

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
April 15, 2025
7:18 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair
Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
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 7:18 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Councillor Kuehl 9.a (730 Cecelia Street)

Councillor Kuehl stated that he had a prior meeting with the developer (Mr. Menard) relating to a purchase of another property (not the property in question), therefore a prior relationship exists between the two. Although the prior relationship does not constitute a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, Councillor Kuehl declared a perceived conflict of interest.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – April 1, 2025

Resolution 25-04-08

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 1, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Operations Committee – March 18, 2025

Resolution 25-04-09

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on March 18, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

5. Delegations and Presentations

6. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

7. Staff and Committee Reports

8. Proclamations

- a. Earth Week – April 22-27, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed April 22-27, 2025, Earth Week in the City of Pembroke.

- a. Emergency Preparedness Week – May 4-10, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed May 4-10, 2025, Emergency Preparedness Week in the City of Pembroke.

9. By-laws

- a. By-law 2025-39 Rezoning of 730 Cecelia Street

Resolution 25-04-10

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That By-law 2025-39 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

Councillor Kuehl removed himself from the Council table at 7:23 p.m. for the vote of by-law 2025-39. Councillor Kuehl stated conflict of interest on this item as described in section 3 of the minutes agenda.

Comments were made by members of Council regarding the context of the by-law. Statements can be viewed in full by watching the recording of the meeting on the City's YouTube page at a time stamp of approximately 7:23 p.m.

Councillor Kuehl returned to the Council table at 7:43 p.m.

- b. By-law 2025-40 Rezoning of 570 Almira Street

Resolution 25-04-11

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2025-40 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

- c. By-law 2025-41 Agreement for Contract Extension with Bearinvest Ltd. for Brundage Farm Subdivision

Resolution 25-04-12

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2025-41, a By-law to authorize the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with Bearinvest Ltd., 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. By-law 2025-42 Highway 148 Reconstruction Agreement

Resolution 25-04-13

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2025-42, a By-law to authorize the entering into an agreement for the rehabilitation of a portion of the King's Highway 148 (Angus Campbell Drive to Greenwood Road) between the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and 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**10. Motions****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):

- April 4 – attendance at a 90th birthday celebration for Costantino Riccardo.
- April 4 – attendance at open house event for Battlefield (11958 Round Lake Road, Pembroke).
- April 5 – participation with the Pancake Breakfast event organized by the Pembroke Firefighter Association and Pembroke Handi-Bus. Well run and attended. Extended a thanks to the Firefighter Association in hosting the event that was a fundraiser for the Pembroke Handi-Bus.
- April 12 – attendance at a Legion ceremony at Memorial Cenotaph Park.
- April 12 – attendance at County of Renfrew Regional Science Fair.
- April 15 – attendance at the Grand Opening of Toppers Pizza (1053 Pembroke Street East).
- Shared information about the County of Renfrew Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) as shared by the County of Renfrew. Mayor Gervais highlighted the notion of \$10 a day daycare presentation and the lack of positions in Renfrew County. The County continues to address the province in order to further push this initiative for residents.

13. Notices of Motion**14. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Lafreniere

- Civic Youth Awards deadline for submissions is April 28. Councillor Lafreniere encouraged members of the public to nominate anyone they think may fit the criteria.
- More information on the Civic and Youth awards can be found on the City of Pembroke website.

Councillor Kuehl

- April 3rd – attended waterfront advisory committee update. This year is the 25th year anniversary of Pembroke Waterfront. The public can look forward to some special commemorative events in the upcoming months.
- Attendance at the Firefighters Association/Handi Bus Pancake Breakfast. The two groups were commended for all of the positive work they do in the community.
- April 6 – volunteered at Festival Hall Australian Bee Gees event. It was well attended and organized.
- Listed upcoming events that are to take place at Festival Hall and can be found in detail at www.festivalhall.ca

Councillor Purcell

- Attendance at the Friends of the Pool Trivia night – kudos to a great event.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Extended thanks to Councillor Kuehl on all the great work he has done and continues to do in support of Festival Hall.
- April 12 - Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Museum Centre fundraiser. Extended a big thanks to all who helped bring the event together.
- Pembroke.ca Earth Week Details and other great prizes to be won. Clean up kits can be picked up while they last at the Parks and Recreation office (located at the Pembroke Memorial Centre) or the Pembroke Public Library April 14-23.
- Next community watch meeting Monday May 5 at Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. all encouraged to come.

15. Closed Session**16. Business Arising from Closed Session****17. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 2025-43

Resolution: 25-04-14

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2025-43 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 15, 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: 25-04-15

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the April 15, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk