

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
February 21, 2023
8:32 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair
Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Purcell

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:32 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – February 7, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 7, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. **Adopt minutes from Committees**

- a. Parks & Recreation Committee – January 17, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting of January 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Operations Committee – January 17, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting of January 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals – February 1, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee of February 1, 2023, be received as circulated.

Carried

5. By-Laws

a. 2023-15 Waterworks

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2023-15, being a By-law to amend By-law 83-93, being a By-law to provide for the Administration, Operation and Regulation of Waterworks, 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. 2023-17 Sale of Land on Steel Street

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-17, a By-law to authorize the proposed sale of lands on Steel Street, 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. **2023-18 Zoning By-law Amendment – 574 Pembroke Street East**

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2023-18, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 574 Pembroke Street East, 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

6. Motions

a. Resolution 2023-01 WTP Annual Compliance Report 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the City of Pembroke Drinking Water System 2022 Annual Water Reports.

Carried

b. Resolution 2023-02 PCC Annual Compliance Report 2022

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the City of Pembroke Pollution Control Centre 2022 Annual Compliance Reports.

Carried

c. Resolution 2023-003 CIP – 157 Pembroke Street West

Resolution was denied

d. Resolution 2023-004 CIP – 141 Lake Street

Resolution was denied

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais welcomed, on behalf of Council, The Party Shop, a new business to downtown Pembroke. He reminded everyone of the Coldest Night of the Year event to be held on Feb 25 with proceeds going to The Grind. He encourage all to support. He spoke of the Norovirus and encouraged all to exercise sanitary precautions and be respectful of each other and stay safe.

8. Notices of Motion

Deputy Mayor Abdallah stated his intent to bring forth a motion to re-instate the Seniors' Affairs Advisory Committee.

Councillor Kuehl stated his intent to bring forth a motion of support recognizing the importance of Renfrew County Virtual Triage & Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) and strongly encourages the Provincial Government to continue to fund RCVTAC in which funding ends next month.

9. Councillor Updates

Councillor Jacyno gave sympathy to the Mieka Mahood family on her passing. Ms. Mahood worked with the Seniors Centre and will be missed. He thanked Strathallen and Jane Brophy at the Pembroke mall allowing store space for the repainting of a mural of the Pembroke Heritage Murals. He encourage all to stop in to witness the process of putting together a mural.

Councillor Kuehl congratulated all involved in the success of the Ontario Winter Games. He attended a tour of the WTP and the PCC and thanked all staff for for keeping us safe and ensuring we have clean water to drink and use. He visited SRB Technologies, a local company that has literally reached around the world. He recognized that this Friday will be the one-year anniversary of the war in the Ukraine. He noted that the flag will be flown at City Hall in support of the Ukraine.

Councillor Lafreniere commented on the great success of the Ontario Winter Games. She thanked Fellowes High School for the lend of the bleachers and thanked all involved in contributing to the

success. She congratulated County Warden Peter Emon, staff and volunteers for bringing the Games to the County.

Councillor Purcell attended a series of environmental radiation webinars and seminars through CNL. He Chaired the RCDHU Governance Committee and noted that a newly hired Medical Officer of Health will be announced shortly. He toured the library looking for opportunities to improve deficiencies. He, with Deputy Mayor Abdallah met with the Multicultural Festival Planning Committee to discuss the festival being hosted on July 14 and 15. He toured the WTP and the PCC and thanked the staff for the hard work. He discussed budgetary issues, paramedic services and long-term care services with the Renfrew County Health Committee, as he sits on the Committee. They are experiencing staffing issues. He met with Parks & Recreation Director to ensure Council in line with future updates.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah noted the Downtown Soup Fest being held on Saturday, March 4th at the Farmers' Market. Tickets can be purchased in advance on-line only or call the PBIA office for more information at 613-629-5555. All proceeds go to the Robbie Dean Centre. He attended the 2023 ROMA Conference. He stated that as he was absent at the January 3rd, Council meeting which discussed the Diversity Advisory Committee, he wanted to state where he stood on the issue. He stated that although he respects the decision to dissolve the Committee and the democratic process that followed, he is committed to continue the important work with partners to advance equity and inclusion in the City of Pembroke.

10. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 04-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 04-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 21, 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

11. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the February 21, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor