

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 3, 2023
8:10 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Purcell

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:10 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Councillor Kuehl indicated that he was absent from the December 20, 2022 Special meeting of Council however as per the Procedural By-law, he wished to declare a pecuniary interest for that meeting as his sibling was an applicant for various committees including as least one with remuneration.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – December 13, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – December 20, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of December 20, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Combined Committee – December 13, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council of Combined Committee December 13, 2022, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Boards
 - Pembroke Public Library – November 17, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the November 17, 2022, Pembroke Public Library be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Committee Reports

- a. Striking Committee – Appoint Members to PBIA

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the following individuals be appointed to the PBIA Board of Directors for this current term of Council ending November 14, 2026:

- Stacy Taylor – Little Things Canning Co.
- Renae Rotblatt – dot.
- Kelly Hollihan – Ottawa Valley Power Play/Upper Ottawa Valley Chambers of Commerce
- Jodi Sauve – Inner Strength Training & Coaching
- Catherine Grant – The Bath Boutique
- Andrew Postlethwaite – Nomada Tacos

Carried

6. By-Laws

- a. 2023-01 Borrowing By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-01, being a By-law to provide for current borrowing for the City of Pembroke for the year 2023, be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

- b. 2023-02 Interim Tax Levy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-02, a By-law to provide for an interim Tax Levy for the year 2023, be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

c. 2023-03 Appoint a Chief Building Official and Property Standards Officer

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-03, a By-law to appoint a Chief Building Official and Property Standards Officer, be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

d. 2023-04 Appoint an Interim Building Inspector

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-04, a By-law to appoint an Interim Building Inspector, be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

e. 2023-05 Appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-05, a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers, be adopted and passed;

And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

7. Motions

Mayor Gervais left the table. As the Deputy Mayor was absent from the meeting the Chair requested Councillor Jacyno assume the Chair. A point of order was raised and Council by way of a motion appoint the chair.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That Councillor Jacyno assume the Chair.

Carried

a. Support Mayor's Decision not to Reinstatement the Diversity Advisory Committee

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That Council Supports the Mayor's decision not to have a diversity advisory committee for the current term of council.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the motion to defer the motion until the next scheduled Council meeting

Motion defeated

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Purcell

Yea: Councillor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Plummer, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Councillor Kuehl, Councillor Purcell

Motion Carried 4-2

Mayor Gervais resumed the chair.

b. Freeze Honorariums of Council for Current Term

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That Council defer this item until the next scheduled meeting of Council.

Carried

c. Reinstate Diversity Advisory Committee

As a decision had already been made on this item earlier in the meeting, the Chair indicated that this item becomes null and void. A challenge of the Chair was raised. This item was withdrawn by Councillor Purcell and the challenge of the chair was also withdrawn.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged all to remain off the thin ice as it isn't safe at this time. He asked everyone to respect City staff and City Vehicles as they work diligently during inclement weather ensuring City streets are safe. Due to the increase in flu hospitalizations, he reminded everyone to stay safe, wash their hands and consider getting the flu shot if not done already. Mayor Gervais stated that he attended the Royal Canadian Legion New Year's Levy on January 1 and gave credit to the organization for everything they do. He mentioned that he recently spoke with Ben Andrews of CBC regarding the latest film entitled Painted Sharks which has won many awards. This movie was filmed in different communities one of which was Pembroke, and he gave a shout-out to Cameron Montgomery for all of her efforts at Studio Dreamshare. Mayor Gervais indicated that at the next Council meeting, as is customary, all Council Members will bring forth year-end reports regarding their respective committees.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere reminded everyone of the Polar Bear Dip occurring on February 5th as well as the upcoming Ontario Winter Games being hosted in Renfrew County. She stated that in conjunction with the Ontario Winter Games the Pembroke Curling Centre will be hosting three days of curling. She encouraged everyone to get involved.

11. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that there were no pecuniary interests declared and that there was nothing to report from the closed session.

13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 01-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 01-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 3, 2023, be adopted and passed; and

Further That the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the January 3, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:51 p.m.

Carried

Clerk

Mayor