

Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
March 5, 2024
6:25 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Purcell

Also, Present:

Colleen Sauriol, Director of Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement
Brian Lewis, Director of Operations
David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Councillor Jacyno called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest on agenda item 6 c. as Mr. Sheppard represents Mr. Lapointe.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the agenda of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of March 5, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

- Planning & Development Committee – February 6, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the February 6, 2024, meeting of the Planning and Development Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. New Business**a. Parking Fees and Fines Report**

Ms. Sauriol presented the report and requested direction on the amount of the fine for parking at an expired meter. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Council has to make a decision on what's best for the City taking into consideration staff time, parking lot maintenance, snow removal, printing tickets, etc.
- Parking generates an approximate \$90,000 deficit per year.
- Is a \$10 ticket really worth the cost of processing a fine?
- Appreciate that the downtown is not having the easiest time however they also need to recognize that the City has to cover its costs so deficits don't end up on the backs of other taxpayers
- Perhaps we should look at an incremental increase over the next few years i.e. \$15 this year and increase it again next year.
- Fines haven't changed in over 20 years.
- Meters keep traffic moving.
- Don't appreciate the negativity of the downtown merchants as Council has supported and continues to support downtown merchants.
- Council doesn't subsidize parking for any other business like we do for the downtown area.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That Planning and Development Committee move to increase the expired meter fee to \$25.00.

Defeated**Motion:**

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Planning and Development Committee accept the matrix as presented and that the expired meter rates be increased from \$10 to \$15.

Carried**b. De-Designation Request for Heritage Building at 84 Isabella Street**

Ms. Sauriol presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- During the 1990's grants were available for heritage buildings. Once the grants ended, owners began to request de-designation.
- City Hall, Victoria Hall and the Pembroke Public Library are all classified as Heritage Buildings.
- Preserve heritage buildings and hope that new owners will also preserve the heritage features of a building.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Mayor Gervais

That Planning and Development Committee approve the request to de-designate the heritage building at 84 Isabella Street.

Carried

Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest and left the table.

- c. Amended Legal Description Required for James W. Lapointe Motor Holdings Inc.
Subdivision Request to Transfer Future Lot 46

Ms. Sauriol presented the report indicating that a by-law would be coming forward at the Council meeting later in the evening.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Planning and Development Committee proceed with a new by-law that deals with the amended legal description.

Carried

Mayor Gervais returned to the table.

- d. Land Transfer of Unopened Road Allowances Almira and Julien Street for Future
Road Allowances at Gulley Drive and Quarry Road

Mr. Lewis presented the report.

Motion

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Planning and Development Committee directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law approving the transfer of unopened road allowances at Julien Street and at Almira Street for future road allowances at Gulley Drive and at Quarry Road.

Carried

7. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Planning & Development Committee meeting of March 5, 2024, adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Carried