

Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 5, 2023
9:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also, Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Angela Siebarth, Economic Development Officer
Owen Hutton, Planner
Colleen Sauriol, Director of Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Councillor Jacyno called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the agenda of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, be amended to receive Item 5e) John Beevis Street Naming Request first under New Business.

Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. New Business

e. John Beevis Street Naming Request

Ms. Sauriol presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Operations Department and family have consented
- Mr. Beevis was very well respected and received by everyone

- He always went above and beyond to assist anyone in need

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Planning and Development Committee approve the new Bulk Water and Septage Receiving Facility be named after John Beevis, as the John Beevis Water and Wastewater Depot, as presented.

Carried

a. Visitor Information Sign

Mr. Unrau indicated that due to information recently received, this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

b. Contribution Agreement for Business Retention and Expansion Study – Rural Economic Development Funding

Ms. Siebarth presented the report indicating that a by-law would be brought forward later in the evening at the Council meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Planning & Development Committee approve \$13,485.00 for a Business Retention and Expansion Project funded from the City's contingency fund, as presented.

Carried

c. 2023 Year-to-Date Building Department Statistics

Mr. Hutton presented the information report. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- Committee thanked staff for bringing forward the information
- Numbers show a great resurgence after COVID
- Lots of developments happening in Pembroke
- Increases tax revenue

d. Warming Centres

Ms. Sauriol presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Who will pay for this? Who will staff?
- This is a Social Services issue
- City pays the County for Social Services
- City is a catchment area for the County
- May be able to work with churches, leasing facilities, partnering with other organizations
- Churches may not be the solution – just moving the issue to another spot
- Perhaps near RCDHU may be a feasible location
- It's everyone's responsibility to come up with a solution to help the vulnerable
- Province has to step up to assist with the homelessness issue
- Council needs to be part of discussions that are taking place regarding the issue

Motion:

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Planning and Development Committee approve the extension of the meeting by one half hour.

Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Planning and Development Committee direct staff to assist in engaging partnerships for a temporary solution for a warming shelter by November 1st to the end of April 2024 and bring back information to Council as soon as possible.

Carried

6. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the Planning & Development Committee meeting of September 5, 2023, adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

Carried