

January 22, 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 was read by Mayor Mayville.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Mayor Mayville requested a moment of silent reflection.

Mayor's Address:

Mayor Mayville reported that he participated in a County of Renfrew budget review meeting, a meeting to review the County's "committee of the whole" structure, a County Council session that included three committee meetings and one full Council meeting, attended the ROMA conference in Toronto, and had a discussion with the CAO/Clerk – Treasurer about the Township's Procedural By-Law. Mayor Mayville also reported on his attendance at the ROMA conference, noting that a common theme was the significant tax increases other municipalities experienced last year and what 2025 may hold.

Councillor Smith reported on his attendance at the ROMA conference as well, highlighting his participation with the County of Renfrew delegation, Premier Doug Ford's presentation and the concurrent sessions he attended.

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 January 7, 2025 open & closed sessions. Carried.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Harold Lavigne

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment committee meeting of December 17, 2024 open session and January 14, 2025 open session. Carried.

Meetings:

Mayor Mayville called for a Special Meeting for February 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm with Human Resources Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Asset Management Committee to discuss issues raised during ROMA and pre-budget matters. Mayor Mayville also extended the invitation to full Council to attend.

Reports:

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Bob Gareau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Fire Chief Gareau reported on recent fire-related operations, which included a chimney fire at a residence on Round Lake Road, a CO alarm call at a residence on Ryan Street and another chimney fire at a property on Roche Street. Fire Chief Gareau advised that fire calls for 2024 totaled 31, down from the average of 40-41. Fire Chief Gareau reported that ongoing activities include weekly truck inspections and monthly equipment checks and recent events

included a bi-monthly meeting and the recruitment of a new firefighter; Tom Albert; who has started to attend meetings and training. Fire Chief Gareau reported that upcoming events include a OAFCA Online Learning Series with regard to fire and fuel safety in encampments, Wildland Fire Strategies and Tactics in Haliburton, a bi-monthly meeting and the NEFEC (Northeastern Fire Education Conference) in Huntsville with 2 Officers attending. Fire Chief Gareau also provided an update on upcoming training. And lastly, with regard to Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Fire Chief Gareau reported recent events included attending a IQEMPO (Improving the Quality of Emergency Management Programs in Ontario) inaugural meeting online.

Mayor Mayville asked Councillor Browne whether he would be attending the Northeastern Fire Education Conference, and Councillor Browne replied that he would not be attending.

Council thanked Fire Chief Gareau for his report.

Community Development Coordinator: Community Development Coordinator Colton Charbonneau was in attendance and invited to give his report. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that the new website which was funded through the RED Grant has been completed but not live, and the promotional videos also financed by the grant have been uploaded to YouTube and Facebook for public viewing. As a requirement of the grant, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that he is currently collecting Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which are likes, shares views and overall engagement to track the success of these initiatives. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau reported that he has applied for the CARHA Hockey contest, which offers a potential \$1,000 in funding for the Round Lake and Killaloe rinks. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau informed that he is exploring advertising opportunities for the Killaloe Rink, and is currently working on an advertisement application, which will be presented to Council for review and discussion once it is finalized. And lastly, Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau provided estimates of the costs associated with running the Canada Day event and asked for guidance from Council on how to proceed moving forward. Council discussed and decided to defer the matter to budget deliberations.

Fire Chief Gareau provided Council with an overview of the firefighters' involvement in the Canada Day event, noting the shift from volunteer participation to paid roles. Fire Chief Gareau also advised that the Firefighters Association sold the ducks used for the Ducky Race. Council discussed the sale of the ducks and directed Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau to reach out to the purchaser to ask if the township could borrow them for the Canada Day event. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau had no objection to this request.

Fire Chief Gareau left the meeting.

Council discussed the submission, timelines, plans, costs, and the anticipated municipal contribution for the Round Lake rink project, should the township be awarded the full \$200,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant.

Mayor Mayville inquired if the Naturally Spirited newsletter would be published in the new year. Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau advised that he is currently working on the February/March edition. Mayor Mayville requested that Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau hold off on printing the newsletter until after the Special Meeting on February 5th, as the Committee plans to discuss the future of the newsletter. Council deliberated on the matter and decided to move forward with printing and distributing the February/March edition, with plans to review the newsletter's future at the Special Meeting.

Mayor Mayville inquired about the schedule pertaining to the Round Lake and Killaloe rinks. Community Development Coordinator provided an update on both rinks.

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 since her return from ROMA she has been focused on catching up with emails, reviewing outstanding communications, addressing regular duties ensuring all urgent matters have been prioritized and responding to any time-sensitive issues that arose during her absence. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that she will provide Council with a post-conference report, which include reviewing the key takeaways from the ROMA sessions and identifying any opportunities or recommendations that may benefit the municipality.

CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat informed Council that they had received a planning response from the County regarding a severance request for a property located just beyond the maintained portion of Deer Trail Road. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat explained that for the severance to be approved, the involved parcels, including the retained parcel, must have direct access to an existing public road that is maintained year-round. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat indicated that the requestor has asked Council to consider extending Deer Trail Road by approximately 300 meters to support their request. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat outlined three options for Council: option one, the township covers the cost of the road extension; option two, the requestor covers the cost; or option three, Council does not approve the road extension. Council briefly discussed the request and decided to defer a decision to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Mayville asked whether vacant properties within the village with access to a sewer hook-up are required to pay for sewage services. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat confirmed that they are.

Examining Accounts:

Council reviewed Road & General Voucher #12 – 2024.

Committee Reports:

Councillor MacMillan provided a report on her attendance at ROMA, emphasizing that her main takeaways were that many municipalities are facing deteriorating infrastructure. Councillor MacMillan also noted the significance of communicating effectively with residents, building stronger relationships with Indigenous communities, exchanging information with other municipalities, and dedicating time and resources to the municipality's growth.

Correspondence:

Mayor Jerry Acchione; City of Woodstock – Re: Ontario's Child Welfare Services Sector need or Child Welfare Services Funding –

Moved by Maureen MacMillan
Seconded by Bil Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the letter received from the City of Woodstock which was sent to The Honourable Doug Ford and The Honourable Michael Parsa as attached.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, The Honourable Michael Parsa, Family & Children Services of Renfrew County and all municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

Town of Aylmer – Re: Motion to Oppose Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes – filed

Municipality of South Huron – Re: Support the Township of Puslinch – TAPMO Letter Regarding Pre-Budget Announcement –

Moved by Ted Browne
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards hereby supports the resolution received from the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch and the letter provided by Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) as attached.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP John Yakabuski, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, MPAC and all municipalities in Ontario. Carried.

Unfinished Business:

Councillor Smith noted that at the last Regular meeting no direction was given with regard to the conversation that was had involving a heavy trucks by-law for Mask Road. CAO/Clerk – Treasurer Gorgerat advised that both her and Public Works Superintendent are working on the matter.

New Business:

Councillor Kuehl advised that he received a complaint from a resident that the Public Works Department is putting too much sand on Hillcrest Road.

Mayor Mayville sought and received approval to collect public input on the budget via a survey. Council authorized Councillor MacMillan and Community Development Coordinator Charbonneau to lead the project using survey monkey.

Councillor Browne addressed the "Letter to the Editor" from Ms. Kathy Marion which was in the January 15th edition of the Valley Gazette.

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 Brian Pecoskie

THAT By-Law No. 07 – 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 22, 2025 be given its 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading and finally passed this 22nd day of January 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Bil Smith

Seconded by Maureen MacMillan

Motion to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 22, 2025 for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

Mayor – Dave Mayville

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Tammy Gorgerat