

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
November 19, 2024
7:04 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:04 p.m.

A cheque presentation took place with Heather Saar from the Eganville Clothing Bank presenting a cheque to the City of Pembroke in the amount of \$2,000. The funds are designated to support the Pembroke Pool Fund. Ms. Saar expressed the significance of outlying communities to supporting the Pembroke pool facility and the importance of neighbouring communities who use the pool to supporting the project.

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 – November 5, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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

Carried

- b. Special Meeting of Council – November 5, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of November 5, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

b. Operations Committee – September 17, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Operations Committee of September 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals – November 6, 2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

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

Carried

5. **Committee Reports**

a. Operations Committee – Award Tender No. 23-1067A Bulk Water and Septage Receiving Depot

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That Tender Contract No. 23-1067A for a Bulk Water and Septage Receiving Station to be located at 279 Paul Martin Drive be awarded to Do-All Construction Ltd. for a contract value of \$1,291,396.00 plus HST; and

That additional expenditures in the amount of \$50,000.00 be approved for a contingency allowance; and

That the budget shortfall of \$443,170.62 be funded in the 2025 Capital Budget; and

The total value of the recommendations equal \$1,341,396.08 plus applicable HST.

Carried

6. **By-laws**

a. 2024-61 Parking By-law Amendment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-61, a by-law to amend By-law 2024-24, as amended, being a by-law to regulate and control the parking of vehicle 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

b. 2024-62 Lake Street and College Way Parking Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-62, a by-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement between 320 Lake Street Inc. and the Corporation 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. 2024-63 Vacant Land Registry By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2024-63, a by-law to regulate vacant buildings withing 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. 2024-64 9 Bennett Street Rezoning

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2024-64, 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

7. Motions

a. Resolution 2024-026 2023 DWQMS Management Review

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke accepts the City of Pembroke 2023 DWQMS Management Review Report.

Carried

b. Resolution 2024-027 Declaration of Illegal and Toxic Drug Use Crisis

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas local businesses, and particularly those in the downtown core, have been directly impacted by the higher incidences of drug crimes and drug-related crimes that increase business losses and expenses and decrease foot traffic and the belief that certain parts of the City of Pembroke are safe and welcoming;

And Whereas residents of, and private properties within, the City of Pembroke have had to endure ongoing harassment and nuisances caused by illegal and toxic drug users, drug trafficking and drug houses, including exposure to toxic drugs and drug paraphernalia;
 And Whereas increased law enforcement efforts are needed to focus on those individuals and criminal organizations that illegally traffic and sell controlled substances and profit off of their drug using victims;

And Whereas all levels of government share in the responsibility to combat illegal and toxic drug use including the federal government's jurisdiction over criminal law and controlled substances, the provincial government's jurisdiction over health care and property regulation, and the municipal government's role in by-law enforcement and the provision of local services including policing and social services;

And Whereas subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides broad jurisdiction to single-tier municipalities in matters relating to:

1. the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality,
2. the health, safety and well-being of persons, and
3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke declare illegal and toxic drug use to be a current crisis within the City of Pembroke;
2. That the City of Pembroke write to the local administrative judges of the Ontario Court of Justice and the Superior Court of Justice in the County of Renfrew, and the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace for the East Region, to advise that illegal and toxic drug use has been declared a current crisis within the City of Pembroke; and
3. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website.

Tabled

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the City of Pembroke Council table Resolution 2024-27.

Councillor Kuehl called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Jacyno, Lafreniere, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Councillor Kuehl, Councillor Plummer

Motion to Table Carried: 5:2

- c. Resolution 2024-028 City of Pembroke Efforts Regarding Illegal and Toxic Drug Use

Motion withdrawn by Councillor Kuehl

Moved by

Seconded by

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increase business losses and expenses and decrease foot traffic and the belief that certain parts of the City of Pembroke are safe and welcoming;

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2. the health, safety and well-being of persons, and
3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the Mayor, or his designee(s), and staff of the City of Pembroke be empowered, and are hereby called upon, to continue to proactively meet with such local, provincial and/or federal officials as is necessary in order to request increased co-operation, funding, resources and law enforcement strategies to combat illegal and toxic drug use, drug-related crime and the proliferation of drug houses within the City of Pembroke and the broader County of Renfrew area; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website.

Motion Withdrawn

- d. Resolution 2024-029 Municipal Request to Federal and Provincial Governments to Provide Resources and Tools to Combat Illegal and Toxic Drug Use

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas increased law enforcement efforts are needed to focus on those individuals and criminal organizations that illegally traffic and sell controlled substances and profit off of their drug using victims;

And Whereas all levels of government share in the responsibility to combat illegal and toxic drug use including the federal government's jurisdiction over criminal law and controlled

substances, the provincial government's jurisdiction over health care and property regulation, and the municipal government's role in by-law enforcement and the provision of local services including policing and social services;

And Whereas subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides broad jurisdiction to single-tier municipalities in matters relating to:

1. the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality,
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3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke calls on the federal and provincial governments to provide local governments and organizations, including municipalities, police forces, health care providers, social service providers and addiction services, with the necessary resources and tools to tackle the ongoing illegal and toxic drug crisis; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website and also forwarded to the Hon. Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Mrs. Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; Mr. John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and Mr. Peter Emon, Warden for the County of Renfrew.

Tabled

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the City of Pembroke Council table Resolution 2024-29.

Councillor Kuehl called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Jacyno, Lafreniere, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Councillor Kuehl, Councillor Plummer

Motion to Table Carried: 5:2

- e. Resolution 2024-030 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

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas increased law enforcement efforts are needed to focus on those individuals and criminal organizations that illegally traffic and sell controlled substances and profit off of their drug using victims;

And Whereas all levels of government share in the responsibility to combat illegal and toxic drug use including the federal government's jurisdiction over criminal law and controlled substances, the provincial government's jurisdiction over health care and property regulation, and the municipal government's role in by-law enforcement and the provision of local services including policing and social services;

And Whereas subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides broad jurisdiction to single-tier municipalities in matters relating to:

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2. the health, safety and well-being of persons, and
3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke calls on the federal government to enact stricter laws, as well as more severe and new sentencing options, concerning those individuals and criminal organizations that engage in the illegal importing, trafficking and sale of controlled substances; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website and also forwarded to the Hon. Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and Mrs. Cheryl Gallant, Member of Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Councillor Lafreniere called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Jacyno, Kuehl Lafreniere, Plummer, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea:

Carried

- f. Resolution 2024-031 Municipal Request to Provincial Government to Enact New Laws and Regulations to Deal with Drug Houses and Other Drug-Related Nuisance Properties

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas increased law enforcement efforts are needed to focus on those individuals and criminal organizations that illegally traffic and sell controlled substances and profit off of their drug using victims;

And Whereas all levels of government share in the responsibility to combat illegal and toxic drug use including the federal government's jurisdiction over criminal law and controlled substances, the provincial government's jurisdiction over health care and property regulation, and the municipal government's role in by-law enforcement and the provision of local services including policing and social services;

And Whereas subsection 10(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides broad jurisdiction to single-tier municipalities in matters relating to:

1. the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality,
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3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas subsection 128(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of council, are or could become or cause public nuisances;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke calls on the provincial government to enact new laws and regulations that will give municipalities and victimized property owners additional, better and more efficient tools to deal with drug houses and other drug-related nuisance properties that are antagonizing and devaluing local neighbourhoods; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website and also forwarded to the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario; the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Mr. John Yakabuski, Member of Provincial Parliament for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah left the room at 8:48 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah returned to the room at 8:50

Councillor Lafreniere called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Kuehl Lafreniere, Plummer, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Councillor Jacyno (abstain)

Carried

- g. Resolution 2024-032 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

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas increased law enforcement efforts are needed to focus on those individuals and criminal organizations that illegally traffic and sell controlled substances and profit off of their drug using victims;

AND WHEREAS all levels of government share in the responsibility to combat illegal and toxic drug use including the federal government's jurisdiction over criminal law and controlled substances, the provincial government's jurisdiction over health care and property regulation, and the municipal government's role in by-law enforcement and the provision of local services including policing and social services;

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And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That a request be made to the Ontario Provincial Police – Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment (Pembroke) to attend before the Council of the City of Pembroke within 90 days 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 (such presentation not to include any operational or investigative techniques or plans that, if disclosed publicly, would hinder policing efforts); and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website.

Councillor Lafreniere called for a recorded vote

Yea: Councillors: Kuehl, Lafreniere, Plummer

Nea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Jacyno, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Defeated 4-3

h. Resolution 2024-033 Request for More Frequent OPP Foot Patrols

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

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And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke requests that the Ontario Provincial Police – Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment (Pembroke) conduct more frequent foot patrols in target areas including, but not limited to, the downtown core; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website

Carried

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the City of Pembroke Council table Resolution 2024-33

Councillor Lafreniere called for a recorded vote

Yea: Councillors: Jacyno, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Kuehl, Lafreniere, Plummer

Motion to Table Defeated 3-4

- i. Resolution 2024-034 Municipal Law Enforcement Measures Regarding Illegal and Toxic Drug Use

Motion withdrawn by Councillor Kuehl

Moved by

Seconded by

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And Whereas subsection 128(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a local municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of council, are or could become or cause public nuisances;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That the City of Pembroke reasonably use any and all lawful enforcement efforts at its disposal to tackle the issues of drug crime, drug-related crime, drug trafficking and the establishment of drug houses in the City of Pembroke including, but not limited to, the application and enforcement of nuisance laws, the passing of any new by-laws or the amending of any existing by-laws (including nuisance by-laws, fouling by-laws, property standards by-laws, etc.), and making referrals as necessary to the OPP for matters relating to the *Criminal Code of Canada*, the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (Canada) and other federal or provincial laws and regulations; and
2. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website.

Withdrawn

- j. Resolution 2024-035 Making Illegal the Littering, Disposing or Deposition of Drugs, Drug Residue or Drug Paraphernalia on Private Property

Motion withdrawn by Councillor Kuehl

There was a duplication of resolution readings as provided in the agenda package and Councillor Kuehl chose to withdraw 2024-035.

Withdrawn

- j. Resolution 2024-036 Community Improvement Plan Grant for the Purchasing of New Security Systems with a Public Benefit and Promotion of the CAMSafe Program

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by

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3. the protection of persons and property;

And Whereas section 28 of the *Planning Act* permits a municipality to adopt a community improvement plan that may provide for community improvements such as the provision of such residential, commercial, industrial, public, recreational, institutional, religious, charitable or other uses, buildings, structures, works, improvements or facilities, or spaces therefor, as may be appropriate or necessary;

And Whereas one of the highest priorities of any municipality must be the safety and security of its residents;

Now Therefore It Is Moved that the City of Pembroke, its elected officials and staff carry out the following actions on behalf of the municipality:

1. That Council directs staff and the Community Improvement Plan Committee to research, develop and propose a new CIP grant that would provide financial assistance to persons or businesses purchasing security systems that would have a public benefit to them including, but not limited to, the installation of outdoor security cameras that could be accessed, if and when needed, by local police or by-law enforcement to assist in the solving of local area crimes;
2. That the City of Pembroke continue to support and promote the use by local residents of the CAMSafe program that allows property owners with security cameras to register their cameras with law enforcement who can then call on the residents for access to their cameras if a crime is committed in their area; and
3. That a copy of this Motion be posted on the City of Pembroke's website.

Tabled

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the City of Pembroke Council table Resolution 2024-36

Councillor Kuehl called for a recorded vote

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Jacyno, Lafreniere, Purcell, Mayor Gervais

Nea: Councillors: Kuehl, Plummer

Motion to Table Carried 5-2

8. Mayor's Report

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

November 8

- Attendance at grand opening Lifemark Health Centre Pembroke in the Pembroke Mall.
- Attendance at official opening of Pembroke Silverstick tournament (celebrating its 40th Anniversary). The tournament is a positive economic driver and Mayor Gervais encourages the community to welcome our visitors with valley charm.

November 11

- Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremony hosted by Pembroke Legion, commended the group for an outstanding service that was well attended

November 14

- Attendance at Horticultural Society Anniversary Gala

November 19

- Attendance at a Community Leaders event hosted by Garrison Petawawa. Had the opportunity to view military training in the training area. The event highlights the importance of ongoing partnership between Garrison Petawawa and local communities.

9. Notices of Motion**10. Councillor Updates**

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Promoted the Pembroke Santa Clause parade Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
- Kiwanis and Rotary club for toy drives and fundraising
- Germania Hall Christmas Kringle event this Saturday

Councillor Purcell

- Warming Centre update – the location for the 2024-2025 winter has changed. A lease has been acquired with the OATC on John Street. The lease will enable the centre to pride a Warming Centre program 24 hours a day 7 days a week. It will be operated by McKay Manor employees with specialized training and experienced. It is anticipated a soft launch of the service for next week. Kudos to the partners in the program Town of Petawawa, Township of Laurentian Valley and the staff involved at the County of Renfrew to address this matter with innovative and sustainable approach.
- Attendance at Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- Attendance at Accessibility Advisory Committee

Deputy Mayor Abdallah left room at 9:42 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah returned at 9:43 p.m.

Councillor Jacyno

- Update on supportive bridge housing at Carefore, construction is progressing as planned

Councillor Kuehl

- November 15 – Sip and Shop at the Best Western, very well attended
- Kiwanis Christmas Extravaganza, successful night and everything raised goes to the toy fundraiser
- Promotion of Deck the Halls Community Showdown, brand new event being put on by the City's recreation team
- Festival Hall events and updates, the RFP process for the facility management is largely completed and there will

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the hour be extended to consider business after 10:00 p.m., as per Section 7.2.6 of the Procedural By-law.

Carried

Councillor Lafreniere

- Promoted the County of Renfrew MESA teams positive work done in the space of outreach to the vulnerable sector of the community and the impact of preventing visits to the emergency room along with providing relevant resources.

11. Closed Session 9:56 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose as per Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, more specifically as it relates to 273 Victoria Street; and a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, as per Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act, more specifically as it relates to former CN Lands/B Trail

Carried**12. Business Arising from the Closed Session 11:15**

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.

13. Confirming By-law

Confirming By-law 27-2024

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 27-2024 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 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

Seconded by

That the November 19, 2024, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 11:16 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk