

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
December 5, 2023
10:02 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

Motion

Moved by Councillor Kuehl
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere
That the time be extended by one half hour.

Carried

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 10:02 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest for Item 6b) By-law 2023-87 Warming Centre Agreement as Bob Sheppard acts for the City regarding this item.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – November 21, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 21, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Carried

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

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

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

Carried

b. Planning & Development Committee – November 7, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on November 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

c. Finance and Administration Committee – November 7, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on November 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board – September 28, 2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the September 28, 2023, minutes of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Committee be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Committee Reports

- a. Striking Committee – Appoint Member to the Renfrew County Highway 17/417 Extension Advisory Committee

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That Mayor Ron Gervais be appointed to the Renfrew County Highway 17/417 Extension Advisory Committee for this current term of Council ending November 14, 2026, with Councillor Andrew Plummer being appointed as an alternate.

Carried

6. By-Laws

- a. 2023-86 Water/Ice Agreement with Whitewater Region
Prior to the by-law being passed, clarification has been requested.

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

- b. 2023-87 Warming Centre Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2023-87, being a by-law to authorize the entering into an agreement between the Pembroke Farmers' Market Association, The Grind Pembroke 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 returned to the table and assumed the Chair.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais cautioned of the increased risk of flu and COVID and asked everyone to be mindful and do their part to reduce the risk, and to stay off bodies of water. On November 24th he attended the grand opening of Estrada Paralegal Services. Also in the afternoon of the 24th he attended the opening of Chris Kindlemarkt at Germania Club. On November 25th he participated in the Santa Claus parade – job well done by staff. On November 28th he attended a pre-recording for the Kiwanis Toy and Food Drive Telethon. He congratulated Kitchissippi Productions, Dorian Pearce and Dez Patel for their great work with the telethon. He attended the Horticulture Christmas Party on November 29th and brought greetings on behalf of Council. On November 30th he and Councillor Kuehl attended the Christmas Parade awards ceremony. He asked all to be kind and stay safe.

7. Notices of Motion

Councillor Purcell indicated that he will be bringing forth a motion for an RFP for a competitive bid for legal services for the City of Pembroke.

8. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor book signing of book by author Gillen Rutz. He and Councillor Lafreniere hosted Santa Claus parade - great job done by staff. He mentioned Snowangels.ca website for volunteering and for assistance with snow removal. Seniors Christmas Concert is happening on Dec 15. Thanked Dorian Pierce and Dez Patel for working the Kiwanis Telethon.

Councillor Kuehl noted that Dec 6 is National Day of Remembrance and Action of Violence against Women. He attended Frozen Jr. put on by Streetlight Theatre and indicated that it was an amazing production. He judged Santa Claus parade which was a great success. The best overall entry went to Priceless Maintenance. He acknowledged the Kiwanis Toy and Food Drive Telethon. He mentioned that Thursday, December 7th, Jason Blaine is at the Germania Hall. He indicated that the Nutcracker at Festival Hall is sold out.

Councillor Jacyno gave a special thanks to Operations Department and all staff for duties at the Santa Claus parade. He attended the Pembroke Community Choir performance at Calvin United Church which was amazing.

9. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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

Carried

10. 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 negotiations.

11. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 27-2023

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 27-2023 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 5, 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 Kuehl

That the December 5, 2023, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:52 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk