

June 17, 2008

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards met on the above date with Councillors Isabel O'Reilly, Kathy Marion, Ernie Cybulski, Stanley Pecoskie, Carl Kuehl and Debbie Peplinskie present.

In the absence of Mayor Visneskie, the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer opened the meeting and called the members to order.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for Kathy Marion to chair the regular meeting in the Mayor's absence. Carried.

Pecuniary/Financial Interest: None declared by any of the council members present.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion to approve minutes of regular meeting dated June 3, 2008. Carried.

Delegations:

Dave Darch, Director of Public Works & Engineering and Steve Boland, Manager of Operations for the County of Renfrew were present and were invited to address council. Steve Boland distributed copies of the Operations Overview showing the roads owned by the county, their service classes, staffing, equipment, minimum maintenance standards, plow routes and traffic volumes. He also provided a map showing the maintenance routes and explained the maintenance schedule. He advised that the county does not have a wing person in the plow trucks, except when they are plowing in a very congested area or step winging.

The following issues were brought to the attention of Mr. Darch and Mr. Boland:

- The condition of the curbs in Killaloe
- Poor visibility when exiting at the intersection of North Street and Queen Street
- Poor visibility when exiting at the intersection of Mask Road and Round Lake Road
- Brushing required on Queen Street

Mr. Boland advised that the county had developed a 10-year capital works program last year, and that they are in the process of doing the same thing for the maintenance part of the operation. He also advised that he would get back to the township with a target date for repair of the curbs, and will look at the issue of brushing. Councillor Marion asked who is responsible for cutting the grass along Queen Street coming into Killaloe and was told by Mr. Boland that the county has a mowing program which normally consists of mowing once a year, however it is not done for esthetic purposes. He also advised that the township can mow the grass there if they choose to, but that they should let the county know first. Councillor Marion also expressed the municipality's thanks for painting the Queen Street and Cameron Street bridges in Killaloe.

Mr. Darch also advised that he and Mr. Boland had met with the municipal Fire Chief and the Works Superintendent on Simpson Pit Road regarding the problem that is created by people dumping their garbage there. He also reported that they had arrived at a workable solution to the problem that will address the dumping of garbage, and will still allow ample space for the fire department to access the water source there.

Councillor Pecoskie reported that he had received a request from the owners of Valley Transport regarding signage to address the issue of a wide turn for the school buses going in and out of Beaver Creek Road and Byers Creek Road. Mr. Boland advised that these requests are normally made through the school board, but that he would contact them to see if they have any concerns with the proposed signage.

Councillor Pecoskie also reported that signs have been erected on county roads indicating that a permit is required to operate a four-wheeler on them. He asked Mr. Boland if approval for this signage had been obtained from the county. Mr. Boland responded that he was unaware of such a request, but that the placement of signs on county roads requires prior approval, and that if signs have been erected without authorization, the county will have them removed.

Council also brought issues to the attention of the county representatives relating to signage along Round Lake Road, clearing of brush on Queen Street near the school, pot holes on Ruby Road, beaver control and ditching along Round Lake Road. Mr. Boland advised that these matters will be looked at by county staff, and determinations will be made based on priorities and funding for the various issues.

Mr. Darch distributed information about the county's bridge policy, which initiated a discussion relating to recommendations that have been made by county staff for future assumption of bridges and issues dealing with existing bridges. The recommendation dealing with future assumption of bridges includes provisions that the structure must meet the definition of a bridge and be situated on a public right-of-way that has a minimum Average Annual Daily Traffic of 100 vehicles, that the public right-of-way must be subject to year-round maintenance, and that the local municipality must agree to pay 50% of the replacement costs at the time the construction takes place. The timing of construction will be dependent on the County's priorities and funding capabilities, and the local municipality will be responsible for the maintenance of the structure until such time as the county proposes to replace it. Council discussed the Coulas Bay Bridge on Bear Trail Road in relation to the recommendation from county staff that all existing structures be grandfathered into the existing bridge inventory, except for those situated on seasonally maintained roadways, which would be transferred back to the municipality. Since this bridge is situated on a year-round maintained road, it will remain in the county's bridge inventory. Councillor Pecoskie initiated a discussion regarding the load limit on the bridge. Mr. Boland advised that charges can be laid against a driver who exceeds the posted load limit on a bridge. Mr. Darch advised that the county engineers determine the safe load capacity based on their evaluation of the structure, but suggested that if the township wanted to make a request to have the load limit changed, they could do so in writing to the county, and it would be looked at during the next round of budget deliberations. Council thanked Mr. Darch and Mr. Boland, at which time they left the table.

Allan Hilgendorf was present and was invited to address council. He reported that he has started the preparatory work on the wall at the Killaloe Post Office, but indicated that the rain may prevent him from meeting the August 1, 2008 deadline date for completion of the project. Mr. Hilgendorf showed council the draft mural that he will be painting on the outer wall of the post office. Council discussed the wording for a commentary that would be included on the mural. Mayor Visneskie arrived at this time. Council approved the sketch, and agreed to have Mr. Hilgendorf send the wording to Councillor Marion for review. Council thanked Mr. Hilgendorf for attending, at which time he left the meeting.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for the mayor to resume chairing the balance of the meeting. Carried.

Mr. Darch returned to the table and asked for Mayor Visneskie's comments and council's recommendations relating to the county staff recommendations that are contained in the Operations Committee report. Mr. Darch explained that the bridge on Bear Trail Road will remain in the county's inventory, as it is located on a road that is maintained year-round. Council discussed the impact that the recommendation for future assumption of bridges/structures would have on the group who are constructing the Red Rock Road corridor. Mr. Darch suggested that they contact him in regard to this project, as he is unfamiliar with it. Council discussed and approved the recommendation for the future assumption of bridges/structures, which was outlined in the Operations Committee report, and agreed to Mr. Darch's request to forward this approval to the county in writing. Council also agreed to confirm the status of the bridge on Bear Trial Road as being on a year-round maintained road, in writing, to the county. Council thanked Mr. Darch for attending, at which time he left the meeting.

Peter Benner was present and was invited to address council. He advised that he was attending on behalf of CHCR radio, and that he had some suggestions for centennial events in Station Park. Councillor O'Reilly suggested that Mr. Benner provide her with a list of planned activities. Council thanked Mr. Benner for attending, at which time he left the table.

Robbie Anderman was present and was invited to address council. He questioned council about the vandalism in Station Park and the suggestion that the municipality would be looking at installing surveillance cameras. He suggested a Neighborhood Watch program as an alternative. Council agreed that this may be a good idea, but that it is an initiative that would have to be spearheaded by members of the community. The liability that is created when people remove the paving stones from the walkway, was discussed.

Mr. Anderman also had several questions relating to recent changes at the library. Mayor Visneskie explained that the library has its own board which is appointed by the municipality. The board is responsible for the operation of the library, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Libraries Act. She advised that the board meetings are open to the public, so he could attend them if he had any questions of the board. Mayor Visneskie then explained the process for appointments to the library board. Mr. Anderman thanked council for their attention to his concerns, at which time he left the table.

Reports: Fire Chief Jim Whelan was present and was invited to address council. The annual Fire Department Open House will be held at the Round Lake Fire Hall on July 19th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Mr. Whelan reported that he is in the process of having the pump rebuilt on the Ford pumper. He updated council on the Fire Department's contributions to the upcoming Canada Day celebrations.

Moved by Janice Visneskie
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

Motion to donate \$1000 to the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department for the Canada Day Fireworks. Carried.

Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to contact the OPP to ask them for a police presence at the fireworks on Canada Day. Mr. Whelan advised that a laptop is required for the fire department.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion to purchase a laptop for the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Fire Department. Carried.

Councillor Peplinskie reported that both the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief had been in attendance at the recent Policies & Procedures committee meeting, and that the committee is recommending the implementation of a Fire Department/Staff Appreciation Awards program. The ceremony will be held on October 10, 2008 at the Lions Club, and will be sponsored by the township. Council thanked Mr. Whelan, at which time he left the meeting.

Works Superintendent Clifford Yantha was present and was invited to address council. He reported that about 95% of the crushed gravel has been applied to the township roads that are earmarked for paving. He also reported that someone is continually removing the grate that has been placed on the culvert on Mask Road. Council instructed him to erect a sign indicating that it is illegal to tamper with municipal property, however, if this activity continues, he is to contact the OPP. Mr. Yantha requested and received approval for the purchase of a new grass trimmer.

Councillor O'Reilly reported that she had been made aware of a tree on Lake Street that could be unstable, and may pose a danger to property and/or the public. Council asked Mr. Yantha to look into this matter to determine if it is located on public or private property. Councillor O'Reilly also made council aware of a request from Judy Cybulski

for the township to trim the grass at the telephone booth at the Queen and North Street intersection, to accommodate the placement of a small bench. Councillor Kuehl offered to trim the grass in this area.

Mr. Yantha advised that he is in the process of preparing tenders, and that paving prices have increased a great deal. He suggested and council agreed, that the tender for crushed gravel be left until after the paving tenders have been received so that he can better gauge the amount of money he will have in his budget for the crushing tender. He also advised that a culvert is required on a residential driveway on King Street. Council agreed to these foregoing suggestions.

Councillor Cybulski reported that a half ton load of garbage and six tires has been disposed of on crown land near the Red Rock Waste Site. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to contact MNR in this regard. Council was unanimous in its agreement that the municipality will not be responsible for cleaning up garbage that has been disposed of on private property. Councillor Marion made a request on behalf of the Garden Club for a key to the water tap that would allow them better access for watering the plants at Station Park. Council agreed to this request.

Mr. Yantha advised that he had gotten one of the paving companies to provide advice on the repairs that are required on Roche Street, and that the recommendation was for removal of the existing pave, grinding and repaving. He advised that this would use up the funding that has been allocated to paving in Killaloe this year. Given that this method of repair would give the best result, council agreed to have the project completed as suggested. Council thanked Mr. Yantha for his report, at which time he left the meeting.

Road and General Vouchers:

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to approve Road and General Vouchers # 05-08, in the amount of \$287,523.83. Carried.

Clerk-Treasurer:

Council discussed the request for signing a banner to send to the troops. Since the suggested date of August 4th is unsuitable, council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to see if arrangements can be made for an alternate date.

Insurance quotes were reviewed.

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion to accept the lowest quote from MIS Municipal Insurance Services, provided the official proposal coincides with the quote as outlined in the June 17, 2008 correspondence. Motion defeated.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to accept the insurance quote from of \$53,732 plus applicable taxes. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer reviewed the list of upcoming council meetings with council. She also advised that she had received a quote from Welk Electric for the installation of a floor plug in the council chambers, however, council declined to proceed with this project.

Reports:

Waste Management Committee: The annual Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for August 16th.

Finance Committee: Councillor Marion reported that she had received a quote on a portable sound system.

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Isabel O'Reilly

Motion to approve the quote from Groove Marketing in the amount of \$1324.35 for the purchase of a sound system. Carried.

Council agreed with the suggestion by Councillor Marion that a policy be prepared to regulate the use of the sound system.

Killaloe & District Public Library Board: Councillor O'Reilly reported that the library will be extending its hours during the summer months. The library board has hired a student for the summer months. Following the resignation of Cheryl Keetch, Colleen Ryan-Franey has agreed to return as the acting librarian.

Economic Development Committee: Councillor Marion brought councils' attention to the letter from Canada Post asking the township to ensure that the mural on the wall of the Killaloe Post office is properly maintained. Council agreed to send a letter agreeing to the conditions as outlined in the letter from Canada Post. Councillor Marion also reported that the total cost of the mural, including the paint and supplies and some travel expense, is \$6472.00. Council agreed to this expenditure.

Councillor Marion reported that she is in the process of contacting the references for the students who will be conducting the swim program this summer. She also reported that the Garden Club is discussing materials for the garden shed. Council had previously agreed to an expenditure of \$500 for this item, and reiterated their support for this amount. Councillor Marion also advised that the Garden Club will spend the proceeds from the Killaloe Open that has been donated for this purpose, on the Killaloe Beautification Project. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to forward a letter to the County of Renfrew, thanking them for painting the Queen Street and Cameron Street Bridges in Killaloe. Discussion relating to the construction of a shelter for Station Park was tabled to a future meeting.

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Isabel O'Reilly

Motion to approve minutes of Economic Development committee dated January 14, 2008. Carried.

Centennial Planning Committee: Councillor O'Reilly thanked council for their assistance and hard work in helping to make the Father's Day BBQ on June 15th a success. Council asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to send letters to other community members who had helped out that day. Councillor O'Reilly reviewed the amended list of Centennial activities for June, July and August.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion to approve the minutes of Centennial Planning meeting dated May 13, 2008. Carried.

Policies & Procedures Committee:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion to approve minutes of Policies & Procedures meeting dated March 18, 2008. Carried.

Councillor Peplinskie asked council to review the draft Council Remuneration Policy prior to the next committee meeting, which is scheduled for July 2, 2008.

Killaloe Heritage and Ecology Committee: Councillor O'Reilly presented council with the committee's draft 2007-2008 Financial Statement for their information and review, and also reported on her attendance at their recent committee meeting.

By-Laws:

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #23-2008, being a by-law to adopt and maintain a policy for the sale and other disposition of land owned by the municipality. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #23-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law #23-2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #23-2008 a third time short, at which time it was passed by council.

