

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 19, 2023
8:12 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Lafreniere

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:12 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Councillor Plummer declared a pecuniary interest regarding agenda items 7 f and 7 g as he is the applicant and owner of the property.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – September 5, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 5, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – September 5, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno
Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of September 5, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Striking Committee – September 5, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held on September 5

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, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
 - Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – September 6, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the September 6, 2023, meeting of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee be received as circulated.

Carried**5. Committee Reports**

- a. Striking Committee – Appoint Member to the Pembroke Public Library Board

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That Renelle Charron be appointed to the Pembroke Public Library Board for this current term of Council ending November 14, 2026.

Carried**6. Proclamation**

- a. Franco-Ontarian Day – September 25, 2023
Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 25, 2023, as Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Pembroke.
- b. Test Your Smoke Alarm Day – September 28, 2023
Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 28, 2023, as Test Your Smoke Alarm Day in the City of Pembroke.

7. By-Laws

- a. 2023-66 Official Plan Amendment #19 – Burcom Subdivision

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-66, being a by-law to authorize the adoption the amendment #19 to the Official Plan, 2016, of the City of Pembroke Planning Area, 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. 2023-67 Zoning By-law Amendment – Burcom Subdivision

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-67, a by-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 0 Blakely Crescent, 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. 2023-68 Redline Revisions and Draft Condition – Burcom Subdivision

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2023-68, being a by-law to amend the Conditions of Approval of the Burcom Developments Inc. Plan of Subdivision in 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

- d. 2023-69 Official Plan Amendment #18 - 794 River Road

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-69, being a by-law to authorize the adoption of Amendment Number Eighteen to the Official Plan, 2016, of the City of Pembroke Planning Area, 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

- e. 2023-70 Zoning By-law Amendment 794 River Road

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-70, being a by-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 794 River Road, 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 Plummer left the table due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

- f. 2023-71 Official Plan Amendment – 224 Hincks Street

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-71, being a by-law to authorize the adoption of Amendment Number Seventeen to the Official Plan, 2016, of the City of Pembroke Planning Area, 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. 2023-72 Zoning By-law Amendment – 224 Hincks Street

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-72, being a by-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 224 Hincks 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

Councillor Plummer returned to the table.

7. Motions

a. Support to the County of Renfrew to Investigate the possibility of a Municipal Service Corporation for affordable Housing.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That this motion be tabled and referred to the City/County Liaison Meeting.

Carried

b. Resolution 2023-018 – Support the City of Clarence-Rockland for a Study of the Ottawa River Water Levels

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke received correspondence containing a resolution from the City of Clarence-Rockland regarding a request to conduct a third-party study for the Ottawa River, its tributaries, and basins; and

Further that the Council of the City of Pembroke supports and endorses this resolution adopted by the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland at its meeting of July 12, 2023, as attached; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services; the Minister of Health; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; MPP John Yakabuski; and the Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland.

An amendment to the main motion was made:

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That Resolution 2023-018 be amended so that the words “Minister of Public Safety Canada, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, MP Cheryl Gallant” be inserted after MPP John Yakabuskie.

Carried

8. Correspondence

a. Correspondence received from Alysia Beevis

Mayor Gervais called upon Mrs. Beevis who thanked Council and City employees for the honour bestowed on her late husband with the naming of the John Beevis Water and Wastewater Depot.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais asked everyone to be mindful of flu and COVID and do their part to reduce the risk. On September 6th, the Mayor and Councillor Purcell were invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony of CNL's new Business Collaboration Centre. On September 8th Mayor Gervais attending the grand opening of Valley Hair Artestry. On September 17th he attended the start of Legion week who have events planned throughout the week. On the same day he had the great pleasure to attend the Pembroke Lumber Kings home opener against the Smith Falls Bears and encouraged everyone to attend the next game and take in some great hockey. Mayor Gervais indicated that he and Mayor Sidney (Town of Renfrew) have entered into another Battle of the Valley challenge between the Wolves and the Kings. Whichever team prevails will see the other teams Mayor and Deputy/Reave wear the opponent's jersey at a Council meeting. He advised that Jacqueline Parson has commenced her role as the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Victim Specialist. Her role is to ensure victims involved with investigations have access to the right assistance. On Friday, September 29th Waka-ehi Lodge and Family and Children Services (FCS) will be commemorating the Day for Truth and Reconciliation with a walk from the FCS office at 464 Isabella Street to the Cenotaph Friday September 29th and asked those who wish to join to wear an orange shirt. Mayor Gervais mentioned that the public is still asked to honour the actual day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th and to watch the City's social media for more details.

10. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

11. Councillor Updates

Councillor Purcell stated that he recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Science Collaboration Centre on CNL property. He also participated in a review conducted by the Parks and Recreation Consultants for the Recreation Master Plan. Councillor Purcell participated in discussions with various stakeholders for implementation of warming centres and he provided a Notice of Motion at the County of Renfrew's Health Committee regarding the implementation of a warming centre. He will be visiting the Grace Inn Shelter in Belleville.

Councillor Kuehl attended the Pembroke Lumber Kings home opener and stated that Festival Hall is back up and running with many events being held this fall.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah provided a review on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference which he recently attended. He stated that the PBIA is having an Autumn Fest on October 18th and on October 28th they will be holding their Pumpkin Treats. He mentioned that the next Youth Council meeting will be held at the Pembroke Public Library Board Room on September 26th at 5:00 p.m. The next Community Watch Meeting is scheduled at the Fire Hall on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. He also invited everyone to the Rapids Skate Park this Saturday for the SXS Roll Forever event.

Councillor Jacyno stated that this past Saturday he attended a fundraiser for Carefor at the Pembroke Waterfront.

12. Closed Session**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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 or on behalf of the municipality [Section 239(2)(k)] of the *Municipal Act* regarding a lease agreement with Ottawa River Power Corporation.

Carried**13. Business Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was held earlier. There were no pecuniary interests declared and staff was given direction to continue negotiating with the Ottawa River Power Corporation and if successful, prepare the lease agreement and required By-law for a future meeting.

14. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 21-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 21-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 19, 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**15. Adjournment****Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the September 19, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

Carried

Clerk

Mayor