

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
March 7, 2023  
8:00 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair  
Deputy Mayor Abdallah  
Councillor Jacyno  
Councillor Kuehl  
Councillor Lafreniere  
Councillor Plummer  
Councillor Purcell (electronically)

### Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer  
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:00 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council – February 21, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 21, 2023, be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Planning & Development Committee – February 7, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting on February 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

### Carried

- b. Finance & Administration Committee – February 7, 2023

### Motion

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of February 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

c. Striking Committee – February 7, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting of February 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

iii. Receive minutes from Boards

- Pembroke Public Library Board Meeting – January 17, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Pembroke Public Library Board Meeting of January 17, 2023, be received as circulated.

**Carried**

- Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre – October 27, 2022

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre meeting of October 27, 2022, be received as circulated.

**Carried**

## **5. Committee Reports**

a. 2022 Remuneration Report for Elected and Appointed Representatives

The report was circulated in the Council agenda package for information purposes.

b. Striking Committee – Appoint Members to the Pembroke Waterfront Committee

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the following individuals be appointed to the Pembroke Waterfront Advisory Committee:

- Citizen appointment – Fred Blackstein
- City of Pembroke Councillors – Councillor Ian Kuehl & Deputy Mayor Abdallah
- Kiwanis Club of Pembroke member – Jay MacLaren
- Pembroke Horticulture Society member – Cathy Hugli
- Algonquin College Staff member – Adam Johns

And that a staff resource person be assigned from the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

**Carried**

c. Striking Committee – Appoint Members to the Pembroke Ad Hoc Citizens' Committee of Council Remuneration Review

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the following four (4) citizens be appointed to the Pembroke Ad Hoc Citizens' Committee of Council Remuneration Review:

- Michael LeMay
- Bob Schreader
- Dan Callaghan
- Marcel Mantha

And that the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as a resource person to the Committee.

**Carried****6. Proclamations**

a. Women's History Month - March 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed March 2023 as "Women's History Month" in the City of Pembroke.

**7. By-Laws**

a. 2023-16 Sale of Land Along Willard Street to Ron Gervais

This item was tabled at the Planning & Development Committee meeting.

b. 2023-19 Civil Marriage Solemnization Appointments

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-19, being a By-law to authorize the Civil Marriage Solemnization Service in the City of Pembroke, 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. 2023-20 Amend Business Licencing By-law

This item was tabled at the Planning & Development Committee.

d. 2023-21 Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-21, being a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for the City of Pembroke, 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****8. Motions**

a. Resolution 2023-005 – CIP 157 Pembroke Street West

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the application from Ivan Gunter at 157 Pembroke Street West under the Community Improvement Plan.

The applicant must comply with grant guidelines of the Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant, Accessibility Grant, and Planning and Building Permit fee grant and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

The grant total awarded to this applicant is \$8,742.00.

**Carried**

b. Resolution 2023-006 – CIP Grant Amendment Request – 201 Pembroke Street West

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the amendment to the approved Community Improvement Plan Grant for 201 Pembroke Street West.

This amendment removes the building permit fee grant of \$1,482.00 from the total grant.

**Carried**

c. Re-Instate Seniors' Affairs Advisory Committee

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That Council re-instate the Pembroke Seniors' Affairs Advisory Committee as per its previous membership structure and terms of reference.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the present motion be tabled, and that staff return to Council with an advisory committee procedure that will minimize city resources while validating recognition and assisting with appointments and logistics.

**Carried**

d. Resolution of Support to Extend Funding for RCVTAC

Resolution 2023-007 – Resolution of Support to Extend Funding for RC VTAC

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Whereas the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) has been operating since March 2020, providing residents of the County of Renfrew, including the City of Pembroke, with an invaluable medical response option for our residents, many of whom are without a regular primary care physician; and

Whereas RC VTAC has, since its inception, provided over 73,000 family physician virtual assessments, over 69,000 paramedic on-site assessments, and over 5,500 paramedic home visits; and

Whereas every month, RC VTAC currently handles 5,000 calls, 3,000 assessments and 1,000 avoidable emergency department visits; and

Whereas 86% of RC VTAC users have reported that their health care concern was dealt with at their first virtual encounter; and

Whereas 93% of RC VTAC users have reported being happy or very happy with the service; and

Whereas funding from the Government of Ontario for RC VTAC is scheduled to conclude in March 2023.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke resolves as follows:

1. That the City of Pembroke does fully and strongly support the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre as a valuable and innovative tool for providing medical care to local residents, many of whom do not have a primary care physician;
2. That the City of Pembroke does recognize that the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre provides an effective and efficient medical care option that helps relieve stress on our local emergency departments;
3. That the City of Pembroke supports in-home delivery of medical services, when possible, to support our stay-at-home senior population as well as residents with disabilities or mobility issues;
4. That the City of Pembroke believes the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre to be a proven model for the delivery of certain non-emergent health care needs as one part of our overall health care system;
5. That the City of Pembroke does now strongly call upon the Government of Ontario to continue funding the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre as a permanent health care option for residents in the City of Pembroke and the County of Renfrew; and
6. That the City of Pembroke forward a copy of this Resolution to the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier & Minister of Health; Mr. John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament (Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke); and Mr. Peter Emon, Warden of the County of Renfrew.

**Carried**

## **9. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais stated that he attended The Grind's Coldest Night of the Year event held on February 25, 2023, which raised more than \$105,000. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, he attended an Algonquin College Pembroke Campus and Private student Residence tour and noted the great relationship between private developers providing residences and the college.

## **10. Notices of Motion**

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that he would bring forth at the next meeting, a resolution on behalf of the Association of Municipalities to end homelessness in Ontario.

## **11. Councillor Updates**

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that he attended the very successful PBIA Soupfest held on March 4, 2023. He mentioned that the Pembroke Community Garden will be hosting another rain barrel fundraiser at the end of March. Deputy Mayor Abdallah mentioned that a job fair will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College. The next Community Watch meeting will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Pembroke Fire Hall.

Councillor Lafreniere stated that the Civic Awards will be taking place again this year on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned that there are separate awards for youth as well as the Civic awards.

Councillor Kuehl thanked all the organizers of the successful Soupfest event and noted that the Pembroke Farmer's Market location provides an excellent venue especially during the winter months. Councillor Kuehl also listed the upcoming events being held at Festival Hall during the month of March.

Councillor Purcell stated that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) recently announced that Dr. Jason Morgenstern will be new Medical Officer of Health and welcomed him back to the Valley. He also mentioned that the RCDHU services in Renfrew will be relocating to 127 Raglan Street at the end of June 2023.

## **12. Closed Session**

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss 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 (Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act*) regarding; an unopened road allowance agreement; and a development agreement.

**Carried**

## **13. Business Arising from Closed Session**

There was nothing to report and there were no pecuniary interests declared.

## **14. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 05-2023

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 05-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 7, 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**

## **15. Adjournment**

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdall

That the March 7, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

**Carried**

Clerk

Mayor