Moved by Kathy Marion
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #35-2008, being a By-Law to provide for the stopping up and closing of part of an allowance for road in front of Lot 27, Concession 8 in the Geographic Township of Richards, in the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #35-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Ernie Cybulski
Seconded by Kathy Marion

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #36-2008, being a by-law to amend By-Law #2-81, being the zoning by-law of the former Corporation of the former Village of Killaloe, as amended. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #36-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #37-2008, being a by-law to amend By-Law #18-94, being the zoning by-law of the former Corporation of the former Township of Hagarty & Richards, as amended. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #37-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-Law #38-2008, being a by-law to authorize the reduction of speed limits from statutory speed limits for a portion of a specific highway. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #38-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Isabel O'Reilly
Seconded by Ernie Cybulski

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law #38-2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #38-2008 a third time short, at which time it was passed by council.

Correspondence:

Ministry of Labour: Notice of compliance form – Tabled to June 18th meeting.

Katrina Dumont: iPLAYHOCKEY – request for information - Forwarded to recreation committees.

Pauline Sledgeman: Correspondence relating to windfarms – filed.

MNR: Plant a Tree Challenge – filed.

The Nation Municipality: Compensation to property owners for loss of land use/enjoyment resulting from initiatives under the Clean Water Act by Source Protection Committees proposed policies – filed.

Homestead at Wolf Ridge Golf Club: Invitation to Grand Opening of expanded 18 hole golf course – Mayor Visneskie will attend.

Susan McGarry: Request for assistance in repairing west end foundation wall from water seepage – Council instructed staff to respond advising that snow removal operations were not the source of the water problem in her basement.

County of Renfrew: Child Welfare deficit of Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County – filed.

OVTA: Promotional Opportunity – Autumn Adventures in the Ottawa Valley – filed.

ORPC: Minutes of Annual Shareholders' Meeting – filed.

AMO 2008: Delegation request form – Council asked Mayor Visneskie to address the Minister of Health with regard to funding for Valley Manor. Councillor Marion will provide supporting material for the presentation to the minister.

Ontario Smartbags: Court strikes down Oakland ban on plastic carry out bags– filed.

Ontario Seniors' Secretariat: Seniors Month – filed.

County of Renfrew: information bulletin re: Ontario Child Benefit – filed.

COPKA: Restorative justice program – Council instructed the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to respond.

Ontario, AMCTO, AMO: Local Government Week – filed.

County of Renfrew: Notice of Land Division Hearing for Errol and Lisa Francis – filed.

Cairine Cybulski: Friends & Neighbours: Community Information Day – filed.

Peter Julian, M.P. – Burnaby-Westminster: Ridding Canada of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) – filed.

Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network: Invitation to participate in the Rural Inclusion Program – filed.

Ministry of Attorney General: Attorney General's Victim Services Awards – filed.

Canadian Heritage: Approval of \$2000 grant for Canada Day– filed.

Rob Wilkinson: Joint Communique` from 2nd Mayors' summit – filed.

Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing: ODRAP deadline for private and public funding – Due to the information that has been submitted relating to private losses that would qualify for funding, council decided to pursue the public, but not the private, funding stream.

Ottawa River Power: Newsletter – filed.

Bryan Martin: Invitation to annual golf tournament – filed.

Garnet Kranz: Community festivals – request for support of application for special occasion permit – Council agreed to this request, and asked the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to provide a response to Mr. Kranz.

Unfinished Business: Councillor O'Reilly reported that she had been invited to attend the Round Lake Property Owner's Association Annual General Meeting, and has been asked to bring some of the items that are for sale for the 2008 Centennial. Council had no objection to this request. Mayor Visneskie has also been invited to attend and will address the association.

Mayor Visneskie left the meeting.

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie

Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion for Kathy Marion to chair the balance of the meeting. Carried.

Don and Margrit Bohart were in attendance and were invited to address council.

Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion to go into Committee of the Whole re: litigation and personnel. Carried.

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Debbie Peplinskie

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

By-Law:

Moved by Carl Kuehl
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion for 1st and 2nd reading of By-law #34-2008, being a by-law confirming the proceedings of council at its regular meeting dated June 17, 2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #34-2008 a first and second time.

Moved by Stanley Pecoskie
Seconded by Carl Kuehl

Motion for 3rd reading of By-Law #34-2008. Carried.

The CAO/Clerk-Treasurer read By-Law #34-2008 a third time short, at which time it was passed by council.

Adjournment:

Moved by Debbie Peplinskie
Seconded by Stanley Pecoskie

Motion to adjourn regular meeting dated June 17, 2008. Carried.

Mayor

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer