

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
June 17, 2025
8:38 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Kuehl

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Gervais called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:38 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – June 3, 2025

Resolution 25-06-12

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 3, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Parks and Recreation Committee – May 20, 2025

Resolution 25-06-13

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on May 20, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
 - Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee – June 4, 2025
 - Pembroke Police Service Board – January 30, 2025

Resolution 25-06-15

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee of June 4, 2025, and the minutes of the Pembroke Police Service Board of January 30, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Delegations and Presentations**6. Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations****7. Staff and Committee Reports****8. Proclamations**

- a. Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 21, 2025, National Indigenous Peoples Day
- b. Mayor Gervais proclaimed June 30, 2025, Indigenous Survivors Day – National Blanket Ceremony Day

9. By-laws

- a. By-law 2025-53 Parking Agreement with Arif Enterprises Inc. – Appoint By-law Enforcement Officers

Resolution 25-06-16

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2025-53, a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers to enforce parking provisions in the parking lots associated with 58 Pembroke Street West, 120 Lake Street, 227 Lake Street, and 185 Prince Street, 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. By-law 2025-54 Zoning By-law Amendment 268 Isabella Street

Resolution 25-06-17

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2025-54, 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

- c. By-law 2025-55 A By-law to adopt a Flexible Working Arrangement Policy

Resolution 25-06-18

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2025-55, a By-law to adopt a Flexible Working Arrangement Policy, 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 2025-56 A By-Law to Enter into an Agreement – Connecting Links

Resolution 25-06-19

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2025-56, a By-law to authorize the entering into of a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Connecting Links Program between His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Ontario and the Corporation 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

A detailed overview of this by-law can be view 8:48 p.m.

10. **Motions**

a. Community Improvement Plan Application for 96 Pembroke Street West

Resolution 25-06-20

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the application from Angela Cadeau and Sara Chartrand, tenants of 96 Pembroke St. W., for the Community Improvement Plan Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant. The applicant must comply with grant guidelines of the Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts to receive the grant.

The grant total awarded to this applicant is \$386.70.

Carried

b. Community Improvement Plan Application for 126-128 Pembroke Street West

Resolution 25-06-21

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approves the application from Nick Potvin, owner of 126-128 Pembroke St. W., for the Community Improvement Plan Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant.

The applicant must comply with grant guidelines of the Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts to receive the grant.

The grant total awarded to this applicant is \$5,475.

Carried

c. Pembroke Quarry Reservoir Expansion & Trunk Watermain for Safe, Growth-Ready Drinking Water

Resolution 25-06-22

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the submission of the joint application with the Township of Laurentian Valley to the Municipal Housing and Infrastructure Program – Health and Safety Water Stream for the expansion of the Quarry Road water reservoir, new trunk watermain, and the planning and design of a new water tower.

Carried

A detailed overview of this resolution can be view 8:55 p.m. on the City of Pembroke's YouTube channel.

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):

- June 4 – attendance at the Ottawa University events for medical students to meet with Pembroke Physicians.
- June 6 – attendance at BCG Anniversary
- June 12- attendance at Edward Jones 30-year anniversary event
- June 13- attendance at Algonquin Waterfront college convocation.

13. Notices of Motion

14. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere

- 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.
- 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
- This week, Councillor Lafreniere read poems from two of the students entitled, "Riverside" and "Dear Mayor Gervais"

Councillor Jacyno

- Kudos to mural committee on the continued efforts to keep our murals in good condition.

Councillor Purcell

- Attendance at an event hosted by the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team that led local discussions on anti-stigma initiatives from front line staff along with a keynote speaker Shawn Fisk who is a nationally recognized as a stigma and compassionate care expert. The event was well attended with ~ 200 plus participants. Congratulations to the Ottawa Valley Health team and the efforts done to coordinate this event.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Highlighted that visiting CanadaDay.ca there is a list of events planned for Canada Day activities in the City of Pembroke
- Pembroke Night Markets event series will start July 4 and occur every Friday in July and August with vendors music and entertainment participating.
- Attendance at the Krista Johnson memorial run and kudos to all who volunteered their time to ensure the event was a success.

15. Closed Session

Resolution 25-06-23 9:13 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

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:

- a. 252-270 Pembroke Street West
- b. Almira Street Surplus Land

Carried

16. Business Arising from Closed Session 9:35

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

17. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-57

Resolution: 25-06-24

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2025-57 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 17, 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: 25-06-25

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the June 17, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Carried

Ron Gervais
Mayor

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk