

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
November 21, 2023  
6:26 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  
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:19 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

Mayor Gervais asked members to please keep in mind the family of Malcolm Montgomery who passed away yesterday.

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest regarding a resolution declaring the Lapointe surplus land as Robert Sheppard acts for Lapointe Motor Holdings.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council – November 7, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 7, 2023, be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – November 14, 2023

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of November 14, 2023, be approved as circulated.

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- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

## a. Parks &amp; Recreation Committee – October 17, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on October 17, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

## iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – November 1, 2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the November 1, 2023, minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee be received as circulated.

**Carried****5. Staff/Committee Reports**

## a. Code of Conduct Complaint

Mr. Unrau introduced Mr. Tony Fleming and his associate Lisa Scheuldeman who were in attendance virtually to review their report and recommendations regarding a Code of Conduct Complaint.

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That this Council resolves that with respect to the report of the Integrity Commissioner dated November 6, 2023, respecting Councillor Purcell, that this council does not agree fully with the report and that a copy of this resolution be posted on the City of Pembroke website along with the report in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

**Carried****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That Council not sanction Councillor Purcell with respect to the Integrity Commissioner's report dated November 6, 2023 involving Councillor Purcell.

**Defeated****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That Council eliminate the financial penalty sanction and maintain the public apology in a letter containing an explanation that there was no intent of malice in the comments made.

Councillor Kuehl requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Councillor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillor Kuehl, Councillor Plummer

**Defeated****Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah  
That this matter be tabled indefinitely.

**Defeated**

**6. By-Laws**

a. 2023-83 Parking By-law – Supple Street and Centre Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-83, being a by-law to amend By-law 2020-74, as amended, being a by-law to regulate and control the parking of vehicles 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. 2023-84 Zoning By-law Amendment – 588 Pembroke Street East

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2023-84, being a By-law to regulate the use of lands and the character, location and use of buildings and structures 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**

c. 2023-85 Parking Agreement – 10 Nelson Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2023-85, a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement between 2284408 Ontario Inc. and the Corporation of 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**

Mayor Gervais left the table due to his pecuniary interest and Deputy Mayor Abdallah assumed the Chair.

**7. Motions**

a. Resolution 2023-022 – Declare Proposed Lot 46 in the James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc. Plan of Subdivision as Surplus

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke declares the following land as surplus and gives notice of the proposed sale of land:

The piece of land is located in the James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc. Plan of Subdivision located off of Boundary Road West. The Plan of Subdivision proposes 45 lots

for single detached dwellings on Eddy Crescent. Eddy Crescent is not yet been assumed by the City of Pembroke. The developer would like to create a 46<sup>th</sup> lot from land that is currently owned by the City of Pembroke. The property is legally described as Part of Lots 34 and 35, Concession 1 and being part of Part 1 on Reference Plan 49R-3187; City of Pembroke.

The proposed Lot 46 would have a frontage of 61 feet by a depth of 101 feet for a total lot area of approximately 6,161 square feet. The proposed Lot 46 is presently zoned "Open Space – OS" and would require a rezoning to match the remainder of the subdivision which is "Residential Type 2 – R2".

**Carried**

Mayor Gervais returned to the table and assumed the Chair.

## **8. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais asked everyone to be mindful of the increased risk of flu and COVID. He indicated that he made the following public appearances: Official Opening of Nourish U Wellness Centre at 159 Pembroke Street West on November 9, 2023; On November 10<sup>th</sup>, toured one of the Columbus House facilities and met with staff and board members; Ceremonial puck drop of the Terry O'Neill Silver Stick Tournament held on November 10<sup>th</sup>; Laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of the City of Pembroke at the Pembroke Cenotaph on November 11, 2023; Grand Reopening of Western Financial Group at their new location at 10 Nelson Street on November 14, 2023; later on November 14<sup>th</sup>, he met with Dr. Bell of Christie Street Animal Hospital to congratulate her for practising for 40 years with more than 20 of those years in Pembroke; Grand Opening of Zaytona located at 183 Pembroke Street West on November 18<sup>th</sup>; later on November 18<sup>th</sup> attended the Pembroke Legion Branch 72 Volunteer Awards; and on November 19, 2023 attended the OSPCA MASH-style spay/neuter clinic. Mayor Gervais also reminded everyone of the Coldest Night of the Year spaghetti dinner being held at 6:00 p.m. on November 23<sup>rd</sup> with proceeds supporting The Grind.

## **9. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **10. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Lafreniere reminded everyone of the Santa Claus Parade being held on November 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. as well as the PFD Chili Fest being held from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on November 23, 2023, at the Pembroke Fire Hall. She commented on the great spirit of collaboration between the County of Renfrew, City of Pembroke, Township of Laurentian Valley, and the Town of Petawawa regarding the warming centre.

Councillor Purcell indicated that the Town of Petawawa Council passed a resolution contributing funds towards a warming centre and mentioned that the warming centre should be up and running by December 1<sup>st</sup> in a 50 x 12-foot trailer with stand alone washroom facilities located at the Pembroke Farmer's Market. He also congratulated the Pembroke Public Library CEO and staff for receiving their accreditation.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that Seven Heaven Sweets recently celebrated their second anniversary. He thanked the Nelson Street Pub for their initiative allowing customers in need to eat for free and mentioned that Thai Gardens offers free soup on Saturdays. He thanked the many Silver Stick volunteers and mentioned that the City's

Senior Christmas Concerts will be held at local retirement homes from December 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> featuring Louis Schryer and Friends. The PBIA Moonlight madness will be held this week and he thanked the Pembroke Farmer's Market for approving the location of the land for the warming centre.

Councillor Kuehl provided an update on the upcoming events being held at Festival Hall: Algonquin College Speaker Series on November 28<sup>th</sup>; AC/DC Canada Christmas Show on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Pembroke Symphony Orchestra Nutcracker with a Twist on December 9<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend the Youth production of Frozen being held November 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 26-2023

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 26-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 21, 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**

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the November 21, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

**Carried**

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Heidi Martin  
Clerk