

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
June 20, 2023
8:28 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:

Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:28 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 – June 6, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of June 6, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Parks and Recreation Committee – May 16, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of May 16, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

• Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – June 7, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee of June 7, 2023, be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Proclamations

b. National Indigenous Peoples Day – June 21, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 21, 2023, as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Pembroke.

6. By-Laws

a. 2023-45 Asset Naming Policy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-45, being a By-law to adopt an Asset Naming Policy for 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

b. 2023-47 Encroachment Agreement for PBIA Art in the Park

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-47, being 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

c. 2023-48 Site Plan Agreement Amending By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-48, being a By-law to designate an area subject to Site Plan Control and to delegate Site Plan Approvals to the Chief Administrative Officer, 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

d. 2023-49 Tax Rate Reductions for 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-49, being a By-law to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property subclasses for municipal purposes for the year 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

e. 2023-50 Impose Late Payment Charges for the Non-Payment of Taxes

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-50, being a By-law to impose late payment charges for the non-payment of taxes, 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. 2023-51 Tax Levy for 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-51, being a By-law to provide for a tax levy for the City of Pembroke for the year 2023 and to establish tax rates to raise same, 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. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais stated that on June 13th, he was at Marianhill for the announcement by Minister Calandra and MPP John Yakabuski regarding the expansion of an additional 29 beds being added to the facility. On June 16th, the Mayor and the CAO met with the Pembroke Regional Hospital's CEO for a tour of the facility. Mayor Gervais sombrely mentioned that an accident happened early today involving a Chinook Helicopter with two members having been found and two missing. He indicated that our thoughts and prayers are with the members involved and their families. Due to the helicopter crashing into the Ottawa River, the Town of Petawawa stopped intake of water for treatment and the City of Pembroke has been providing water to the Town. He asked that all residents limit water usage as much as possible until further notice and that there is no threat to our drinking water quality.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that the public washroom on the west side of the Pembroke Waterfront Park and the new garden shed were vandalized. The graffiti was removed however the Vandals returned and vandalized the area again. Deputy Mayor Abdallah mentioned that the PBIA Youth Pop-up market will be held on Thursdays at Shamrock Park during July and August from 12 to 2 p.m. and if interested, contact the PBIA. This Thursday is the Grand Opening of the Visitor Information Centre located inside the Phoenix Centre. He thanked the sponsors for the PBIA Community Art Walk. The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Council will be held in September. The PBIA created an Eatery Guide which is now available throughout the downtown area.

Councillor Kuehl indicated that his thoughts are with the members of the 450 Squadron. On June 15th he attended the PBIA Shop Hop which showcased the downtown area. He also listed the upcoming events held at Festival Hall.

Councillor Jacyno stated that construction of the new RC Housing Authority 10 unit building at the Corner of Douglas/Lee Street is underway. Councillor Jacyno asked on behalf of Pembroke Heritage Murals, that the public be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the OPP.

Councillor Purcell indicated that the Multicultural Festival is July 14 and July 15 at the Pembroke Waterfront Park, and they are still looking for sponsors. The Pembroke Multicultural Festival won the 2023 Event of the Year award from the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association. He also mentioned that there are still opportunities to register for the TD Summer Reading Program and contact the Pembroke Public Library if interested.

10. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees regarding physician recruitment [s.239(2)(b)].

Carried

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was also held earlier with no pecuniary interests declared and staff were directed to allocate \$5,000 from the Physician Recruitment Reserve Fund to support a family physician moving to the Pembroke area.

12. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 13-2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 13-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 20, 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

13. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the June 20, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Carried

Clerk

Mayor