

Operations Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 19, 2023
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Lafreniere

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Marielle McLaughlin, Manager of Operations
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Councillor Plummer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the agenda of the Operations Committee meeting of September 19, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegations

a. Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee Update

Mrs. Pamela Dempsey, Chair of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee provided a verbal update on the recent restoration work completed by Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee on The Pioneers of Pembroke Township mural which is the longest free-standing mural in Canada. Mrs. Dempsey was presented with the Mayor's Award and a mural collage in recognition of the many years of chairing and volunteering on the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee.

b. Pembroke & Area Community Taskforce Presentation

Mr. Steve Boland a member of the Pembroke and Area Community Taskforce spoke to Committee regarding the need for an emergency shelter in the City of Pembroke. Mr. Boland introduced other members of the Taskforce who were present: Reverend Janet Gulliver, Mike Gulliver, and Lou Hammill. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Pembroke is a hub for services and as such, individuals who require services migrate to the area.
- This issue requires a community-wide effort where everyone including the provincial and federal government work together.
- The City through its Emergency Plan has designated facilities that can be utilized in an emergency however these facilities cannot be utilized as homeless shelters.
- It's ironic that in an emergency people who are displaced are provided with emergency shelter however an individual who is homeless, has no access to shelter.

6. New Business**a. Partnerships for Climate Protection – Milestone 1 Presentation**

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed the information report and introduced Ms. Linda Lattner, Consultant with WSP, that completed Milestone 1 and will be completing Milestone 2. Ms. Lattner reviewed the presentation on the City's GHG Inventory for Corporate and Community Emissions. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- The City has control over their assets however the City can only influence the community to reduce targets through education and information sharing such as provincial and federal funding available to increase energy efficiency in homes, etc.
- The City is the only one in the area participating in this FCM PCP Program
- The consultant will benchmark and make comment on how the City is doing compared to other municipalities
- Recent traffic counts will be used to update the transportation numbers currently listed in the report

b. City of Pembroke Asset Management Planning – Major Recreation Buildings September 2023 Update**Motion:**

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That this agenda item be tabled to a future meeting.

Carried**c. Pembroke On-Demand – Considerations for a transit pilot project****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That this agenda item be tabled to a future meeting.

Carried**d. Warming Centres**

Mr. Unrau reviewed the information report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Councillor Purcell indicated that he provided a Notice of Motion at the County of Renfrew Health Committee regarding the implementation of a warming centre.
- The Renfrew County and District Health Unit is not able to provide funding towards a warming centre however may be able to provide harm reduction and oversight in the warming centre/shelter.
- This will require a community-wide effort.
- Does the City have any money that Council could pull from to support a warming centre this year?
- The County of Renfrew is paid to provide Social Services on behalf of the City.
- We need to be cognisant of where a warming centre is placed within the City.

e. Indemnification Policy

Mr. Unrau presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- The policy was created from samples provided from other municipalities across Ontario (Renfrew, Petawawa, Toronto, Kingston, Arnprior)
- This policy applies to present and former members of Council, Board Members, Employees, Volunteers, and Officers.
- Great to see that individuals who no longer are associated with the City are covered by this policy.
- Members, employees, and volunteers should be able to choose their own lawyer.
- Section 4.2 Subsection 4.2.1 d. indicates that this policy does not apply to an action or proceeding involving sexual misconduct. If the individual is proven not guilty, the City should be liable; similar to subsection 4.2.1 g.
- Some individuals may not be able to afford a lawyer to get to the end of the legal process.
- An employee, volunteer or Member will need to enter into an agreement which outlines the terms of the retainer, etc.
- The Treasurer will need to indicate what amount will need to be included in the 2024 budget for this policy?

5. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Operations Committee meeting of September 19, 2023, adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Carried