

January 7, 2025

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

Call to Order:

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

First Nations Land Acknowledgement:

First Nations Land Acknowledgement read by Mayor Mayville.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Good evening members of Council, staff and residents of KHR. As we gather here tonight for our first meeting of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we shared over the past year and to look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. 2024 brought its share of challenges but it also highlighted the strength and unity of our community. Together we can continue to make Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards a place we're proud to call home. As we step into this new year, let's renew our commitment to fostering a vibrant inclusive and thriving community. Council and staff will continue their commitment to responsible spending and looking for efficiency wherever we can find them. I look forward to deepening our connection with residents through open dialogue, transparent governance and an inclusive decision-making process. As we embark on this journey, I urge each of you to stay engaged, share your ideas and collaborate with us building a stronger more vibrant KHR. Your voices are the heartbeat of our township and together we can achieve the things necessary for growth and success. May 2025 bring health, happiness and prosperity to everyone. Let's work together to make this year our best one yet. Wishing us all a joyful and prosperous new year.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Minutes:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 17, 2024 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Meetings:

Mayor Mayville pointed out that the Finance Committee meetings had been overlooked and not included in the agenda. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat confirmed that she would make the necessary additions. Mayor Mayville inquired about the date for the full-day finance meeting that all Department Heads are expected to attend. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat confirmed that all Department Heads, including the Community Development Coordinator, will be present at every Finance Committee meeting, and that the date for the full-day finance meeting could be discussed at the first Finance Committee meeting.

Councillor Browne advised that he will not be in attendance at the March 4th Regular meeting.

Mayor Mayville asked Councillors Browne, Kuehl, and Pecoskie about their availability during October/November. Councillors Browne and Pecoskie indicated that they will be away the first week in November and Councillor Kuehl indicated that he will be away the 9th – 15th of November.

Reports:

Public Works Superintendent: Public Works Superintendent Dean Holly was in attendance and invited to give his report. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that regular winter maintenance is ongoing, alongside continuous equipment maintenance. Public Works Superintendent Holly indicated that "bump" signage has been placed on Mask Road, extending from Highway 60 to Round Lake Road due to the rough surface and while the Public Works Department has dragged the road, the surface remains rough. Council discussed the potential of passing a by-law to restrict heavy truck traffic on Mask Road, with an exemption for Jim McClement of R&R Auto, however, no decisions were made. Public Works Superintendent Holly reported that he attended a meeting with the County of Renfrew and local Public Works Superintendents where he expressed his concerns regarding the proposed transfers of Simpson Pit Road and Brudenell Road. Public Works Superintendent Holly also mentioned that he brought up the issue of the County of Renfrew's lack of planned capital projects for the township in 2025 during the meeting.

Council thanked Public Works Superintendent Holly for his report.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer: CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat informed Council that she had presented a draft letter to the County of Renfrew regarding the Road Rationalization Assessment and its proposed recommendations for review. Council discussed and directed CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat to send the letter to the County and passed the following resolution:

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew's Road Rationalization Assessment, received on November 13, 2024, proposes the transfer of Simpson Pit Road and an additional section of road from Ruby Road to Rochefort Road to the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards; and

WHEREAS Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards has carefully reviewed the proposed road transfers and the potential impact on the municipality, and has identified that as a small, lower-tier municipality with limited financial resources, the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards would face significant challenges in absorbing the additional responsibility of maintaining and upgrading these roadways; and

WHEREAS the costs related to road maintenance, upgrades, winter operations, and required repairs would place a significant financial strain on the Township's resources, resulting in an unsustainable burden and potentially leading to infrastructure deterioration, safety risks, and inconsistencies in service levels and the added responsibility would require more equipment, staff, and operational adjustments, leading to increased costs for plowing, salting, sanding, and other maintenance activities, thereby resulting in a higher tax burden for Township's residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards direct staff to send the attached letter and formally expresses its opposition to the proposed transfers of Simpson Pit Road and the additional section of road from Ruby Road to Rochefort Road, as outlined in the County of Renfrew's proposed Road Rationalization Assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards respectfully requests the County of Renfrew reconsider the proposal and collaborate with affected municipalities to find alternative solutions that do not shift financial responsibility to those unable to absorb these costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew and all 17 lower-tier municipalities for consideration. Carried.

Correspondence:

County of Renfrew Warden; Peter Emon – Re: Letter of Support for Sustainable Funding for the Robbie Dean Family Counselling Centre – filed

Killaloe and Area Pickleball – Re: 2024 Outdoor Statistics – filed

County of Renfrew – Re: Immediate Release - Local Businesses Donate to Mesa Warming Centre – filed

By-Laws:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 01 - 2025 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to sign an agreement authorizing a Services Agreement between Ontario Clean Water (OCWA) and the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January, 2025. Carried

Moved by Maureen MacMillan

Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT By-Law No. 02 - 2025 being a by-law to appoint members of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Committee of Adjustment be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January, 2025. Carried.

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT By-Law No. 03 - 2025 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet current expenditures of the Council of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January, 2025. Carried.

Moved by Carl Kuehl

Seconded by Harold Lavigne

THAT By-Law No. 04 - 2025 being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes and to provide for penalty and interest of one and one-quarter percent for the year 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January, 2025. Carried.

Moved by Brian Pecoskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

THAT By-Law No. 05 – 2025 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk – Treasurer to sign the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario and the Corporation of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards for Fire Prevention Grant funding for the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department to improve cancer prevention and firefighter safety be given its 1st , 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January 2025. Carried.

New Business:

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that Josie Radoman, representing Willow Publishing and Bonnechere Provincial Park, inquired if the Township would be interested in submitting an advertisement for the 2025 Bonnechere Provincial Park Information Guide. After discussion, Council decided to proceed with a double ad, similar to previous years.

Council received correspondence from Kimberly Lehman a 4-H Club Leader in Renfrew County. Councillor Smith advised that CRC was in contact with Ms. Lehman and that the club will be utilizing space at 12 North Street.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
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;
- 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;
- 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 Bil Smith
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

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

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

Confirming By-Law:

Moved by Harold Lavigne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT By-Law No. 06 – 2025 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 7, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 7th day of January 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Brian Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 7, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat