

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
June 6, 2023
8:50 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:

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

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:50 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – May 16, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 16, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Planning & Development Committee – May 2, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting on May 2, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- b. Finance & Administration Committee – May 2, 2023

Motion

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of May 2, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

c. Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre – March 30, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre of March 30, 2023, be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Proclamations

a. Seniors' Month – June 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 2023 as Seniors' Month in the City of Pembroke.

b. Stroke Awareness Month – June 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 2023 as Stroke Awareness Month in the City of Pembroke.

6. By-Laws

a. 2023-44 User Fee By-law

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-44, being a By-law to establish fees and charges on persons for payment of municipal services, activities and use of municipal property for the City of Pembroke with the deletion of the double Miscellaneous section of Schedule A, 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 2023-011 – CIP - 259 Pembroke Street East

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the application from Michael Conroy at 259 Pembroke Street East under the Community Improvement Plan.

The applicant must comply with grant guidelines of the Façade Improvement 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 \$5,000.00.

Carried

b. Resolution 2023-012 – CIP - 794 River Road

This item was removed at the Planning and Development Committee.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais stated on May 20th, he attended the opening of the Farmers' Market. On May 24th he welcomed the Governor of Kiwanis Anthony Haile and First Lady Ingrid Haile from Curacao to the City of Pembroke. He attended Connected Counselling Services' grand opening on May 25th. On May 26 he and Councillor Kuehl received the PRIDE flag and City Hall will be flying the flag for the month of June. He attended Options 2023 on May 31st. On June 2nd he attended the PRIDE walk and festivities. He welcomed Tonka Saavedra Arcos and her husband for the grand opening of their business Cake in a Jar. He offered sincere condolences to the families and friends of the victims of the incident on May 22nd which resulted in a double homicide and a third person left with life-threatening injuries. He reported that a suspect has been arrested and he assured all that we are a safe community. He offered residents support if they feel they would benefit from it by calling the Mental Health Crisis Line at 866-996-0991. He asked all to stay safe and be kind to one another.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere hosted the Civic and Youth awards celebration on June 5th which was a great success. She thanked all volunteers. She indicated that the Jim Sloan memorial tournament was also a great success with proceeds going towards the Boys and Girls Club.

Councillor Jacyno stated Renfrew County Housing Authority has a wait list of 1355 individuals waiting for housing. Provincial homelessness funding has doubled with money going to different projects. Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee has 40 panels being restored. He attended the 67th Annual Ceremonial Review of the 638 Algonquin Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron on June 3rd.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah thanked all who purchased a rain barrel raising \$700 which will go to purchase more garden bins and other supplies. He gave a shout out to all volunteers involved in the Community Gardening Committee. He indicated that the Community Clean up is scheduled for this Saturday to start at 9:00 a.m. at the Farmers' Market, weather permitting. The second meeting of the Pembroke Youth Council is being held in the Library Boardroom on Tuesday, June, 13th at 5:00 p.m. The Pembroke Library is having a Multicultural promotion to promote local restaurants which is a prelude to the Multicultural Festival in July. TD Summer Reading Program begins on June 10th.

Councillor Kuehl reported that Festival Hall Consortium met May 19th. There are many events happening at the Hall. He attended County Day for Elected Officials at CNL on June 2nd. Also on June 2nd he attended the PRIDE kick off. June 5th was the 10th anniversary of the Robbie Dean Centre in which events continue.

11. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss a proposed sale or disposition of land known as 252-270 Pembroke Street West, by the municipality or local board [Section 239(2)(c)] of the *Municipal Act*; and labour negotiations or employee negotiations regarding the Pembroke Fire Department [Section 239(2)(d)] of the *Municipal Act*.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was also held earlier to discuss a proposed sale or disposition of land; and labour negotiations or employee negotiations. There were no pecuniary interests declared. Staff was given direction regarding the first item and there was nothing to report from the second item in the closed session.

13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 12-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 12-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 6, 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 Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the June 6, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:09 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor