

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
March 19, 2024  
8:27 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  
Heidi Martin, Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:27 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

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

Mayor Gervais declared a Pecuniary Interest concerning By-law 2024-23 as Robert Sheppard is retained by City regarding the agreement.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council – March 5, 2024

### Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 5, 2024, be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – February 20, 2024

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on February 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

### Carried

- b. Operations Committee Meeting – February 20, 2024

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on February 20, be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals – March 6, 2024

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee of March 6, 2024, be received as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. Committee Reports**

- a. Parks and Recreation Committee – Award Design Build Services for the Construction of the Kinsmen Pool Butler Building Retrofit

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That Request for Proposal No. P-24-02 for the Design Build Services for the Construction of the Kinsmen Pool Butler Building Retrofit be awarded to Bel-Con Design Builders LTD. in the amount of \$1,017,770.00 plus HST and additional expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00 be approved for a contingency allowance for the total value of \$1,167,770.00.

**Carried**

**6. By-laws**

- a. 2024-17 Water/Ice Rescue Services with Township of Whitewater Region

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2024-17, a by-law to enter into an agreement for Water/Ice Rescue Services between the Township of Whitewater Region 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**

- b. 2024-18 De-Designation of Heritage Building – 84 Isabella Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-18, a by-law to repeal By-law 1991-22, being a by-law to designate the property municipally known as 84 Isabella Street as being of cultural heritage value and interest 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. 2024-19 Zoning By-law Amendment – 163 Peter Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-19, a by-law to amend By-law 2020-05 of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke, 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**

d. 2024-20 Official Plan Amendment #21 – 240 Mackay Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2024-20, a by-law to authorize the adoption of amendment Number Twenty-One 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**

e. 2024-21 Zoning By-law Amendment – 240 Mackay Street

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2024-21, a by-law to amend By-law 2020-05 of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke, 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**

f. 2024-22 Amend By-law 2024-12 (CUPE Local 24 Agreement)

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-22, a by-law to amend By-law 2024-12, a by-law to provide for the execution of a Collective Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Pembroke and Local Number 24, The Canadian Union of Public Employees, 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 requested that Deputy Mayor Abdallah assume the Chair and left the table due to his perceived pecuniary interest. Deputy Mayor Abdallah assumed the Chair.

g. 2024-23 Warming Centre Agreement

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2024-23, a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement between the Pembroke Farmers' Market Association, The Grind Pembroke and the Corporation of the City of Pembroke for the "Warming Centre", 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.

**7. Motions**

a. Resolution 2024-008

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

**Be It Resolved That** the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approved the City of Pembroke Pollution Control Centre 2023 Annual Compliance Reports.

**Carried**

b. Resolution 2024-009

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

**Whereas** the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke enacted Resolution 2024-006 on February 20, 2022, which authorized Non-Union staff economic, vacation and wellness day increases; and

**Whereas** the City retained a consultant to conduct a Union and Non-Union salary review to determine pay gaps in relation to the external market; and

**Whereas** Resolution 2024-006 did not address market increases for non-union staff;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved that the** Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves Resolution 2024-009 authorizing market increases to non-union staff.

**Carried**

**8. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gervais indicated that on March 6<sup>th</sup> he and the CAO met with MP Gallant to discuss various issues that effect the community. On March 8<sup>th</sup> a meeting was called with Community Health agencies to address future strategies to deal with the vulnerable population within the community. He stated that the City is currently advertising for two committees that have vacancies and encouraged residents who are interested to apply before noon on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. He extended a warm Happy Easter to all and asked all to stay safe and to be kind to one another.

**9. Notices of Motion**

- a. Councillor Plummer indicated that he will be bringing forward a motion at the next council meeting regarding an amendment to the Procedural By-law, Section 7.8 Reports to include references that any member of Council that wishes to request staff bring forward a report would follow additional steps to ensure the report is relevant and a necessary item to be added to a meeting agenda.
- b. Deputy Mayor Abdallah stated that he will be bringing forward a resolution at the next council meeting for the City of Pembroke Council to formally request the Government of

- Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibility in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services across the province.
- c. Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that he will also be bringing forward a motion at the next council meeting for Council of the City of Pembroke to advocate for a mental health and drug treatment rehabilitation facility serving the County of Renfrew.

## 10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Purcell stated that in previous meetings he mentioned that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit was looking at possible mergers with neighbouring public health units however the Board of Health announced today that it decided that it would not be pursuing a voluntary merger at this time.

Councillor Kuehl indicated that during the March Break he sponsored a public skate at the PMC and on March 16<sup>th</sup> he enjoyed the St. Paddy's Day fundraising event for Music Healing Veterans Canada at Fitzy's Sports Bar. He provided a Festival Hall update.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah stated that a Community Watch Program meeting will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Pembroke Fire Hall. He welcomed Cyndy-Lou Boutique and F N Good Food Inc., two new businesses to the downtown. He reminded everyone that the Community Garden will be holding their annual rain barrel fundraising event beginning on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and he wished the Pembroke Lumber Kings the best of luck in their upcoming playoff series. Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that the County of Renfrew is hosting an affordable housing summit on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Jacyno stated that he met with the President of Golfview who indicated that he would be making a substantial contribution to a new pool and that his housing development will begin this spring.

## 11. Closed Session

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of lands by the municipality or local board as per Section 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act*, regarding Transitional Housing supports; and to discuss a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board as per Section 239(2)(k) of the *Municipal Act*, regarding a position paper on a local health initiative; and to discuss litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board as per Section 239(2)(e) of the *Municipal Act*, regarding a construction contract.

**Carried**

## 12. Business Arising from Close Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was held and there were no pecuniary interests declared. He indicated that two items were provided for information only and staff was given direction regarding the third item.

## 13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 07-2024

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 07-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 19, 2024, 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 Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the March 19, 2024, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:29 p.m.

**Carried**

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Heidi Martin  
Clerk