

Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Also, Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Colleen Sauriol, Director of Planning, Building & By-law Enforcement
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Councillor Jacyno called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the agenda of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of January 3, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Combined Committee Meeting – December 13, 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere
That the minutes of the Combined Committee meeting of December 13, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Presentation**a. Medical Professional Recruitment**

Mayor Gervais introduced Ms. Sabine Mersmann, President and CEO of the Pembroke Regional Hospital and Dr. Richard Johnson, lead physician for the Pembroke Family Medicine teaching unit who were present to provide an update on local and regional medical professional recruitment efforts. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Need to find one provincial electronic medical record system that would allow access to all patients and physicians.
- RCVTAC initiative has been highly successful however at this time there is no provincial promise of future funding. This program has been very helpful to patients especially those who are not assigned a primary physician.
- Very difficult to recruit new physicians to large practices using fee for service and paper-based patient charts. New grads, in general, want to join a practice with other physicians and a team around them.
- The City can assist with attracting professionals to the area by making the City attractive and accessible, offering access to a variety of activities, and providing employment opportunities.

The Chair thanked the presenters for their presentation.

8. New Business**a. Chief Building Official and Interim Building Inspector**

Ms. Sauriol presented the report indicating that by-laws would be before Council this evening appointing a Chief Building Official, an Interim Building Inspector, and By-law Enforcement Officers for the City of Pembroke.

b. More Homes Built Faster Act Report

Ms. Sauriol presented the information report. A discussion was held with the following points noted:

- There is a shortage of affordable housing.
- This legislation seems very GTA-centred and counter-productive to planning in Ontario.
- Staff will provide Committee members with an estimate of the 2022 development charges that would be potentially lost if following the new legislation.
- Staff will consult with planners in Renfrew County to review the impacts of the More Homes Built Faster Act.

9. Adjournment**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Planning & Development Committee meeting of January 3, 2023, adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

Carried