

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
October 17, 2023
9:25 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/Deputy Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 9:25 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – October 3, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 3, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Operations Committee – September 19, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on September 19, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
 - Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board – May 11, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting of the Pembroke Waste Management Board be received as circulated.

Carried

5. By-Laws

- a. 2023-76 Official Plan Amendment – 852 Pembroke Street West

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-76, being a by-law to authorize the adoption of Amendment Number Twenty 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. 2023-77 Zoning By-law Amendment – 852 Pembroke Street West

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-77, a by-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 852 Pembroke Street West, 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. 2023-78 User Fee By-law Amendment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2023-78, being a by-law to establish fees and charges on persons for payment of municipal services, activities and use of municipal property for 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

6. Motions

- a. Resolution 2023-020 7 in 7 Regional Housing Plan

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas during the October 13th, 2022, EOWC meeting, the Caucus passed the below motion to endorse the '7 in 7' Regional Housing Plan vision statement;

The EOWC endorses the proposed vision statement as follows on the regional housing project proposal; and

The EOWC will commit to increase our share of rental supply by 7,000 units across eastern Ontario within seven years, and work in partnership with the federal and provincial governments, local municipalities, private sector, and non-profit sector. This will include a regional model that accounts for cost savings, local flexibility and sustainability. This goal will be accomplished through joint procurement and design, incentivization, municipal coordination, land use planning, long-term operational models, and leveraging partnerships.

An innovative approach to funding, land use planning, engineering, inspection, and servicing will be required.

Whereas there are approximately 12,000 to 14,000 community rental housing units needed to address the municipal wait lists across the eastern Ontario region, and approximately 1,500 units in Renfrew County; and

Whereas the EOWC region's average wait time for community housing is almost 5 years across all unit types, and as high as 10 years for some units; and

Whereas the EOWC is ready to take a regional leadership role with a bold plan to reduce the wait list and build the supply of community rental housing by developing the '7 in 7' Regional Housing Plan; and

Whereas the '7 in 7' plan will deliver 7,000 new affordable community rental units over 7 years, in addition to incentivizing an additional 21,000 attainable market rate units from the private and non-profit sectors for a total of total 28,000 housing units; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has the goal of building 1.5 million homes across the province by 2031; and

Whereas collaboration, commitment and contribution between the Federal Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, Indigenous governments, and private and non-profit sectors are key to tackle regional housing projects.

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke is committed to fulfilling the goals of the EOWC '7 in 7' Regional Housing Plan;

And Further That Council urges all orders of government, private, and non-profit partners to fill the housing gap by collaborating, innovating and investing in filling the rural housing gap; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada; the Honourable Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Provincial Associate Minister of Housing; The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

Carried

b. Resolution 2023-021 Adjusted Accumulated Surplus

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas Section 290 of the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, requires a municipality to prepare and adopt a yearly budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purpose of the municipality; and

Whereas Ontario Regulation 284/09, s.1 allows a municipality to exclude amortization, post-employment benefits, solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses from the estimated expenses in the yearly budget; and

Whereas Ontario Regulation 284/09 requires a municipality that excludes expenses per s.1, to report the excluded expenses and an estimate of the change in the accumulated surplus and the projected impact on the future tangible capital asset funding requirements; and

Whereas the City of Pembroke 2023 Budget excluded amortization, post-employment benefits, solid waste landfill closure and post-closure expenses, and an estimate of the change in the accumulated surplus and the projected impact on the future tangible capital asset funding requirements is reported as follows:

**City of Pembroke – 2023 Accumulated Surplus
(Annual Surplus and Adjustments are based on estimates)**

Accumulated Surplus per Financial Report	Amount
Accumulated Surplus at Jan. 1, 2023	\$161,815,742
2022 Annual Surplus not included in 2023 budget	1,124,998
Accumulated Surplus at Dec. 31, 2023	162,940,740

Adjustments for Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Change	Amount
2023 TCA's funded by tax levy, water and sewer rates	6,057,210
2023 TCA's funded by deferred revenue	2,357,118
2023 TCA's funded by capital grants	5,713,962
2023 depreciation forecast	(6,226,573)
Net projected increase/(decrease) of capital assets	7,901,717

Adjustments for annual change	Amount
2022 post employment benefit increase	(21,979)
2022 solid waste landfill closure and post-closure forecast	(185,602)
Accumulated Surplus at Dec. 31, 2023	(207,581)

Adjusted Full Accrual Accumulated Surplus at Dec. 31, 2023	\$170,634,876
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Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke adopts the report estimating the Adjusted Accumulated Surplus for 2023 to be \$170,634,876.

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais requested everyone to be mindful of flu and Covid illnesses and do their part to minimize the risk. He indicated that this week is Small Business Week. On October 5th, the Mayor and the CAO attended the RCDHU. On October 7th he attended the Open House of the Pembroke Fire Department. Also on October 7th he attended J & E's Bored and Saucy's Grand Opening. On October 10th he received the World Mental Health Day flag which was flown at City Hall to commemorate the day. On October 14th he attended Oktoberfest. Also on October 14th he attended Spooky Movie Night at the Skylight Drive In. On October 15th he dropped the puck at the Lumber Kings game. October 16th he spoke to Civics class students at Renfrew Collegiate Institute regarding the municipal world. He asked all to stay safe and be kind to one another.

8. Notices of Motion

Deputy Mayor Abdallah stated that he would be bringing forward a motion to the next Council meeting for the City of Pembroke to issue an Expression of Interest (EOI) for firms interested in a Public, Private Partnership (P3) with the City of Pembroke for a multi-sports facility/recreation hub.

9. Councillor Updates

Councillor Plummer gave an update for the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre.

Councillor Lafreniere reminded everyone to sign organ donor cards. She informed all that there will be a fundraiser hosted by Got You In Mind on October 20th at Fitzzy's 86 Sports Bar. She mentioned a new initiative of paramedics – Boots on the Ground which is a mobile outreach program to find homeless and do health checkups.

Councillor Kuehl attended the Fire Department Open House. He attended the J and E's Bored and Saucy Grand Opening. He notified all of the Veterans Concert on November 4th. He attended Harvestfest downtown and thanked the PBIA for organizing the festival. He attended Oktoberfest. He provided a Festival Hall events update as well.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah announced the Small Business Week Social on October 20th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Madawaska Coffee Co. He announced the PBIA Pumpkin Treats event on Saturday, October 21st in downtown Pembroke. He commended Bethea Summers for the Harvest Festival at Farmers' Market. He reminded all of the fundraiser for Got You in Mind, on Friday, October 20th at Fitzzy's 86 Sports Bar.

10. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 23-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 23-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 17, 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

11. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the October 17, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor