1. Call to Order
Present:
Mayor Elect LeMay
Deputy Mayor Elect Gervais
Councillor Elect Abdallah
Councillor Elect Jacyno
Councillor Elect Lafreniere
Councillor Elect Plummer
Councillor Elect Reavie

Also Present:
Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

2. Oaths of Office
All Council Elect members swore their Oath of Office and executed the Council Code of Conduct.

3. Opening Prayer or Reflection
Deacon Adrien Chaput from St. Columbkille’s Cathedral gave the opening prayer.

4. Staff & Committee Reports
a. Declaration of Municipal Election Results
b. Declaration of Office (December 4, 2018 – November 14, 2022)

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the staff reports be received by Council.
Carried

5. By-Laws
a. 2018-55 – By-law to Appoint Deputy Mayor

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That By-law 2018-55, a By-law to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the Corporation of 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

b. 2018-56 – Bylaw to Appoint Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Standing Committees of Council

Motion:
Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That By-law 2018-50, a By-law to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Standing Committees of Council for the Corporation of 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. 2018-57 – By-law to Designate Signing Officers

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That By-law 2018-51, a By-law to designate Signing Officers for the banking activities of the Corporation 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

6. Mayor’s Inaugural Address
Mayor LeMay presented his Inaugural Address (copy attached).

7. Motions
a. Resolution 032 – Appointment of Striking Committee

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Jacyno
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That Mayor LeMay, Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais, Councillor Brian Abdallah, Councillor Ed Jacyno, Councillor Patricia Lafreniere, Councillor Andrew Plummer and Councillor Christine Reavie be appointed to the Striking Committee of Council for the term December 4, 2018 to November 14, 2022.
Carried

8. Prayer of Benediction
Reverend Tiina Cote from Calvin United Church provided the Prayer of Benediction.

9. Confirming By-law
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That By-law 22-2018 to confirm the proceedings of the Inaugural Meeting of Council of December 4, 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

10. Adjournment

Motion:
Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the December 4, 2018 inaugural meeting of Council adjourn at 7:35 p.m.
Carried

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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Mayor
Members of Council, (Colonel Lapointe, Chief Warrant Officer Werner, Detachment Commander Neufeld, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is an honour and privilege to speak to you this evening.

I would like to begin by acknowledging that tonight we are gathered on unceded Algonquin territory.

Congratulations members of Council on your recent election. I am looking forward to working with you to represent and serve the residents of Pembroke over the next four years.

This evening we passed a By-law to appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of our Standing Committees. These four committees are at the heart of our governance responsibility. Here are some of the services that emanate from those committees:

The Finance & Administration Committee chaired by Councillor Plummer and Vice-Chaired by Councillor Ed Jacyno, has the responsibility of ensuring that we operate in a fiscally responsible manner. Our municipality, like all municipalities, is very dependent on provincial funding. We need their financial support to ensure that we continue to provide necessary services without undo hardship to our ratepayers.

We will continue to work with other municipalities to ensure that provincial transfer payments are fairly distributed. At the present time, municipalities collect 9 cents of every household’s tax dollar, with the provincial and federal governments collecting the rest. We are responsible for a wide range of critical services and 9 cents on the dollar is far from being enough.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is chaired by Councillor Lafreniere, with the Vice-Chair as Councillor Brian Abdallah. This department’s responsibility is extensive. Parks, open spaces, waterfront, recreational facilities and recreational programs are all part of its mandate. We want to encourage an active lifestyle in our community. We want to continue developing new partnership opportunities for all of our residents, young and old. We are looking forward to working with a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to assist Council in its decision-making. We will initiate a review of our pool needs and will be requesting input from our ratepayers as well as surrounding communities.

The Operations Committee will be chaired by Deputy Mayor Gervais with Councillor Ed Jacyno as the Vice-Chair. This committee has the responsibility for our infrastructure. This includes capital expenditures, roads, water, sewers and maintaining all of our infrastructure. One of the main activities this year will be to complete our Asset Management Plan. This is the plan that the provincial government will use to decide what funding we will receive to continue replacing Pembroke’s ancient infrastructure. We will also be negotiating a new water and sewer agreement with our neighbour Laurentian Valley.

The Planning and Development Committee is chaired by Councillor Reavie, and I will be Vice-Chair. This department is the lead for economic development within our community. We have to
continue increasing our assessment base in the residential, commercial and industrial bases. We want to continue eliminating red tape that slows down the process of new businesses wanting to move forward. Much of the red tape is due to provincial regulations. There is now a commitment from the present government to eliminate many of the reports now requested of a municipality.

We will continue to emphasize our economic opportunities by continuing to create an environment that empowers businesses to grow and enable jobs to be created in our community.

We will update the City’s strategic plan in the new year. The plan will help Council focus on our priority of infrastructure, economic development and of course Pembroke as a destination.

I’m looking forward to our continuing collaboration with the County. A special shout-out to our municipal partners, Laurentian Valley, Petawawa and Whitewater Region. I appreciate the partnership that Pembroke has with CNL and Garrison Petawawa, and look forward to continuing our relationship to better serve our residents who work both at CNL and Garrison Petawawa.

I want our residents to know that we will have differences of opinions at the Council table, but those differences will only serve to challenge us and to ensure we arrive at the best possible decisions. Our community will see that it is possible to disagree, but still maintain a mutual respect and attitude of teamwork that, at the end of the day, focuses on moving our city forward together in a positive fashion.

I would be remise if I didn’t mention city staff. They work hard for us. I have great respect for them and appreciate everything they do for our residents. Thank you.

Tomorrow we will be listing the committees that require community volunteers. The listing and application will be on our website, at City Hall and at the Pembroke Memorial Center office. We rely on residents to volunteer their time and expertise by serving on various boards and committees. These committees give input and recommendations to Pembroke Council on matters that affect the entire community.

Finally, it is important that we continue marketing Pembroke as an historic, welcoming community that is a great place to live, work, play, visit, and invest. We will work together, residents and Council, for the best interest of all. We are proud of our city and look forward to serving and working with you.

Thank you