of QR codes that would be linked to stories and videos. Councillor Smith indicated that Councillor MacMillan often works as a paid artist for OV-CAOS and has advised that if successful in receiving grant funding she would refuse

compensation for any work completed. Council discussed and agreed to partner with OV-CAOS.

Councillor MacMillan returned to the meeting.

Councillor Smith reported that Kidz Kastle took a trip to Killaloe Pathways Park and provided a video to thank Council for the use of the KPP.

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

Moved by Ted Browne

Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

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;
- 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;
- X Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- X 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;
- X 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 Ted Browne

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

Mayor Mayville advised that staff have been directed accordingly to matters discussed in committee of the whole.

**Confirming By-Law:**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 17 – 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 May 21, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 21st day of May, 2024. Carried.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Ted Browne  
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of May 21, 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