

November 19, 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, 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:

As we gather today, I would like to acknowledge on behalf of Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin people and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville reported that he attended a Renfrew County Housing Corporation and Community Service meeting, and a Finance and Administration meeting at the County of Renfrew. Mayor Mayville also provided an update on Realtax regarding properties within the township and noted that the upcoming December meeting will include discussions on council composition and the ward system.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest:

No pecuniary/financial interest was declared.

Delegation:

Allison Miller, Project Officer from the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark, was present and invited to address Council. Ms. Miller gave an overview of the organization and provided a brief update on the labour market. Ms. Miller also advised that she is available for any follow-up questions outside of the meeting if needed.

Council thanked Ms. Miller for her presentation at which time she left the meeting.

Minutes:

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 5, 2024 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Meetings:

Council discussed and directed that for the weeks when the ROMA, OGRA, and AMO conferences occur, the Regular Council meetings be rescheduled to the Wednesday of the same week.

Council discussed and decided that the next Finance meeting will take place on January 28th at 7:00 pm.

Reports:

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Gareau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Fire Chief Gareau reported that as it relates to operations, the fire department responded to a chimney fire at a property on Mask Road and a false alarm at a property on Queen Street with ongoing activities including weekly truck inspections and monthly equipment checks. Recent activities involved the installation of flashing green light signage, updating the burning signage to indicate daytime burning is allowed, conducting a fire inspection at Moose on the Loose, participating in a Powering Preparedness workshop with Hydro One in Pakenham, and attending a Zone 6 ROMA meeting. Fire Chief Gareau reported that upcoming events include a bi-monthly meeting and a Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association meeting in Pembroke and additionally, reported on upcoming training. Lastly, Fire Chief Gareau reported that he attended an EMO compliance program update meeting and a County-wide exercise planning meeting for 2025 in his capacity as CEMC.

Mayor Mayville asked Fire Chief Gareau about the recruitment process and whether advertisements are placed in the newspaper annually to fill positions within the fire department. Fire Chief Gareau indicated that they typically do not place ads in the newspapers to recruit. Councillor Browne added that these positions are typically filled through word of mouth.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gareau for his report at which time he left the meeting.

Community Development Coordinator: Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that additional gear was successfully submitted for funding through the Fire Protection grant and that the Halloween Bash event saw a strong turnout with over 25 children, noting that next year's plans include collaborating with KHR Volunteer Recreation and Grandma's Pantry to host the event at KPP. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau also expressed his gratitude to Grandma's Pantry for their support of the event. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that, in partnership with CRC, \$14,000 was received from the Two for the Trails grant for the revitalization of KPP trails, Local Government Week was a success with his presentations at the two local schools in Killaloe, he attended the Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum, and that the Celebrate Canada Grant application is nearly complete and requested Council's direction on purchasing fireworks. After a discussion, Council approved the expenditure of approximately \$14,500 for next year's Canada Day fireworks, with hopes that at least half of the cost or more will be covered by the Celebrate Canada funding program, however, as the funding is not guaranteed, Council acknowledged the possibility of covering the entire cost. Council indicated that the remainder of the Canada Day festivities will be addressed during the budget process.

Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau informed Council that the Canada Summer Jobs Grant is now open, and he asked for direction on how many summer positions to apply for. Council discussed and directed him to apply for the same number of positions as last year and that associated costs would be discussed during the budget process. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that he attended a Municipal Government Showcase event with the Renfrew County Clerks and Treasurers, the demolition of the Killaloe Rink was completed with final work expected by the end of November and he is currently working on the Emigrant Support Programme grant which funds Irish-themed events advising that the application will be submitted in partnership with CRC when the portal opens in mid-January. Community Development Coordinator noted that he emailed the program link to Council for reference. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau announced that the Tree of Peace/Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and he also outlined his plan for printing and distributing the newsletter during the Canada Post strike. Council considered the possibility of not printing the newsletter during the strike, however, decided and directed to proceed with printing the newsletters. And lastly, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that he attended the Sustainable Tourism online workshop.

Mayor Mayville inquired if the picnic tables at KPP will be put away for the winter months and Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that they would be moved into the barn to be stored for the winter.

Mayor Mayville asked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau if he was working on applying for the second stream of the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure grant to fund the paving of the ice pad and the replacement of the Round Lake rink boards. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that the second stream is intended for new projects only. Mayor Mayville then inquired if he was "shovel ready" if a new funding stream became available. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that he has everything but the demolition quote.

