

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 7, 2025
7:31 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Purcell

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:31 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 – December 17, 2024

Resolution: 25-01-04

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 17, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Finance and Administration Committee Meeting – December 3, 2024

Resolution: 25-01-05

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on December 3 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Planning and Development Committee Meeting – December 3, 2024

Resolution: 25-01-06

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on December 3, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

c. Striking Committee Meeting – December 3, 2024

Resolution: 25-01-07

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Striking Committee meeting held on December 3, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations

6. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Membership Appointments to the Renfrew County Joint Services Committees – Community Services Committee and Health Committee

Resolution 25-01-08

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the City of Pembroke appoint the following individuals to the following committees:

1. County of Renfrew Joint Services – Community Services Committee:
Councillor Jacyno and Mayor Gervais
2. County of Renfrew Joint Services – Health Committee:
Councillor Lafreniere and Councillor Purcell

Carried

8. Proclamations

9. By-laws

a. 2025-02 Borrowing By-law

Resolution: 25-01-09

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2025-02, being a by-law to provide for current borrowing for the City of Pembroke for the year 2025, 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. 2025-03 Interim Tax Levy

Resolution: 25-01-10

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2025-03, being a to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the Year 2025, be adopted and passed;
And Further That the said by-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and sealed with he seal of the Corporation.

Carried

10. Motions

a. 2023 Audited Financial Statements

Resolution: 25-01-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby accept the draft Consolidated Financial Statements presented for the year ended December 31, 2023 as final.

Carried

11. Correspondence

12. Mayor's Report

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

- Welcomed Council and the public into the new year
- December 21, 2024 – Grand opening of Chuck's Roadhouse (with Deputy Mayor Abdallah and Councillor Kuehl), highly recommended the restaurant
- January 1 – Legion Branch 72 New Year's Eve event stating it was a great event.
- January 6 – Warming Centre Meeting (with Councillor Jacyno and CAO Unrau), the meeting informed attendees that the Warming Centre has seen a great amount of collaboration to provide services. Additionally, it has been very busy and there are plans for an open house later in the month.
- It was noted with deep sadness that Former Councillor of the City of Pembroke Joyce Moore Cowan has passed away despite a courageous battle with cancer. The Mayor stated that Joyce was very community minded and involved in many things such as the Kiwanis Music festival.

13. Notices of Motion

14. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- December 14 – Attendance of Supples Landing Seniors Centre Christmas concert that the city sponsors each year through the Parks and Recreation Budget, the event was well done and enjoyed by all.
- Upcoming attendance at the ROMA Conference at the end of the month with delegations to a number of ministries.

Councillor Kuehl

- Advised that Dorian Pearce has taken over management of Festival Hall. Later this month, Descendants the Musical will be taking place at the end of January and run through the beginning of February.

- Festivalhall.ca is the new website with events on the calendar going into the fall
- Also, a new social media Facebook page is now new and up and running (Festival Hall at L'Équinoxe)

Councillor Lafreniere

- Extended a thank you to all who sponsored free skates over the holidays. They were well attended and appreciated personally and by the community.

15. Closed Session

16. Business Arising from Closed Session

17. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-04

Resolution: 25-01-12

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2022-04 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 7, 2025, 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

18. Adjournment

Resolution: 25-01-13

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the January 7, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk