

Draft City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 3, 2024
7:49 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:49 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – August 13, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of August 13, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Combined Committee Meeting – August 13, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Combined Committee meeting held on August 13, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. By-laws

- a. 2024-52 Official Plan Amendment #23

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyn

Seconded by Plummer

That By-law 2024-52, a by-law to authorize the adoption of Amendment Number Twenty-Three 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. 2024-53 Parking By-law Amendment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2024-53, a by-law to amend By-law 2024-24, 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

c. 2024-54 Canada Community Building Fund Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-54, a by-law to authorize the entering into of a Municipal Funding Agreement between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Corporation of the City of Pembroke to receive funding under the Canada Community Building Fund, 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

6. Motions

a. Resolution 2024-021 Physician Shortage in Ontario

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.5 million Ontarians without a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine; and

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 percent in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;
and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Pembroke urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the City of Pembroke and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

Carried

b. Resolution 2024-022 Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby supports the City's application to the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) for the installation of two (2) fast chargers with an output of 50 kW and above and attests that at least half (50%) of the funds to be covered by non-NRCan sources are available and have been secured through existing City reserves.

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais provided an update on the community functions he attended on behalf of Council including;

- A cheque presentation of a grant from the Federal and Provincial Government to the City to enable the Pembroke Handibus to obtain a new vehicle
- 25th anniversary for Fabricland
- Renfrew County District Health Unit (RCDHU) Steering Committee with the CAO
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference – delegations with the Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport regarding asset management and recreational facilities and the Ontario Medical Association regarding health care challenges in Pembroke
- Renfrew County Summer Company Wrap up
- Pembroke Fiddling and Step Dancing Competition

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Councillor Updates

Councillor Kuehl provided a update on events he attended including;

- Putts and Pints event and provided kudos to the idea, organizers and for the great participation.
- Youth Market
- Final Pembroke Night Market, stating it was well organized and attended and a good use of the Farmers market space
- Pembroke Fiddling and Step Dancing Competition noting the large attendance
- Provided kudos to the City's summer students who help make the City's summer events operate successfully

Deputy Mayor Abdallah provided update on events and Community Garden maintenance

- Thanked the volunteers for the successful and well run summer events in the City
- Update on Transit Pilot Project – the city hired a consultant and formulated a steering committee that will soon be meeting on a regular basis to provide information to the consultant who will use the information to formulate an RFP to obtain bids for the pilot project. It was noted that the project is dependant on affordability

Councillor Jacyno provided a update on events he attended including;

- Pembroke Fiddling and Step Dancing Competition noting its significance in our community

Extend an invite to Ian Hamilton the President

Councillor Lafreniere

- Provided an update on the MESA program and the positive impact it is having in our region in connecting resources identifying gaps and documenting statistics to move forward securing more funding

Councillor Purcell

- Update on AMO conference attendance
- Legion Golf Tournament
- Announced Legion Fundraising Dinner September 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and encouraged participation and support of our local legion
- Attendance at the Youth Market
- Attendance at the Substance Abuse strategy meeting

10. **Closed Session – 8:27 p.m.**

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board as it relates to a sale of land to the Town of Petawawa through the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission.

Carried

11. **Business Arising from Closed Session- 8:57 p.m.**

Mayor Gervais declared a perceived conflict of pecuniary interest in closed session at 8:32 p.m., citing that his business partner is acting for the City in the matter listed on the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah indicated that a closed session was held earlier regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board as it relates to a sale of land to the Town of Petawawa through the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission.

Staff was provided with direction.

12. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 20-2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 20-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 3, 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

13. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the September 3, 2024, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:59 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk