

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
November 5, 2024
10:40 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair
Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
Councillor Lafreniere (virtual)
Councillor Purcell

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 10:40 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 – October 15, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 15, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – October 29, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of October 29, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – October 1, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on October 1, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Planning and Development Committee Meeting – October 1, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on October 1, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by councillor Jacyno

Extend the hour of meeting per section 7.2.6 of the City of Pembroke Procedural by-law 2020-61

Carried

c. Striking Committee Meeting – August 13, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held on October 1, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

a. Pembroke Public Library Board – September 19, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes from the Pembroke Public Library Board of September 19, 2024, be received as circulated.

Carried

5. By-laws

6. Motions

a. Resolution 2024-025 Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas in June 2022 the Culleton, Kuzyk, and Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence with the #1 recommendation of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner, with rural areas seeing an increased risk of Intimate Partner Violence. In 2023, 293 domestic

violence investigations were led by the OPP in the City of Pembroke, up from 248 incidents in 2022. In this past year in Ontario, 52 woman or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social services agencies, and municipalities billions of dollars per year, and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke has recognized that issues of violence against woman are of local importance to the health and wellness of our residents, and has demonstrated this by including it as a pillar in our Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke declares, in accordance with Recommendation #1 of the Renfrew Inquest, that Intimate Partner Violence and Violence against woman are epidemics; and recognizes that:

- The Renfrew Inquest is important to all communities;
- Council is committed to engaging with community partners to educate and support our residents about the seriousness and long-term consequences of gender-based violence in our community.

And Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity; Association of Municipalities (AMO); and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor Gervais provided an update on the community functions he attended on behalf of Council including (but not limited to):

October 16 – Attendance at Highview Public School with School Board Trustee Leo Boland to speak with a very engaged and inquisitive grade 5 classroom.

October 18 – met with MP Gallant to discuss a number of issues important to the City

October 19- Attendance at Germania Club Oktoberfest 2024

October 23 – Attendance at Pembroke Legion

October 25 – Meeting with MPP Yakabuski to discuss a number if issues important to the City of Pembroke including increased OPP costs

8. Notices of Motion

Councillor Kuehl provided notice for the below listed motions:

- a. Withdraw of notice of motion (October 15, 2024) Illegal and Toxic Drug Enforcement Measures
- b. Declaration of Illegal and Toxic Drug Use Crisis
- c. City of Pembroke Efforts re: Illegal and Toxic Drug Use
- d. Municipal Request to Federal and Provincial Governments to Provide Resources and Tools to Combat Illegal and Toxic Drug Use
- e. Municipal Request to Federal Government for New Laws and More Severe and New Sentencing Options Concerning the Illegal Importing, Trafficking and Sale of Controlled Substances

- f. Municipal Request to Provincial Government to Enact New Laws and Regulations to Deal with Drug Houses and Other Drug-Related Nuisance Properties
- g. Request to the Ontario Provincial Police – Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment (Pembroke) to Attend Before the Council of the City of Pembroke to Present an Actionable Plan to Combat Local Drug Crime, Drug-Related Crime, Drug Trafficking and the Establishment of Drug Houses in the City of Pembroke
- h. Request for More Frequent OPP Foot Patrols
- i. Municipal Law Enforcement Measures re: Illegal and Toxic Drug Use
- j. Making Illegal the Littering, Disposing or Depositing of Drugs, Drug Residue or Drug Paraphernalia on Private Property
- k. Community Improvement Plan Grant for the Purchasing of New Security Systems With a Public Benefit and Promotion of the CAMSafe Program

9. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- October 25 – Attended the Got You in Mind fundraiser that was a success and it is estimated ~\$2,000 were generated in proceeds. Thanks to the community and kudos to the organizers.

Councillor Jacyno

- Municipal downloading and the pressures felt by local governments is becoming too much. There has been increased funds for social services released to the County from the Province in recognition of this as an example.
- County of Renfrew Social Services – the Ministry is reinstating the previous funding model with a few modifications which means more money for the County funded by the Province

10. Closed Session 10:57 p.m.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

1. 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 per Section 239(2)(c) regarding offer to purchase land in TransCan Corporate Park

Carried

11. Business Arising from Closed Session 11:04 p.m.

Mayor Gervais indicated that a closed session was held earlier. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest. Staff was given direction.

12. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 26-2024

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 26-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 5, 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 Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the November 5, 2024, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 11:06 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk