

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
October 3, 2023
10:42 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 10:41 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That Section 8.3.1 of the Procedural By-law be suspended for the duration of this meeting.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – September 19, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 19, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Planning & Development Committee – September 5, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on September 5, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Finance and Administration Committee – September 5, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on September 5, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Proclamation

a. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 30, 2023, as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Pembroke.

b. Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Pembroke.

c. Fire Prevention Week – October 8-14, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed the week of October 8-14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Pembroke.

d. Mental Health Day – October 10, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed October 10, 2023, as Mental Health Day in the City of Pembroke.

e. Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – October 17, 2023

Mayor Gervais proclaimed October 17, 2023, as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in the City of Pembroke.

6. By-Laws

a. 2023-73 By-law Enforcement Officer Appointment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2023-73, being a by-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers 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

b. 2023-74 Parking Agreement – TSH-Lake Inc.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2023-74, a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement between TSH-Lake Inc. and the Corporation of 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

c. 2023-75 Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2023-75, a by-law to authorize and adopt the City of Pembroke's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan, 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

7. Motions

a. Resolution 2023-018 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Adoption

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

Whereas every municipality in the Province of Ontario is required to adopt a Community Safety and Well-being Plan as set out in the *Safer Ontario Act*, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General; and

Whereas the City of Pembroke Police Services Board was successful in obtaining a Grant which supported the Board to hire a consultant (Patrick Finnegan) to assist with the development of its Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (CSWB Plan); and

Whereas the City of Pembroke Police Services Board invited other local Upper Ottawa Valley municipalities (City of Pembroke, Town of Petawawa, Town of Laurentian Hills, and the following townships: Laurentian Valley, Whitewater Region, Head Clara & Maria, North Algona Wilberforce and Admaston Bromley) to jointly develop a plan; and

Whereas on September 5, 2023, Mr. Finnegan presented the Joint Community Safety & Well-Being Plan for Upper Ottawa Valley.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves and adopts the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan as presented.

Carried

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais reminded everyone that with fall upon us there is an increased risk of flu and COVID and asked everyone to do their part in helping to reduce the risk. On September 21st he and the CAO participated in a meeting with the Parliamentary Assistant of Infrastructure Ontario to discuss Asset Management where a key message was that municipalities require predictable and sustainable funding. On September 23rd Mayor Gervais had the pleasure to attend the unveiling of the beautiful waterfalls at the beautiful Waterfront where he thanked the numerous volunteers and businesses who gave their time and money to this great addition. On the same day, he was able to wish Linda Jansen a happy 65th birthday and present her with a certificate. On September 27th, he participated in an interview with City News covering a number of items effecting the City. On September 29th, he attended the Truth and Reconciliation walk followed by the event at the Cenotaph Park. On September 30th Mayor Gervais and Deputy Mayor Abadallah were judges at the 3rd annual Pet Carnival at Bright Eyes and Bush Tails. Mayor Gervais thanked the community for their patience regarding the Kinsmen Pool closure and indicated that this closure is a reflection of the age of this tired facility. He stated that some serious decision will need to be made regarding the pool and an ad hoc Pool Committee has been meeting and having discussions with various stakeholders to review a path forward. He wished everyone a healthy, happy, enjoyable Thanksgiving.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah stated that he participated in discussions with the Consultant working on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. On September 30th he attended the SSX Roll Forever event at the Rapids Skate Park. That same day he was a judge at the Ribs in the Valley Charity Amateur Rib Competition. The Pembroke Youth Council held a meeting on September 26th and the next meeting will be held on November 13, 2023. The Pembroke Community Watch Program's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on October 2nd at the Pembroke Fire Hall. He congratulated the Pembroke Public Library for winning the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce business excellence in Tourism and Recreation award. Deputy Mayor Abdallah encouraged everyone to attend the Got You in Mind Fundraiser being held at Fitzzy's 86 Sports Bar on October 20th.

Councillor Kuehl attended the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence awards and extended congratulations to the various businesses who won awards. He thanked Mayor Gervais for recognizing Mental Health Day on October 10th which will help to get rid of the stigma of mental health. On November 4th at Festival Hall the Robbie Dean Centre will be hosting an evening of music and tribute where every musical act includes veterans or a serving member of the Armed Forces. Councillor Kuehl wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Councillor Purcell visited the Grace Inn Shelter in Belleville and thanked the staff from the shelter for hosting the visit.

11. Closed Session**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations as per Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(d) regarding CUPE Local 24 Labour negotiations.

Carried

12. 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 regarding labour negotiations with CUPE Local 24.

13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 22-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 22-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 3, 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 Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the October 3, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 12:20 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk