City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
May 1, 2018
7:55 p.m.

1. Call to Order
Present:
Mayor LeMay
Deputy Mayor Gervais
Councillor McCann
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Reavie
Councillor Scott

Regrets:
Councillor Lafreniere

Also Present:
Heidi Martin, Deputy Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
Councillor Plummer declared a pecuniary interest regarding agenda item 6b By-law 2018-23 Rezoning of 362 Esther Street as he is related to the applicant.

4. Minutes
   i. Approve minutes from Council
      a. April 17, 2018
         Motion:
         Moved by Councillor Reavie
         Seconded by Councillor Plummer
         That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 17, 2018 be approved as circulated.
         Carried
   
   ii. Adopt minute from Committees
       a. Finance & Administration Committee – April 3, 2018
       Motion:
       Moved by Councillor Plummer
       Seconded by Councillor McCann
That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of April 3, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Planning & Development Committee – April 3, 2018

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Scott
That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of April 3, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards
a. Planning Advisory and Adjustment Committee – February 21 & March 29, 2018
b. Pembroke Public Library – February 15, 2018
c. Friends of the Disabled – January 11, 2018
d. PBIA – February 5, 2018

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the following minutes be received as circulated:
a. Planning Advisory and Adjustment Committee – February 21 & March 29, 2018
b. Pembroke Public Library – February 15, 2018
c. Friends of the Disabled – January 11, 2018
d. PBIA – February 5, 2018

Carried

5. Proclamations
a. Community Living Month, May 2018
Mayor LeMay proclaimed May 2018 as Community Living Month.

b. Emergency Preparedness Week, May 6th – 12th, 2018
Mayor LeMay proclaimed the week of May 6th – 12th, 2018 as Emergency Preparedness Week.

c. Children’s Mental Health Week, May 7th – 13th, 2018
Mayor LeMay proclaimed the week of May 7th – 13th, 2018 as Children’s Mental Health Week.

d. Pembroke Waterfront Campus of Algonquin College Day, May 9, 2018
Mayor LeMay proclaimed May 9th, 2018 as Pembroke Waterfront Campus of Algonquin College Day.

6. By-Laws
a. 2018-22 – Appointment of Municipal By-law Officers

Motion
Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor McCann
That By-law 2018-22, a By-law to appoint Municipal By-law Officers 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 Plummer left the table due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

b. 2018-23 – Rezoning (362 Esther Street)
Motion
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Scott
That By-law 2018-23, a By-law to rezone 362 Esther 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

Councillor Plummer returned to the table.

c. 2018-24 – NRTC Agreement
Motion
Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor McCann
That By-law 2018-24, a By-law to enter into an agreement with North Renfrew Telephone Company Limited 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. 2018-25 – Connecting Link Contribution Agreement
Motion
Moved by Councillor Scott
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That By-law 2018-25, a By-law to enter into a Connecting Links Program Intake 3 agreement with the Ministry of Transportation 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

e. 2018-26 – Ontario Investment Ready: Certified Site Program Agreement
Motion
Moved by Councillor McCann
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That By-law 2018-26, a By-law to enter into an Ontario Investment Ready: Certified Site Program agreement with the Ministry of Economic Development and Growth 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

7. Motions
a. Resolution 012 – Vacancy Rebate Program Reform
Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor McCann
Whereas the Province of Ontario has provided municipalities broad flexibility to make changes to Vacant Unit Rebates for commercial and industrial property classes;
And Whereas the City of Pembroke has adopted a Vacant Unit Rebate Policy that outlines proposed treatment for Vacant Unit Rebates for commercial and industrial property classes and attaches the Policy to this Resolution of Council;
And Whereas the proposed Vacant Unit Rebate Policy would apply the same percentage rebate to both commercial and industrial property classes;
And Whereas the proposed Vacant Unit Rebate Policy would phase out Vacant Unit Rebates by reducing the rebate percentage for vacancy periods that occur in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 to 30%, 20% and 10% respectively;
And Whereas the proposed Vacant Unit Rebate Policy would eliminate Vacant Unit Rebates for vacancy periods that occur after December 31, 2020;
And Whereas the City of Pembroke undertook a campaign to seek input from the public and to inform ratepayers, including those in the business community, of the proposed changes for Vacant Unit Rebates for the commercial and industrial property classes, which included:
1. sending letters to current recipients of the rebate
2. providing information to the PBIA for email to membership
3. providing information on the City’s website including a form for comments
4. advertised the public meeting on City’s website and in the Pembroke Daily Observer;
And Whereas the City of Pembroke held a public information session for ratepayers, including the business community on April 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall;
And Whereas Council of the City of Pembroke has given due consideration to the impact on the business community and comments received from members of the public;
Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of Pembroke is seeking consent from the Province of Ontario, through the Minister of Finance, to phase out Vacant Unit Rebates for commercial and industrial property classes and eliminate the program for vacancies that occur later than December 31, 2020 in accordance with City of Pembroke Policy T2018-02, Vacant Rebate Program Reform.
Carried

8. Mayor’s Report
On April 21st, Mayor LeMay represented Council at the graduation ceremony of the 42nd Field Artillery Regiment’s Military Cooperative Education Program.
April 27th to 29th the City of Pembroke participated in the Petawawa Showcase. Mayor LeMay thanked attending staff for working the booth.

Mayor LeMay congratulated the winners and finalists of The Upper Ottawa Valley Chambers of Commerce’s Annual Business Achievement Awards, presented at their gala April 28th.

9. Notices of Motion
There were no Notices of Motion.

10. Councillor Updates
Councillor Plummer notified all that the province will be undertaking a test of the emergency alert system on Monday, May 4th.

Deputy Mayor Gervais reminded everyone of the Community Clean-Up day on Saturday, May 5th. The event begins at the Pembroke Farmers’ Market at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. He indicated that many community groups have signed up already.

Councillor Reavie remarked that the City of Pembroke Civic and Youth Awards nominations have now closed and the Committee has until Monday to review the nominations.

11. Confirming By-law
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais
That By-law 9-2018 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 1, 2018 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.

12. Adjournment
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That the May 1, 2018 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:18 p.m.
Carried

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Deputy Clerk

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Mayor