

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 16, 2025
9:31 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais
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

The Chair called the regular meeting of Council to order at 9:31 p.m.

Chair inquired with Council if agenda order of business could be amended to reflect addressed motion (section 10) prior to considering by-laws (section 9) as the results of one motion will impact the by-law section.

2. Opening Prayer/Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

- a. Item 9.e - Mayor Gervais disclosed a perceived pecuniary interest regarding item 9.e as Robert Sheppard [business partner] is retained in respect to this matter.
- b. Items 9 b., 9.c, 9.d, 9.e – Councillor Kuehl as professional responsibility involving solicitor-client privilege

c. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – September 2, 2025

Resolution 25-09-11

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 2, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Striking Committee – July 15, 2025

Resolution 25-09-12

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Striking Committee of July 15, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards

- Pembroke Heritage Murals Minutes – September 3, 2025

Resolution 25-09-13

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee of September 3, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

d. **Delegations and Presentations**

e. **Business Arising from Delegations and Presentations**

f. **Staff and Committee Reports**

a. Operations Committee – Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Community Engagement Plan

Resolution: 25-09-14

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That the City of Pembroke Council endorses the identified priorities of the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Engagement Plan as follows:

- Public safety and crime prevention
- Community engagement and partnerships
- Support for vulnerable populations
- Traffic and road safety
- Emergency response and preparedness
- Drug Enforcement

Carried

b. Striking Committee – Waterfront Advisory Committee Member Appointment

Resolution: 25-09-15

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the City of Pembroke Council appointment Alex Edmond to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Carried

c. Striking Committee – Waterfront Development Advisory Committee Member Appointment

Resolution: 25-09-16

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the City of Pembroke Council appoint Councillor Kuehl to the Waterfront Development Committee.

Furthermore, that the City of Pembroke Council appoint Councillor Lafreniere to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

Carried

g. Proclamations

a. National Legion Week – September 21-27, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 21-27, 2025 National Legion Week in the City of Pembroke.

b. Franco-Ontarian Day – September 25, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 25, 2025 Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Pembroke.

c. Test Your Smoke Alarm Day – September 28, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 28, 2025 Test Your Smoke Alarm Day in the City of Pembroke.

d. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed September 30, 2025 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Pembroke.

e. Fire Prevention Week – October 5-11, 2025

Mayor Gervais proclaimed October 5-11, 2025 Fire Prevention Week in the City of Pembroke.

Council moved to section 10 of the agenda to consider reconsideration item first as item 9.a as contingent on debate held on item 10.a

h. By-laws

a. By-law 2025-64 Green Municipal Fund/FCM Grant Agreement – pulled (the by-law slated for reconsideration in section 10. The reconsideration motion failed, therefore, the by-law was not required) See item 10.a

Councillor Kuehl removed himself from the table due to pecuniary interest cited in section 3 - 7:22 p.m.

b. By-law 2025-69 Zoning By-law Amendment – 231 Cecelia Street

Resolution 25-09-18

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2025-69, 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 2025-70 Official Plan Amendment – 350 International Drive

Resolution 25-09-19

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2025-70, a by-law to authorize the adoption of the Amendment Number Twenty-Six to the Official Plan, 2016, of the City of Pembroke Planning Area, 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 2025-71 Zoning By-law Amendment – 350 International Drive

Resolution 25-09-20

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

That By-law 2025-71, 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

Mayor Gervais removed himself from the table due to pecuniary interest – cited in section 3. Deputy Mayor Abdallah assumed Chair 7:26 p.m.

e. By-law 2025-72 Lifting of a 1-Foot Reserve for 730 Cecelia Street

Resolution 25-09-21

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2025-72, a by-law to authorize the lifting of a One-Foot Reserve in Grey Sisters (1101494 Ontario Limited) Whitewood Subdivision in the City of Pembroke, be adopted and passed;

And further that the said by-law be signed by the Mayor /or is designate and Clerk and sealed with the seal of the Corporation.

Carried

Mayor Gervais and Councillor Kuehl returned to the Table 7:28 p.m.

i. Motions – dealt with ahead of by-laws

a. Motion to Reconsider – By-law Regarding Agreement with Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund

Resolution 25-09-17

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Purcell

Whereas Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke Previously decided to withdraw the by-law authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for a grant of \$500,000, intended to support the lease and use of two electric mini-busses in Year Two and Year Three of the City's three-year public transit pilot project; and

Whereas subsequent review, community feedback, and consideration of program objectives indicate that it is in the public interest to revisit that decision.

Therefore be it resolved that the notice is hereby given of a motion to reconsider Council's decision to pull the by-law authorizing the entering into an agreement with the

FCM Green Municipal Fund for a \$500,000 grant to support the lease of two electric mini-busses for Years Two and Three of the City of Pembroke public transit pilot project.

Deputy Mayor Abdallah called for a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Abdallah, Councillors: Lafreniere, Purcell

Nea: Councillors: Jacyno, Kuehl, Plummer, Mayor Gervais

Defeated 4:3

Resolution 25-09-18

Moved By Councillor Kuehl

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the ZVIP Grant update report be taken from the table for consideration

Treasurer Lochtie provided an overview of the report.

- It was stated that direction from Council is required to before procurement can be finalized.
- Discussion over the technology availability to the public. Response included that as the grant was structured, it is currently classified as a private charger for city operations
- Questions around if public use would be an option through the grant? Response included that matters would have to be discussed internally and if the fire hall was a good fit for public use
- Questions about the time constraints on the grants. and if the location of the marina would be a feasible option
- Response included that the ZEVIP grant would need to be reviewed

Resolution 25-09-19

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That Council table the ZEVIP Grant report until the October 21, 2025 Operations Committee.

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):

- September 12 – attendance at the opening of Osmow Shawarma
- September 13 – attendance at grand reopening of Veni Heritage Manor in Pembroke
- September 15 – attendance at grand opening of Neville mediation.
- Stated that through attendance at recent Economic Development Committee meetings an update that a consultant has been hired to move through a revised Community Improvement Plan for the City in Pembroke with the objective of completing the project by the end of 2025.

13. Notices of Motion

14. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Abdallah

- Community Watch meeting on October 15 7:00 p.m. at fire hall if more info needed contact Deputy Mayor or Mayor Gervais
- Terry Fox Run- Stan Halliday completed his 45th Terry Fox run and group has raised over \$6,000 to date

Councillor Jacyno

- Brought forward a letter from Pam Dempsey for resignation from her position as Chairman of the Pembroke Heritage Mural Society effective at end of term of Council in 2026
- Noted her contribution of over 30 years to her community and thanked her for her dedication and years of service for community

15. Closed Session

16. Business Arising from Closed Session

17. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 2025-73

Resolution: 25-09-23

Moved by Councillor Purcell

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That By-law 2025-73 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 16, 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: 25-09-24

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the September 16, 2025, regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Ron Gervais
Chair

Victoria Charbonneau
Municipal Clerk