Council thanked Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau for his report at which time he left the meeting.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer: CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Tammy Gorgerat was invited to give her report. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that she will be attending a Fred Dean workshop on November 20th at the County of Renfrew building from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat asked and received approval to close the Municipal Office and Public Works Department from Monday, December 23rd, through to Wednesday, January 1st, reopening on Thursday, January 2nd. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that she provided Council with information pertaining to the mussel signage. Council reviewed and asked that CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reach out to the County of Renfrew to inquire what material the signs are made out of and advised that discussions pertaining to the signage will take place during budget deliberations. And lastly, CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat reported that she had prepared a resolution for the hiring of a Casual Public Works Employee.

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 Mr. Alan Tennant on a seasonal contract basis effective December 2, 2024 until April 1, 2025 weather dependent and with a guaranteed 25 hours per week. Carried.

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #10 – 2024.

Committee Reports:

Mayor Mayville asked Council if they were satisfied with the current structure of the committees or if they wanted to make any changes. Council advised that they are content with the current setup.

Mayor Mayville asked Council if they would be willing to pick up their agenda packages from the office moving forward. Council discussed and it was decided that moving forward Council will pick-up their packages.

Mayor Mayville asked Council if they would be open to adding an O.P.P. line to the tax bills, similar to how the County and School Board taxes are listed, allowing for the funds to be collected separately from the municipal tax base. After discussion, Council opted to keep the current approach.

Mayor Mayville advised that he wanted to reinforce the emergency and importance of Council receiving information regarding the special area rate when starting the budget process.

Mayor Mayville asked if Public Works Superintendent Holly could be asked to consider how the township's snowplows will navigate around the Afelskie's site. Council advised that this is an operational decision.

Correspondence:

Mayor Tom Mrakas; Town of Aurora – Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding –

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Bil Smith

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby requests the redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for sustainable infrastructure funding.

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards formally requests the Povincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement and advocacy. Carried.

Warden Peter Emon – Re: Child Welfare Funding –

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the County of Renfrew's resolution regarding Child Welfare Funding as attached.

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards also formally requests that the Province of Ontario consult with and collaborate with Child Welfare agencies to develop an updated and equitable Child Welfare funding formula and that the newly development funding formula be structured to ensure an equitable and proportionate distribution that meets the diverse, unique, individual and complex needs of the communities and populations served.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS), and all municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

Township of Puslinch – Re: Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices –

Moved by Brian Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution passed by the Township of Puslinch on November 7, 2024 regarding Provincial Projects and Excess Soil Management Practices as attached.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be shared with the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Premier Doug Ford, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and all municipalities in Ontario requesting support for the protection of agricultural lands and sustainable development practices in Ontario. Carried.

Rae Clayton – Re: CHCR Sponsorship – filed

Tracey Coulas, Sue Sheridan & Pat Pilgrim – Re: Thank – You – filed

Municipality of Leamington – Re: OPP Detachment Billing Increases –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution passed by the Municipality of Leamington on November 12, 2024 (as attached) regarding the recent Ontario Provincial Police Detachment billing increases that will significantly increase 2025 tax rates.

AND WHEREAS the current police services within the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards are also provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the O.P.P.) and on October 4, 2024 the O.P.P. submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement which identifies an approximate increase of \$100,401.00 (20.8%) from 2024 to 2025 and which translates to an approximate 3.15% tax rate increase, in addition to what Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will need to consider for its residents.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase let alone all costs attributed to the O.P.P. without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers and wishes to dispute the 2025 O.P.P. Annual Billing Statement and all billing statements moving forward.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing not only the cost of the current O.P.P. increase but the Ontario Provincial Police Force as a total back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski and all Municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

Margaret Dingman – Re: Invitation to a Community Information Session on Climate Action Plans and Net-Zero Impact – filed

New Business:

Council reviewed the information provided from the County of Renfrew regarding the Memorandum on their Transportation Master Plan – Road Rationalization Assessment, which included a recommendation to transfer Simpson Pit Road to the Township. Council discussed and advised that they were not in favor of this recommendation.

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;
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- X 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;
- 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;
- 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 Ted Browne
Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

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 Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ted Browne

THAT By-Law No. 42 – 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 November 19, 2024 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 19th day of November 2024. Carried

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith
Seconded by Ted Browne

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of November 19, 2024 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat