

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
May 16, 2023  
8:25 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

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

### Also Present:

Dave Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer  
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:25 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

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

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 7a. 2023-16 Sale of Land Along Willard Street to Ron Gervais, as subject matter pertains to himself; 2023 36 Sale and Disposition of Land Policy, due to timing of 2023-16 matter; and 2023-42 as matter involves charges re: legal counsel.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council – May 2, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 2, 2023, be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Parks & Recreation Committee – April 18, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting of April 18, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

### Carried

b. Operations Committee – April 18, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting of April 18, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – April 5, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee Meeting of May 3, 2023, be received as circulated.

**Carried**

5. **Committee Reports**

- a. Operations Committee – Reconstruction of Pembroke Street West Phase 4 Tender Award

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That Tender Contract No. 20-0264-4 for the Reconstruction of Pembroke Street West Phase 4 be awarded to H & H Construction Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$1,599,014.59 plus HST, and that additional expenditures in the amount of \$80,000.00 be approved for a contingency allowance for a total value of \$1,679,014.59.

**Carried**

6. **Proclamations**

- a. Pride Week – June 1-4, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 1-4, 2023 as Pride Week in the City of Pembroke.

At the suggestion of Councillor Kuehl suggested agenda items 6a, 6b, and 6h were addressed consecutively to accommodate the pecuniary interests of Mayor Gervais.

Mayor Gervais left the table due to his pecuniary interest. Deputy Mayor Abdallah assumed the Chair.

6. **By-Laws**

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

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-16, a By-law to authorize the proposed sale of lands, be adopted and passed; And Further That the said By-law be signed by the Deputy Mayor and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

**Carried**

- b. 2023-36 Sale and Disposition of Land Policy

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-36, a By-law to adopt a Sale and Disposition of Land Policy for the Corporation of the City of Pembroke, be adopted and passed;

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

**Carried**

h. 2023-42 Procurement By-law

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-42, a By-law for the City of Pembroke governing procurement policies and procedures, be adopted and passed;

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

**Carried**

Mayor Gervais returned to the table and resumed the Chair.

c. 2023-37 Revision to Property Standards By-law

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-37, a By-law to amend By-law 2021-25, as amended, being a by-law for prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property within 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.

Councillor Kuehl requested a recorded vote.

Yeas: Mayor Gervais, Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors Jacyno, Lafreniere, Plummer, Purcell

Neas: Councillor Kuehl

**Carried**

d. 2023-38 Amend Building By-law

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-38, a By-law to amend By-law 2018-01, as amended, being a by-law to provide for the administration and enforcement of the Building Code Act 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**

e. 2023-39 PBIA Church Street On-Street Patio

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-39, a By-law to authorize the entering into of an encroachment agreement between the Pembroke Business Improvement Area (PBIA) and the Corporation of 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**

f. 2023-40 Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan By-law

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-40, a By-law to authorize and adopt the City of Pembroke's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan, 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**

g. 2023-41 Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre Lease Agreement

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-41, a By-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement with the Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre relevant to the rental of City-owned property located at 42 Renfrew 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**

i. 2023-43 ATV By-law Amendment

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-43, a By-law to amend By-law 2017-69 to regulate and govern the operations of All-Terrain, Multi-Purpose and Recreation Off-Road vehicles (Off-Road Vehicles) within 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**

**7. Motions**

a. Resolution 2023-010 - Support of Bill B: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse of Local Leaders Act

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

**Whereas** Bill 5: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 was introduced in the Ontario Legislature by MPP Stephen Blais through a Private Member's Bill on August 10, 2022; and

**Whereas** over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

**Whereas** The City of Pembroke and Council are committed to demonstrating good governance and greater accountability to its Code of Conduct and workplace policies.

**Therefore be it resolved that** Council of the City of Pembroke endorses Bill 5: The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act, 2022 which would require the Code of Conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's Inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement; and

**That** the City forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and MPP John Yakubuski, Member of Provincial Parliament (Renfrew~Nipissing~Pembroke).

**Carried**

Mayor Gervais request a recorded vote.

Yeas: Mayor Gervais, Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors Jacyno, Kuehl, Lafreniere, Plummer, Purcell

Neas: 0

**Carried**

## **8. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais stated he attended the official opening of the Water and Dirt Festival on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He attended the Veterans Appreciation Dinner on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He received the Falun Dafa flag on May 12<sup>th</sup> for Falun Dafa Day. On May 14<sup>th</sup> he attended the Community Expo. He noted that the Ottawa River levels have receded. He encouraged everyone to stay safe and to keep abreast of developments, stay safe and be kind to one another.

## **9. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **10. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Lafreniere indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Jim Sloan Ball Hockey Tournament is taking place May 27<sup>th</sup> with room for teams to join. Waterfront Live will kick off June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Jacyno stated that the bicycle rodeo at the Pembroke Expo was a great success.

Councillor Kuehl updated with some of the upcoming events at Festival Hall.

Councillor Purcell stated that he attended the Community Expo. He was told by many that the Recreation Guide was an excellent resource and he congratulated all involved in its creation.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah noted that the Pembroke Community Garden is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year this year. On behalf of the Affordable Housing Alliance of the Ottawa Valley, he thanked the City of Pembroke for sponsoring the letter to the CMHC Elevation Fund. He said that on May 4<sup>th</sup> he attended the first Youth Council meeting at the Library. He and Mary participated on May 5<sup>th</sup> on the Red Dress

Day Walk in honour and commemoration of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two spirit. He reported that the Community Expo was a great success and thanked all involved. Thanked the volunteers in the Community Watch and stated that the rain barrel cut off is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also reported that the Pembroke Farmers' Market opens on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

## **11. Closed Session**

### **Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

- 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 the City of Pembroke and the Township of Laurentian Valley related to a possible future development [Section 239(2)(k)] of the Municipal Act; and
- Personnel matters about identifiable individuals including municipal or local board employees to discuss Operational staffing; and the CAO performance appraisal

**Carried**

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

Mayor Gervais indicated that there were no disclosures of pecuniary interest. He reported that Council approved the request for a position of a Capital Works Coordinator in the Operations Department, and that staff was directed to send a letter to the Township of Laurentian Valley with a list of items of concerns.

## **13. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 11-2023

### **Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 11-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 16, 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 Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the May 16, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

**Carried**

Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor