



Agenda

Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
Council Chambers

Following Planning and Development Committee

(This meeting is live streamed on the [City's YouTube page](#) or it can be viewed on YourTV Community Channel 12)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Prayer/Reflection**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**
4. **Minutes**
 - i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Special Meeting of Council – January 21, 2025
 - b. Regular Meeting of Council- January 21, 2025
 - ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Planning and Development Committee Meeting – January 7, 2025
5. **Delegations and Presentations**
6. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**
7. **Staff and Committee Reports**
8. **Proclamations**
 - a. Black History Month – February 2025
 - b. Wear Red Day – February 13, 2025
9. **By-laws**
10. **Motions**
 - a. Resolution 2025-02-04 Social and Economic Prosperity Review
11. **Correspondence**
12. **Mayor's Report**
13. **Notices of Motion**

14. Councillor Updates

15. Closed Session

- That City of Pembroke Council convene in Closed Session with authorized staff remaining in the room, pursuant to the following section of the Municipal Act, 2001:

1. Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

More specifically as it relates to:

- a. 273 Victoria Street – Legal Update
- b. Ottawa River Power Corporation – Governance Structure – Legal Update

16. Business Arising from Closed Session

- Pecuniary Interests Declared
- Statement Resulting from Closed Session

17. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-07

18. Adjournment

City of Pembroke Special Council Meeting Draft Minutes

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 21, 2025
5:00 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. 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/Deputy Clerk (virtual)
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 5:03 p.m.

3. Opening Prayer or Reflection

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

5. Closed Session

Resolution 25-01-14:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Section 239(2)(e) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or board.
More specifically as it relates to:
273 Victoria Street

Carried

6. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Gervais indicated that a Council in Caucus meeting was held. Staff was given direction. There were no pecuniary interests declared.

7. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 05-2025

Resolution 2025-01-15:

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 05-2025 to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council of January 21, 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

8. Adjournment

Resolution 2025-01-16:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the January 21, 2025, Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk

Draft City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 21, 2025
7:48 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 (virtual)
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:48 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 – January 7, 2025

Resolution: 25-01-17

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 7, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Operations Committee – December 17, 2024

Resolution: 25-01-18

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on December 17, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. **Delegations and Presentations**
6. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**
7. **Staff and Committee Reports**

b. Transportation Master Plan

Resolution: 25-01-18

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the City of Pembroke Council generally adopt the Transportation Master Plan East West Traffic 2024 completed by Paradigm Consulting as a guiding document for the Operations Department by defining key projects, subject to development, staffing capabilities and annual budget approvals.

Notwithstanding the general acceptance of the Transportation Masterplan East West Traffic 2024, the City of Pembroke Council opposes the inclusion of the Matheson Drive Connection.

Carried

8. **Proclamations**

Mayor Gervais proclaimed the week of February 2-8, 2025, White Cane Week in the City of Pembroke.
9. **By-laws**
10. **Motions**
 - a. Establishment of Ontario Rural Road Safety Program
Resolution: 25-01-19
Moved by Councillor Purcell
Seconded by Councillor Kuehl
Whereas the Corporation of the City of Pembroke supports the request that the province establish an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program; and
Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;
And Whereas, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
And Whereas, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
And Whereas, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural healthcare system;
And Whereas, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
Therefore, Be It Resolved That the City of Pembroke requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

Further That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

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):

- January 8 – attendance at the Kiwanis Club ribbon cutting for the new lift at their building. The lift makes their second floor accessible. The Kiwanis club presented the City with a cheque for \$50,000 toward the project.
- January 11 – ceremonial puck drop at a Valley Warriors hockey game.
- Update on the Police Service Board's initiatives in 2024
- Pembroke Handibus update

13. Notices of Motion

14. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Attendance ROMA conference with Councillor Kuehl and CAO Unrau. Participated in a number of delegations that were successful, insightful and productive
- It was stated that municipal partnerships are important to lower costs and provide services
- A thank you to John Yakabuski (MPP) and his support

Councillor Kuehl

- Attendance at Festival Hall's first volunteer meet and greet
- Update on Descendants performances and dates at Festival Hall
- Reminder that Festival Hall has a new website www.festivalhall.ca under the new management and it is recommended the public visit the website to get information on events and support the arts and Festival Hall
- ROMA update:
 - Delegation concerning recruitment and retention of skilled and professional trades, skilled trades, medical services
 - Delegation for new and better tools to deal with drug houses and the need for better nuisance tools to effectively deal with challenges.

Councillor Lafreniere

- Highlights from the Renfrew County Health Committee:
 - Goals to have 600 in person interactions was achieved
 - 40% of the individuals have called 911 and

- There has been achieved success in assisting individuals experiencing homelessness
- The County is striving to provide services county needs at an affordable rate.

Councillor Jacyno

- Kudos to Councillors Purcell and Lafreniere and their group successful partnership with the MESA team along with The Renfrew County Paramedics led by Mike Nolan
- Renfrew County Housing Authority has some plans to deconstruct buildings that there is a Plan in place to remove buildings beyond repair

Councillor Purcell

- Statistics from the Health Committee covered in detail starting at approximately 8:11 p.m. on the YouTube meeting recording
- Operations at Warming Centre are reported to be working well and when numbers are received Council will receive an update. The close connection with treatment centre in the front of the Warming Centre is a good fit and people are attending treatments.

15. Closed Session – 8:24 p.m.

Resolution: 25-01-20

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That City of Pembroke Council convene in Closed Session with authorized staff remaining in the room, pursuant to the following section of the Municipal Act, 2001:

1. Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of lands by the municipality or local Board.

More specifically as it relates to:

- Tree Disposal Facility

Councillor Kuehl called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillor Ed Jacyno, Mayor Ron Gervais

Nea: Councillors: Kuehl, Lafreniere, Purcell,

Defeated 3:3

There was concern iterated by staff and some Council members over presenting the report in its entirety in open session as there were elements that could pose liability to future land strategies proposed by City staff. The Mayor called for the confirming by-law. Staff and Council will work together to strategize on how to present report material at a future Council meeting.

16. Business Arising from Closed Session

17. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-06

Resolution: 25-01-21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2022-06 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 21, 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: 25-01-22

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the January 21, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk

Draft Planning & Development Committee Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 7, 2025
6:00 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Purcell

Also, Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk
Colleen Sauriol, Director of Planning, Building and By-law Enforcement

Councillor Kuehl called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Resolution: PD25-01-01

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Mayor Gervais

That the agenda of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of January 7, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Resolution: PD25-01-02

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

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

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

7. New Business

a. Bill 185 – Lapsing of Draft Plan of Subdivision

Director Sauriol presented the report as information. A discussion was held and the following points were raised:

- Committee expressed frustration over the number of vacant lots with potential for development
- Optimistic that the new legislation will assist in movement on lots poised for development.

8. Adjournment

Resolution PD25-01-03:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Mayor Gervais

That the Planning & Development Committee meeting of January 7, 2025, adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

Carried

By virtue of the power vested in me

I Do Hereby Declare

February 2025

as

Black History Month

in the City of Pembroke.

Whereas on December 14, 1995, Jean Augustine, the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, requested and received the unanimous agreement of the House of Commons on her motion to declare February Black History Month in Canada; and

Whereas during Black History Month we commemorate, celebrate, and recognize the achievements of Canadians of African descent and recognize their rights to equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination in Canada; and

Whereas Black History Month continues to provide the City of Pembroke with the opportunity to celebrate the contributions and vital role that Canadians of African descent have made to strengthen the social and cultural mosaic of our community, province, and country.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Ron Gervais, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2025 as Black History Month in the City of Pembroke.

Dated in the Mayor's Office this 4th day of February 2025

Ron Gervais
Mayor, City of Pembroke

By virtue of the power vested in me

I Do Hereby Declare

February 13, 2025

as

Wear Red Canada Day

in the City of Pembroke.

Whereas Heart disease is the number one killer of women worldwide and the leading cause of premature death for Canadian women, a fact unknown to many women and their healthcare providers; and

Whereas The Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance is an organization of volunteer health professionals and patients working hard to improve women's heart health; and

Whereas Wear Red Canada Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness for all Canadians, but especially Canadian women, to be mindful, curious, and proactive in the management of their heart health and wellness; and

Whereas We want to see better prevention, diagnosis, and care, and fewer women dying prematurely from heart disease.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Ron Gervais, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2025, as "Wear Red Canada Day" in the City of Pembroke.

Dated in the Mayor's Office this 4th day of February 2025

Ron Gervais
Mayor, City of Pembroke



The Corporation of the City of Pembroke Pembroke, Ontario

Date: 2025-02-04

Resolution No: 2025-02-04

Moved by: Councillor Ed Jacyno

Seconded by:

Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life; and

Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year; and

Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation; and

Whereas, unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure; and

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises; and

Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity; and

Whereas property taxpayers including people on fixed incomes and small businesses can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need; and

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities; and

Whereas municipalities and the Provincial Government have a strong history of collaboration.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

Mayor