



# Agenda

## Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Council Chambers

Following Operations Committee Meeting

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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 – May 6, 2025
    - b. Regular Meeting of Council – May 6, 2025
  - ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
    - a. Parks and Recreation Committee – February 18, 2025
    - b. Operations Committee – April 15, 2025
  - iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
    - Pembroke Heritage Murals – May 7, 2025
5. **Delegations and Presentations**
6. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**
7. **Staff and Committee Reports**
8. **Proclamations**
  - a. National Public Works Week – May 18-24, 2025
  - b. National AccessAbility Week – May 25-31, 2025
9. **By-laws**
  - a. 2025-47 Sale of Land – 730 Cecelia Street
10. **Motions**
  - a. 2025-05-18 Request to Exempt City of Pembroke from Strong Mayor Powers

11. **Correspondence**
12. **Mayor's Report**
13. **Notices of Motion**
14. **Councillor Updates**
15. **Closed Session**
16. **Business Arising from Closed Session**
17. **Confirming By-law**
  - Confirming By-law 2025-48
18. **Adjournment**

# City of Pembroke Special Council Meeting

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

## 1. Land Acknowledgement

## 2. 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/Deputy Clerk  
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk  
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Director of Corporate

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:03 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 6:04 p.m.

### Resolution: 25-05-01

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah  
Seconded by Councillor Purcell

- a. Section 239(2)(f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, more specifically relating to the Ottawa River Transit

**Carried**

## 6. Business Arising from Closed Session 6:29 p.m.

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

## 7. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-44

### Resolution: 25-05-02

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2025-44 to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council of May 6, 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: 25-05-03**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the May 6, 2025, Special Meeting of Council adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

**Carried**

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau  
Municipal Clerk

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
May 6, 2025  
10:48 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 10:48 p.m.

Suspension of the Rules – Extending the Time of Council Meeting to Consider Business

### Resolution: 25-05-01

Subject to section 2.4 of Procedural By-Law 202-61 that the rules and regulations contained herein may be suspended in order to extend the length of the Council meeting dated May 6, 2025 past 10:00 p.m. to consider business.

Moved By Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

### Carried

## 2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

The Mayor disclosed a perceived pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 7.a and 9.a (By-law 2025-45) – both connected to sale of land as his business partner, Robert Sheppard acts for the Renfrew County Catholic School Board.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council – April 15, 2025

### Resolution: 25-05-02

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 15, 2025, be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Planning and Development Committee Meeting – April 1, 2025  
**Resolution: 25-05-03**  
Moved by Councillor Kuehl  
Seconded by Councillor Plummer  
That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on April 1, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
**Carried**
  - b. Finance and Administration Committee  
**Resolution: 25-05-04**  
Moved by Councillor Kuehl  
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere  
That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held on March 4, 2025 be adopted as circulated.  
**Carried**
- iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
  - Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – April 2, 2025  
**Resolution 25-05-05**  
Moved by Councillor Jacyno  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah  
That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee meeting held on April 2, 2025, be adopted as circulated.  
**Carried**

## 5. Delegations and Presentations

- grade 5/6 class from Cathedral Elementary school recently visited City Hall and the students had engaging conversations with the Mayor and herself. The students also presented poems that wrote about Pembroke.
- This week, Councillor Lafreniere read a poem from one of the students.
- Councillor Lafreniere will be featuring the poems from the students at each Council meeting to display the community pride and talents of Pembroke youth. Readings of the poems can be viewed on the meeting recordings on the City's YouTube page.

## 6. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations

## 7. Staff and Committee Reports

**Mayor Gervais left the table 10:51 p.m.**

**Deputy Mayor Abdallah assumed role of Chair**

- a. Planning and Development Committee – Declare Parcel at the end of Horace Street Surplus

**Resolution: 25-05-06**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke declares the following lands as surplus and gives notice of the proposed sale of the said lands:

1. A parcel of land at the end of Horace Street opened road allowance. The land to be sold is legally described as Part Lot 200, Plan 103; Park Lot 15, Concession 1,

Pembroke, as in PMC 19985, Between R329706 and PMC 30163, the Indian River and Horace Street, Plan 103; City of Pembroke and being all of PIN #57164-0298 (LT). The lot is zoned "Open Space-s – OS-s". This lot is classified as non-viable.

**Carried**

**Mayor Gervais returned the chair at 10:55 p.m.**

- b. Planning and Development Committee – Sale of Julien Street and Almira Street  
Unopened Road Allowances

**Resolution: 25-05-07**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by councillor Lafreniere

The Corporation of the City of Pembroke declares the following lands as surplus and gives notice of the proposed sale of the said lands:

Whereas, the City of Pembroke Planning and Building Committee has reviewed the unopened road allowances located at Julien Street and Almira Street; and

Whereas these unopened road allowances are no longer required for municipal purposes; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Pembroke Council declares the Julien Street and Almira Street unopened road allowances as surplus lands; and

That Council gives notice of its intent to permanently stop up and close the said unopened road allowance at its meeting of May 6, 2025; and

That City staff send a letter to the abutting property owners of the non-viable portion of Julien Street advising of Council's intent to declare the lands surplus and to add the lands to the City's surplus land inventory available on the municipal website; and

Further That a subsequent report be brought forward following the completion of the 20-day public comment period, recommending the sale of the two parcels of land together with a proposed development agreement.

**Carried**

**8. Proclamations**

- a. Community Living Month – May 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed May 2025 Community Living Month in the City of Pembroke.

**Mayor Gervais vacated the position of Chair.**

**Deputy Mayor Abdallah Assumed Chair. 10:58 p.m.**

**9. By-laws**

- a. 2025-45 Authorize Sale of Land at End of Horace Street to Renfrew County Catholic School Board

**Resolution: 25-05-08**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2025-45, being a by-law to authorize the proposed sale of lands, 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**

**Mayor Gervais assumed chair at 11:00 p.m.**

**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 22- Earth Week tree planting event in Coronation Park with MPP and members of Horticultural Society
- April 24 – Kiwanis Club of Pembroke's Charter Night celebrating 103 years.
- April 26 – Renfrew County ATV AGM
- April 26 – Germania Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala
- April 28 – Renfrew and District Labour Council ceremony to commemorate worker's who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards
- Information item and highlight – the Warming Center committee meeting was held April 28. Extended a thank you to Councillor Purcell's leadership and involvement with the very complex file.
- Information item and highlight – Ontario is proposing changes through the Municipal Accountability Act, 2025 that would enable the creation of a new standardized municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province.

**13. Notices of Motion**

- a. Request to Exempt the city of Pembroke from Strong Mayors Powers

**Deputy Mayor Abdallah provided a notice on the following motion. The motion will be placed on the as per section 9.3.2 will be deliberated at the May 20, 2025 Council meeting**

Request the Province of Ontario Not Apply Strong Mayors Powers to the City of Pembroke  
Whereas the Province of Ontario has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities, including the City of Pembroke, effective May 1, 2025;

And Whereas these powers grant the head of Council significant unilateral authority over key municipal functions, such as appointing the Chief Administrative Officer, hiring and dismissing department heads, establishing and dissolving committees, preparing and presenting the municipal budget, and vetoing by-law that may conflict with provincial priorities;

And Whereas the City of Pembroke has a longstanding tradition of collaborative and transparent governance, with Council decisions made collectively to best represent the interests and priorities of the local community;

And Whereas Pembroke City Council is concerned that the introduction of strong mayor powers could diminish the role of council, undermine local democratic principles, and disrupt established practices that ensure accountability, transparency and responsiveness to the unique needs of Pembroke residents;

And Whereas many elected officials and members of the public across Ontario have expressed significant concerns regarding the imposition of these powers without local consultation of consent;

And Whereas the City of Pembroke did not request, nor express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework;



And Whereas a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are calling for reconsideration, amendment, or repeal of the Strong Mayor system, emphasizing the important of local autonomy and decision-making;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pembroke formally rejects the application of strong mayor powers to the municipality, and respectfully requests that the Premiere of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the City of Pembroke from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation, thereby exempting the City from the application of strong may powers as outlined in the proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 530/22 under the Municipal Act;

And Further Requests that the Province of Ontario repeal the strong mayor legislation, or at a minimum, provide municipalities with the explicit option to opt out of the strong mayor powers framework, ensuring that local governance structures reflect the preferences and needs of individual communities;

Be It Further Resolved That this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Billy Denault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and support.

**Carried**

#### **14. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Kuehl

- Thanks to the Mayor Gervais for agreeing to fly the Canadian Red Ensign flag in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day, which marked the end of the Second World War in Europe on May 8, 1945.
- Festival Hall events over the weekend (Garth and Shania and listed a number of upcoming events to be held at Festival Hall, tickets of dance shows are almost sold out – tickets can be purchased at [www.festivalhall.ca](http://www.festivalhall.ca) )
- Indicated that a report on Festival Hall revenue generation is expected to come in the near future

Councillor Purcell

- Ontario experiencing significant measles outbreak. Renfrew County Health Unit has identified potential public exposure as of April 15, mostly occurring in Renfrew. If you are exposed monitor your symptoms closely.
- reach out to health care or primary care physician by phone call if you suspect you may
- More detailed information on this topic can be found by watching the YouTube recording of the meeting at approximately 11:09 p.m. time stamp.

Councillor Jacyno

- Attendance at Petawawa change of command event

**15. Closed Session 11:16 p.m.**

**Resolution 25-05-09**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

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)(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

**Carried**

**16. Business Arising from Closed Session 11:24 p.m.**

Mayor Gervais indicated that there was a closed session held earlier. There were no pecuniary interests declared.

**17. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 2025-46

**Resolution: 25-05-10**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2022-46 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 6, 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: 25-05-11**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the May 6, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

**Carried**

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau  
Municipal Clerk

# **Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
February 18, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

## **1. Land Acknowledgement**

## **2. Call to Order**

### **Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer  
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk  
Jordan Durocher, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Elijah McKeown, Tourism & Digital Media Officer  
Heather Sutherland, Economic Development and Communications Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

## **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests disclosed.

## **4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**

### **Resolution PR 2025-02-01**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the agenda of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of February 18, 2025, be approved as amended.

**Carried**

## **5. Approval of Minutes**

- Parks & Recreation Committee – October 15, 2024

### **Resolution PR 2025-02-02**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting of October 15, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**7. Presentations/Delegations****a. Friends of Regional Pool**

Kathleen Mottershead was in attendance to provide an update from the Friends of Regional Pool Committee. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- It was addressed that a staff report on the project is forth coming respecting the overall pool project – to determine future steps required for a community pool facility.
- It was also noted that an additional report is anticipated from the P3/ Sportsplex committee.
- The Sportsplex committee is engaged in receiving some design concepts that include several different amenities with various amenities and associated in different models with different price points for consideration.
- It was mentioned that one of the challenges faced by the Friends of the Regional Pool group is that donors have expressed concerns about wanting to ensure there is commitment to a long-term operational pool facility before donating funds.
- Fiscal responsibility of Council and the Friends of the Pool Committee was stated as paramount.
- It was stated that there is a need for a plan with noted direction moving forward complete with projected timelines and milestones.

**b. Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Update**

Inspector Stephan Neufeld was in attendance to provide an update from the Upper Ottawa Valley Ontario Provincial Police. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- It was discussed during the presentation that more specific statistics will be presented at a later date once they have been vetted/verified by the OPP.
- Noted that the collaborative efforts between the OPP, MESA program and City are helping to address social issues, and it has been noted by some business owners.
- Highlighted the involvement of the OPP in community strategies and working groups and strengthening partnerships to address a number of social issues within the community.

**8. Business Arising from Minutes****9. New Business****a. Community Recreation Grant Policy**

Director Durocher presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- A question was posed regarding due diligence on behalf of City staff to ensure applicants and in good standing with the city prior to receiving a grant from the city (no outstanding invoices or amounts owing etc.)
- In the future, potentially explore opportunity for multiple intakes of applications for funding throughout the year.
- Next year, if budget permits, explore opportunities to expand this program (if warranted) based on interest received in 2025.

- It was noted that the fee waiver is welcomed and appreciated for efficiency of time/delegated authority.
- The potential for collaboration with the Tourism Committee to determine if MAT tax dollars could assist with this initiative. It was recommended that a collaborative effort to work with the Tourism Committee (through a review sub-committee process) to review applications and recommend grant approvals for the program.

DIRECTION: That the Director of Parks and Recreation bring back a report providing summary on how the community grant program performed in Fall 2025

**Resolution PR 2025-02-03**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Parks and Recreation Committee endorse and recommend to Council the approval of a Community Recreation Grant Policy to support community partners providing programs and recreation services to the residents of the City of Pembroke, as presented.

**Carried**

b. Municipal Significance Designation at Festival Hall

Mr. McKeown presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- For efficiency of operations, suggested that the CAO (and/or designate) be provided with delegated authority to deem events within the city as municipally significant for the purposes of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit through the AGCO

DIRECTION: Delegation authority to the CAO to deem events in the City as *municipally significant*. In order to keep Council apprised, the CAO can send information via e-mail to Council as matters arise.

**Resolution PR 2025-02-04**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the Parks and Recreation Committee endorse and recommend to Council the following resolution:

Whereas hosting events that contribute to the local economy, arts, and tourism sectors is supported by the City of Pembroke; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) requires that events seeking Special Occasion Permits (SOPs) be designated as municipally significant by the local municipality; and

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby designates delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), or their designate, to deem events in the City of Pembroke as municipally significant effective immediately for the purposes of obtaining Special Occasion Permits.

**Carried**

c. CIP Request for A-1085 Pembroke Street West

Economic Development and Communications Officer Sutherland presented the report.

**Resolution PR 2025-02-05**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the Parks and Recreation Committee approve \$1,185 be granted to Michelle Van Dromme, tenant of A-1085 Pembroke Street West, for the Community Improvement Plan Façade Improvement Grant, as presented.

**Carried**

**10. Adjournment**

**Resolution PR 2025-02-06**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the February 18, 2025, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

**Carried**

# Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
April 15, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

## 1. Land Acknowledgement

## 2. Call to Order

### Present:

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

### Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk  
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk  
Brian Lewis, Director of Operations

## 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

## 4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

### Resolution OPS 25-04-01

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere  
Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the agenda of the Operations Committee meeting of April 15, 2025, be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## 5. Approval of Minutes

a. Operations Committee – March 18, 2025

### Resolution OPS 25-04-02

Moved by Councillor Jacyno  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting of March 18, 2025, be approved as circulated.

**Carried**

## 6. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## 7. Presentations and Delegations

a. Mayor's Award

Mayor Gervais presented Lou and Lisa Hammill with the Mayor's Award. The award was presented with Mayor Gervais highlighting the numerous amounts of community enriching acts and endeavours the Hammill's have done for Pembroke without want or need for recognition. Mayor Gervais stated that the Mayor's award is being presented to them in honour and a thank you for all of their meaningful contributions to the City of Pembroke.

b. Pembroke Legion Crosswalk

Legion President Stan Halliday, and Rick Powers were in attendance to provide an overview of a legion crosswalk. Conversation regarding the commemorative crosswalk highlights included:

- It was asked if the proposed Pembroke crosswalk would reflect the recommendation template for crosswalks as posted on the "legion website"
- It was responded that the Pembroke legion would look into the recommended design and work with the proposed painting company to get an updated quote for service
- Questions regarding accessibility, do they meet accessibility requirements for crosswalks?
- Concerns about asking the municipality to fund the crosswalk in part, as the other themed crosswalk was not funded by the City.
- It was asked that if the public was interested in making a donation toward the crosswalk how would the public donate?
- Response included that members of the public can drop off cheques to City Hall or the Pembroke Legion.

**8. New Business**

a. Veteran's Crosswalk Proposal

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- It was noted that the proposed crosswalk design meets Ontario Traffic Manual regulations.

At the request of Councillor Kuehl, the question was split and considered as two separate motions.

**Resolution OPS 25-04-03**

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the City of Pembroke Operations Committee approves the installation of a durable line marking crosswalk to honor Canadian Veterans, at the intersection of Pembroke Street East and Mackay Street.

**Carried**

**Resolution OPS 25-04-04**

Moved by Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That City of Pembroke Operations Committee approve a cost sharing agreement with the City's contribution being 50% to a maximum of \$5,000 funded from the Traffic Control O&M budget.

**Carried**

b. Horace Street Petition – Second Entrance to BSCHS

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:



- Resolution to formally declare land surplus will come at a later meeting if Council agrees with the process in principle in order to proceed.
- Questions regarding the anticipated evening traffic for special events and if this element of added traffic has been considered
- It was responded that some special events will incur minimal additional traffic. The school board will be promoting Carmody street as the primary entrance for those events.
- Discussions surrounding how the second entrance will be used to serve an entire school population to increase emergency management efforts.
- Liability to the City of Pembroke if a safety issue occurred at the school that could have been mitigated by a second entrance to the property was also discussed.

**Resolution OPS 25-04-05**

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Operations Committee approve the concept in principle of a second entrance to Bishop Smith Catholic High School (BSCHS) at the north end of Horace Street; and

That the City of Pembroke Operations Committee deems the 0.85 acres of City lands adjacent to the school as surplus non-viable lands; and that the City looks for cost recovery from the school board in regards to the purchase of the surplus property.

**Carried**

**9. Adjournment****Resolution OPS 25-04-06**

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee meeting of April 15, 2025, adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

**Carried**

## Pembroke Heritage Murals© since 1989

May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances: no quorum.

This is a **Report** on our current affairs in lieu of Minutes. Jane Kielman & Pam Dempsey met briefly on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance:** No activity in April

### **Business Arising:**

Jane & Pam met Joe Brown April 23<sup>rd</sup> at **'The Timber Raft'** to discuss cutting back brush at the back of the mural. Joe said it has been discussed. The **'Farmers Market'** mural site was cleared last year by a Stittsville company at a cost of \$8,000.00. This site would cost a lot more. Pam explained this area is not really safe as there is a lot of old concrete, boulders etc under the brush due to building the skateboard park. It's difficult to navigate, especially when we need to turn the power on at the rear. Pam will provide Joe with photos of the site being developed so he can see where the power source came from. He can borrow our key for the power source if needed as well as the keys for the light cages in front.

**'Champlain Trail':** Still waiting for a reply from property owner re permission to repair this mural. Letter sent March 24<sup>th</sup>. Pam will go to the tech store at mural's address this week and hopefully speak to husband of property owner.

**'At The Ready':** Property owner finally reached [letter 03/24] by phone. He expects written proof that PHM has liability insurance and wants a security clearance certificate for WSIB before he gives permission to repair this mural. Pam stated we are covered under the City's insurance: he wants written proof. Pam contacted Dave Unrau with our situation, he passed it on to Treasury Dept. Marsha Hawthorne has been helpful: we are waiting for City's insurer to provide liability info and anything on WSIB that would be helpful.

**Donation of Original Paintings:** Donations are complete.

04/07 **'The Town Smithy' & 'S.J. Webb Bakery'** were donated to Miramichi Lodge.

04/11 **'The Irish Play'** was donated to the Knights of Columbus.

05/05 **'The Old Gas Pump' & 'The Grocer'** were donated to Supples Landing Retirement Residence.

Jane delivered 100 postcards for each of the paintings the following received the days leading up to Easter, for Residents and Members to enjoy: Miramichi Lodge [see above]; UOV Community Living – **'Living Our Community Dreams'**; Carefor Civic Complex – **'A Century of Service 1996-1997'**; since Easter postcards accompanied paintings to Supples Landing [see above].

### **Other:**

We have requested two boxes of the second edition of the Guidebook from Elijah. It will have Algonquin College's **'Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging'** mural as #36. This has been added to the PHM mural descriptions Web site by Elijah. We need to have French translation of the description.

Jane suggested we ask for a half box of Z Cards as well. Elijah will deliver Guidebooks to Pam's house.

**'CPR Water Tower'** painting, not the model: no report

**Cogeco:** No reply from head office re our second request to finish painting the west wall adjacent to **'The Great fire of 1918'**.

**Souvenirs for Promotion:** April 30<sup>th</sup> Dennis, Jane & Pam went to Giant Tiger second floor, where souvenirs are stored. A significant amount was retrieved plus we estimated inventory remaining at GT. We have given Claudia a considerable amount of souvenirs for the Parks & Recreation Dept's upcoming events including: **'Pembroke Farmers Market 1890-1940'** history booklets; 100 each of 12 postcards; **'Old Time Fiddling & Stepdancing'** prints.

Mayor Gervais received ten limited edition prints of **'Pembroke's Swallows-Canada's Capistrano'** to be used as gifts.

At April's meeting, Jane pointed out the OVTA's 2025 road map brochure has a part image of the **'Champlain Trail'** mural on the front cover. There is no credit for the Artist or PHM and no Title of the mural. Pam emailed Melissa Marquardt stating this image is in breach of Copyright. She replied they paid a photographer for this so no breach. Pam expressed her dismay that an organization like OVTA has no knowledge of Copyright Law and suggested they look up **'Works of Art'** under **Canada's Copyright Law**.

Pam requested that on their website OVTA put a notice giving credit to the Artist, PHM plus the Title of the mural [provided it for them]. Not done. If OVTA had asked to use a mural image, we would have given them permission and provided an image at no cost. The PHM Committee always work with local and area organizations, businesses etc and provides images for them at no cost. Copyright must be respected.

### **New Business:**

Jane asked for more labels to put on **'Marching Toward The Millennium'** brochures. Jane stocks the 'Millennium' mailbox weekly: Z Cards and the Guidebooks are picked up quickly.

Jane & Pam planned new Guidebooks to deliver: 75 to Supples Landing; 30 each for Carefor Civic Complex & Miramichi Lodge.

\*Elijah will add a half box of Z Cards to the Guidebook delivery. ***Thank You***

By virtue of the power vested in me

I Do Hereby Declare

The week of

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

**as "National Public Works Week"**

in the City of Pembroke.

**Whereas** public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people of the City of Pembroke; and

**Whereas** these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our City's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our rate payers; and

**Whereas** it is in the public interest for the rate payers, municipal leaders, and youth of the City of Pembroke to gain knowledge of and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

**Whereas** it be promoted to Ontario's youth that a career in municipal public works is varied and rewarding, regardless of whether a student is planning on attending college or university, or wants to join the workforce right after high school, there are many opportunities in public works.

**Whereas** the year 2025 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the Canadian Public Works Association.

**Now Therefore**, I, Ron Gervais, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as National Public Works Week. I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and advancing quality of life for all.

Dated in the Mayor's Office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Ron Gervais  
Mayor, City of Pembroke

By virtue of the power vested in me

I Do Hereby Declare

May 25 - 31, 2024

as **"National AccessAbility Week"**

in the City of Pembroke.

**Whereas** National AccessAbility Week was established in 1987 following Rick Hanson's 40,000 km Man in Motion Tour; and

**Whereas** National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion; and

**Whereas** one in five working-age Canadians have at least one disability. Many persons living with disabilities face barriers in the areas of employment, information and technology, transportation, housing, education and recreations; and

**Whereas** we all benefit from a society and an economy without barriers to inclusion. When persons with disabilities can participate in all aspects of society, including accessing employment, resources and services, it enriches Canada's economy; and

**Whereas** the City of Pembroke is committed to accessibility.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** I, Ron Gervais, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim May 25-31, 2025, as "National AccessAbility Week" in the City of Pembroke.

Dated in the Mayor's Office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025

Ron Gervais  
Mayor, City of Pembroke

**The Corporation of the City of Pembroke**

**By-law Number 2025-47**

**A By-law to authorize the sale of municipally-owned property known as 730 Cecelia Street**

**Whereas**, Section 270(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, requires that a municipality shall adopt and maintain a policy with respect to the sale and other disposition of land; and

**Whereas**, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke has, through passage of By-law No. 2023-36, established procedures for with respect to the sale and disposition of land; and

**Whereas**, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke provided direction to staff in closed session at its Regular meeting of Council on February 18, 2025 to negotiate an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Jacob Menard with respect to lands municipally-known as 730 Cecelia Street.

**And Whereas** negotiations have resulted in receipt of an acceptable Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

**Now Therefore** the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke enacts as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary for the transfer of the property known municipally as 730 Cecelia Street, Pembroke and legally described as Pembroke City; Plan 611 Block 77; City of Pembroke to Jacob Menard and authorize by this by-law to be sold.
2. That the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Jacob Menard shall be attached hereto as Appendix "A" and form part of this by-law as if fully recited herein condition of the sale, the Corporation of the City of Pembroke and the Purchaser entered into an agreement attached as Appendix "A" to this by-law.
3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

Passed and enacted this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2025

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau  
Clerk

## **Appendix “A” to By-law 2025-47**

**This agreement** made this 20 day of May, 2025.

**Between:**           **The Corporation of the City of Pembroke**  
hereinafter referred to as the “City”

**of the First Part;**

**and:**               **Jacob Menard**  
hereinafter referred to as the “Purchaser”

**of the Second Part;**

**Witnesseth that:**

**Whereas** the City is the legal owner of the lands referred to as Pembroke City; Plan 611 Block 77; City of Pembroke; City of Pembroke;

**And Whereas** the City has entered into an agreement of purchase and sale with the Purchaser for Pembroke City; Plan 611 Block 77; City of Pembroke; City of Pembroke;

**Now Therefore in Consideration** of the premises and the mutual covenants of the Parties, the Parties hereto covenant and agree to the following:

1. The Purchaser agrees to the following:
  - i) That as a condition of the sale, the Corporation of the City of Pembroke and the Purchaser enter into an agreement and the Corporation of the City of Pembroke has the right to re-purchase the Property should a building permit not be issued, a site plan agreement not be in place, and construction of a building not be commenced by May 20, 2026 for the amount of the Purchase Price provided for in this Agreement less any legal fees and applicable taxes incurred by the City of Pembroke. To effect the re-purchase the City of Pembroke will provide notice of their intention to re-purchase the Property on or after May 21, 2026 and close the transaction within 60 days thereafter.
  - ii) That the City is authorized to complete and register any necessary documents to give effect to this agreement and the re-purchase provision.
  - iii) Payment to the City the sum of \$139,000 plus HST for the purchase 730 Cecelia Street.
2. The purchaser is responsible for all appraisal costs and legal fees including all the City’s legal fees incurred by the City in regard to this property.

**This agreement** shall endure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the parties hereto and their executors and assigns.

**In witness whereof** the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their hands and seals.

**The Corporation of the City of Pembroke**

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Ron Gervais  
Mayor

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Victoria Charbonneau  
Clerk

**Purchaser**

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Jacob Menard





## **The Corporation of the City of Pembroke Pembroke, Ontario**

Date: 2025-05-20

Resolution No: 2025-05-18

Moved by:

Seconded by:

### **Request to Exempt the City of Pembroke from Strong Mayor Powers**

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario has announced the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to 169 additional municipalities, including the City of Pembroke, effective May 1, 2025;

**And Whereas** these powers grant the head of council significant unilateral authority over key municipal functions, such as appointing the Chief Administrative Officer, hiring and dismissing department heads, establishing and dissolving committees, preparing and presenting the municipal budget, and vetoing by-laws that may conflict with provincial priorities;

**And Whereas** the City of Pembroke has a longstanding tradition of collaborative and transparent governance, with council decisions made collectively to best represent the interests and priorities of the local community;

**And Whereas** Pembroke City Council is concerned that the introduction of Strong Mayor Powers could diminish the role of council, undermine local democratic principles, and disrupt established practices that ensure accountability, transparency, and responsiveness to the unique needs of Pembroke residents;

**And Whereas** many elected officials and members of the public across Ontario have expressed significant concerns regarding the imposition of these powers without local consultation or consent;

**And Whereas** the City of Pembroke did not request, nor express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework;

**And Whereas** a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are calling for reconsideration, amendment, or repeal of the Strong Mayor system, emphasizing the importance of local autonomy and decision-making;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Council of the City of Pembroke formally rejects the application of Strong Mayor Powers to the municipality, and respectfully requests that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the City of Pembroke from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation, thereby exempting the City from the application of strong mayor powers as outlined in the proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 530/22 under the Municipal Act;

**And Further Requests** that the Province of Ontario repeal the Strong Mayor legislation, or at minimum, provide municipalities with the explicit option to opt out of the strong mayor powers framework, ensuring that local governance structures reflect the preferences and needs of individual communities;

**Be It Further Resolved** that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Billy Denault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and all municipalities in Renfrew County for their information.

**Carried**

Mayor

**The Corporation of the City of Pembroke**

**By-law Number 2025-48**

**Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Pembroke at the meeting held on the Twentieth day of May 2025**

Whereas Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its council; and

Whereas Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law; and

Whereas it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the City of Pembroke at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

Therefore, the Council of the City of Pembroke enacts as follows:

1. That all actions of the Council of the City of Pembroke at its meeting of May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in respect of each report, motion, resolution or other action, passed and/or taken by the Council at its meeting, is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law; and
2. That the Mayor and appropriate officials of the City of Pembroke are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action and to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents necessary in that regard, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the City of Pembroke to all such documents.
3. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

**Passed and Enacted This 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2025**

Ron Gervais  
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau  
Municipal Clerk