

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
August 8, 2023
7:51 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
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:51 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 5 b., c., d. as Sheppard & Gervais represents Lapointe Motor Holdings and will ask the Deputy Mayor Abdallah.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – July 11, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of July 11, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – July 25, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of July 25, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- c. Special Meeting of Council – August 1, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of August 1, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

- Combined Committee – July 11, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Combined Committee meeting held on July 11, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – July 5, 2023
- Accessibility Advisory Committee – April 11, 2023

Motion

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee meeting of July 5, 2023, be received as circulated.

Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of April 11, 2023, be received as circulated.

Carried

6. By-Laws

a. 2023-53 Animal Control Services Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-532, being a By-law to authorize the execution of a Services Agreement for the provision of animal control services 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

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

b. 2023-54 Subdivision Agreement with James Lapointe Motor Holdings

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-54, a By-law to provide for the execution of a Subdivision Agreement with James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc., 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

- c. 2023-55 Lapointe Subdivision Hydro Easement and Public Road

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-55, being a By-law to provide for a hydro easement and public highway for the James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc. Subdivision, 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

- d. 2023-56 James Lapointe Subdivision Inhibiting Order

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-56, being a By-law to provide for the Inhibiting Order for the James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc. Subdivision, 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 assumed the Chair.

- e. 2023-57 Centre Street Parking By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2023-57, being a By-law to amend By-law 2020-74, as amended, being a by-law to regulate and control the parking of vehicles 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

- f. 2023-58 Regulate Electronic Surveillance Monitoring Use Policy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-58, being a By-law to adopt the Electronic Surveillance Monitoring System Use Policy in principle 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

7. Motions

a. Resolution 2023-014

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke recognizes the Ribs in the Valley Charity Rib Competition on August 19, 2023, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 2 International Drive, Pembroke as an Event of Municipal Significance and designates it as such for the purposes of an application for a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario.

b. Shelter, Warming/Cooling Station, and Homelessness Support By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That this item be tabled until Council has the opportunity to review the staff report on this item at the September 5, 2023, meeting.

Carried

c. Indemnification Policy

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Whereas the City of Pembroke recognizes the importance of providing adequate indemnification coverage for its elected officials, including councillors, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor; and

Whereas indemnification coverage ensures that elected officials can fulfill their duties and responsibilities without fear of personal financial liability; and

Whereas best practices for Ontario municipal government recommend the implementation of indemnification coverage for elected officials; and

Whereas indemnification coverage serves to attract qualified candidates for elected positions and promotes effective governance; and

Whereas many municipalities in Ontario have already implemented indemnification coverage for their elected officials; and

Whereas the City of Pembroke aims to align with the best practices prevalent in Ontario municipal government.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the City of Pembroke shall implement indemnification coverage for all councillors, Deputy Mayor, and Mayor; and

Be It Further Resolved That the indemnification policy shall be reviewed and approved by City Council within 60 days of this motions' passing.

Carried8. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais asked that the ratepayers be patient regarding the on-going infrastructure projects. He had the pleasure to meet with Ms. Norma Mullen's in celebration of her 100th birthday. He thanked Karthi Rajamani, the Pembroke Public Library Board, the library staff and countless volunteers for their hard work and dedication to creating an amazing Multicultural Festival which was held on July 14 and 15, 2023. On July 27th he met with the owners of a Special Time to wish them well with their retirement. On the same day, he was able to participate in the opening of the great innovation Community Art walk. On July 29th he had the pleasure to conduct foot patrol with the Detachment Commander Stephan

Neufeld. Mayor Gervais reminded everyone of the annual Kids and Cops Fishing Derby which is being held on August 12th from 9 to noon at the Pembroke Waterfront Park.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Kuehl indicated that the recent Multicultural festival was a fantastic event. He attended and encouraged everyone to attend the Youth Pop-Up Market which is held every Thursday in July and August in Shamrock Park. He also attended the PBIA community art walk and thanked Council on behalf of the Robbie Dean Centre for their support of the Music for a Cause event which raised money for the organization. He thanked the Pembroke Fire Department and the Pembroke Professional Firefighters Association for the great fireworks display held on August 5th. Councillor Kuehl met with Member of Parliament Naqvi and together they toured the Renfrew County VTAC facility and met with residents on Moffat Street.

Councillor Jacyno stated that the longest free-standing mural in Canada “The Pioneers of Pembroke Township 1820-1850” has been restored and has been installed at the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre. He thanked Pam Dempsey and her committee for their hard work.

Councillor Lafreniere indicated that the Youth Try It Expo will be held on August 26th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the PMC. She also encouraged local developers to participate in the CMHC Housing Solutions presentation via Zoom being held on August 29th at 10:30 a.m.

Councillor Plummer provided an update from the Ottawa River Power Corporation and thanked all staff for their hard work to get the power restored after the many storm events beginning with the ice storm on April 5th.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah encouraged developers who are interested in joining the CMHC Housing Solutions presentation to contact him for the zoom link. He stated that the Police Services Board approved a new Community Watch in the downtown area as well as the Johnston Meadows area. He indicated that 25 years ago tonight, the idea of the Pembroke Waterfront Park was discussed and which has resulted in a wonderful park enjoyed by many.

11. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss:

- proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of lands by the municipality or local boards [Section 239(2)(c)] of the Municipal Act regarding land on Pembroke Street West, on Griffith Street/Montgomery Street; and former CN land; and
- information supplied in confidence to the municipality which if disclosed, could reasonably prejudice or cause harm to a third party [Section 239(2)(i)] of the Municipal Act regarding financial information that if disclosed could cause harm to the competitive position of an organization; and

- labour relations or employee negotiations [Section 239(2)(d)] of the Municipal Act regarding the Firefighters Contract.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was held earlier. He stated that Councillor Plummer declared a pecuniary interest regarding the acquisition of land as he is the developer. Councillor Purcell declared a pecuniary interest regarding disposition of land on Pembroke Street West as he is related to one of the proponents. Staff was directed to:

- begin negotiations and if successful prepare the required By-law for a future Council meeting for the disposition of land on Pembroke Street West; and
- to begin negotiations and if successful prepare the required By-laws for a future Council meeting for the acquisition of lands on Griffith Street/Montgomery Street as well as the former CN Lands; and
- to prepare the required By-law for the September 5th, 2023, Council meeting to enter into a renewed Collective Agreement with the Pembroke Professional Firefighters' Association.

13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 15-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 15-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of August 8, 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 Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the August 8, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

Carried

Clerk

Mayor