

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
March 21, 2023
6:07 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Purcell

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Councillor Plummer declared a pecuniary interest for an agenda item on the February 21st Operations Committee meeting that he was not in attendance for but he had a pecuniary interest regarding Sale of City lands as his corporation was purchasing the land.

4. Minutes

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

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

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

Carried

- ii. **Adopt minutes from Committees**

- a. Parks & Recreation Committee – February 21, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting of February 21, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. By-Laws**a. 2023-22 Encroachment Agreement – 157 Pembroke Street West****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-22, a By-law to allow the encroachment of an outdoor patio on public lands on Pembroke Street West and municipally located in front of 157 Pembroke Street West, 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. 2023-23 Half Masting and Raising of Flags Policy****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2023-23, a By-law to adopt a Half-Masting and Raising of Flags Policy 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**6. Motions****a. Resolution 2023-008 End Homelessness in Ontario****Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario; and

Whereas the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment and poor policy choices of successive provincial governments; and

Whereas homelessness requires a range of housing, social service, and health solutions from government; and

Whereas homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve; and

Whereas municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to address this complex challenge; and

Whereas leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

Therefore, be it Resolved That the City of Pembroke calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

a. Acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;

b. Commit to ending homelessness in Ontario;

c. Work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

And Further That a copy of this motion be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais stated that on March 17th he attended the grand opening of Sip Stirs in Downtown Pembroke and encouraged everyone to support this new business. On March 20th he indicated that both he and Councillor Jacyno attended the Algonquin College Speaker Series to listen and meet the Right Honorable David Johnston. He concluded by reminding everyone to stay safe and be kind to one another.

8. Notices of Motion

There were not notices of motion.

9. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere indicated that during this past year, the Pembroke Curling Centre has been celebrating 150 years in the community and will be hosting an evening this Saturday, March 25th recounting the history of the Ottawa Valley and curling through music, storytelling and dance. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Councillor Jacyno stated that he attended the Algonquin College Speaker Series and as he listened to the Right Honourable David Johnston's message, he learned that he came from a humble background, worked hard and is an advocate for volunteerism in the community.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that the Pembroke Community Garden is looking for volunteers and the rain barrel fundraiser will once again be held this year. The next Community Watch meeting will be held on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Firehall. The 2023 Pembroke Community Expo will be held at the Pembroke Memorial Centre on May 12 and May 13, 2023. The Annual Community Clean-up Day will be held on the morning of May 12, 2023.

10. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 06-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 06-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 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 Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

That the March 21, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Carried

Clerk

Mayor