

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 17, 2024
7:57 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Jacyno

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk
Brian Lewis, Director of Operations

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:57 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 – September 3, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 3, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Committee Reports

- a. Operations Committee – Amendment to the All-Terrain Vehicle By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the amendment to the All-Terrain Vehicle By-law, including the designation of the Director of Operations to make changes to Schedule A of the by-law be adopted.

Carried

6. Proclamations

- a. Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 15-21, 2024, National Legion Week in the City of Pembroke.
- b. Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 22-28, 2024, National Forest Week in the City of Pembroke.
- c. Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 25, 2024, Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Pembroke.
- d. Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 28, 2024, Test Your Smoke Alarm Day in the City of Pembroke.
- e. Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 30, 2024, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Pembroke.

7. By-laws

- a. 2024-55 Appointment of By-law Enforcement Officers

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2024-55, a by-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers for 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. 2024-56 By-law Amending All-Terraine Vehicle By-law 2017-69

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2024-56, a by-law to amend By-law 2017-69 to regulate and govern the operations of All-Terrain, Multi-Purpose and Recreation Off-Road vehicles (Off-Road Vehicles) within 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**8. Motions**

- a. Resolution 2024-023 FCM Grant Application: Green Municipal Fund Update

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby supports the City's application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (GMF) (Transportation Stream) for the implementation of an on-demand transit pilot project in our community, providing the organizational commitment to, and financial support for, the project and funding application to GMF; and

Further That, should this grant application be successful, that the City commits funding of up to \$2,500,000 to support the transit pilot project.

Carried

9. Mayor's Report

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

September 7 – Little Things Eatery (formerly Little Things Canning Company)

September 8 – 100th anniversary of Pembroke Pentecostal Tabernacle

September 11 – Greeted Special Olympics athletes at City Hall

September 13 – Donation ceremony from Legion Branch 72 to the Pembroke Handibus

September 15 – Attendance at the Cenotaph and Legion for the opening of National Legion Week

It was noted that:

- Golden Helmets precision motorcycle team is doing a demonstration in Pembroke on September 21, all are encouraged to attend.
- Military Family Appreciation Day is September 20

10. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

11. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah provided an update on the community events that he attended.

- Announced that a Community Watch meeting is set for September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Fire Hall
- September 13 – attendance at a Legion fundraiser with Mayor and Councillor Purcell. Encouraged ongoing support of Legion events and initiatives
- Attendance at Cricket tournament at Riverside Park. Well organized and attended. Applauded the ongoing growth of recreation programming and events in the City of Pembroke

Councillor Kuehl provided an update on the community events that he attended 8:17

- September 7 – Stereotypical Street event, stating it was well attended and organized (despite inclement weather)
- September 14 – Wise Owl Daycare fundraiser, successful events and well run
- Notice from Waterfront Committee - a veterans plaque has undergone a planned removal from a monument in Riverside Park and is intended to be relocated to the waterfront from Riverside in a more focal area in 2025 at the marina

12. Closed Session – 8:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board regarding Golfview Land Developments Ltd. offer to purchase City-owned land;

and, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before the administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board regarding 273 Victoria Street (The Grind) option to purchase from the City of Pembroke.

Carried

13. Business Arising from the Closed 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 and staff was provided with direction on both items.

14. Confirming By-law

Confirming By-law 21-2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 21-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 17, 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

15. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the September 17, 2024, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk