

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
August 11, 2020  
7:09 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

Mayor LeMay  
Deputy Mayor Gervais (electronically)  
Councillor Abdallah (electronically)  
Councillor Jacyno  
Councillor Lafreniere (electronically)  
Councillor Plummer  
Councillor Reavie (electronically)

### Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk  
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:09 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council - July 14, 2020  
**Motion:**  
Moved by Councillor Reavie  
Seconded by Councillor Abdallah  
That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of July 14, 2020 be approved as circulated.  
**Carried**
- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Combined Committee - July 14, 2020  
**Motion:**  
Moved by Councillor Plummer  
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere  
That the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting of the Combined Committee be adopted as circulated.  
**Carried**

## b. Striking Committee – April 21, 2020

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting of the Combined Committee be adopted as circulated.

**Carried****5. Staff & Committee Reports**

## a. Striking Committee – Appoint Members to the Climate Advisory Committee

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the following individuals be appointed to the Pembroke Climate Advisory Committee until the end of the current term of Council:

- Maxine Jeffrey
- Ann McKay
- Kate Mooney & Eric Dionne (to share one position)
- Dorian Pearce
- Brittany Stares
- Julie Sylvestre
- Mayor LeMay
- Councillor Jacyno

And Further That the following individuals be appointed as resource persons to the Pembroke Advisory Committee until the end of the current term of Council:

- Cameron Montgomery
- Duncan Noble

**Carried**

## b. Combined Committee – Draper Street to James Street Sanitary Re-Alignment

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That Tender Contract No 17-5011C for the Draper Street to James Street Sanitary Sewer Re-Alignment be awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$879,272.00 plus HST;

That Contract Administration Services be awarded to Jp2g Consultants Inc., the Design Consultant, in the amount of \$96,382.32 plus HST;

That the Operations Department be authorized additional expenditures in the amount of \$275,000.00 for a contingency allowance.

The total value of the recommendation equal \$1,250,654.32 plus applicable HST.

**Carried****6. By-Laws**

## a. 2020-58 – Pembroke Lumber King Agreement

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-58, being a By-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement with The Pembroke Junior "A" Lumber Kings Hockey Club Inc., 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. 2020-59 – Official Plan Amendment – 1036 Pembroke Street East

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2020-59, being a By-law to authorize the amendment of the Official Plan, 2016, regarding 1036 Pembroke Street East, 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. 2020-60 – Zoning By-law Amendment – 1036 Pembroke Street East

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2020-60, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05 regarding 1036 Pembroke Street East, 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. Mayor's Report**

Mayor LeMay stated that he was disappointed to learn that the City's pool project application was not nominated for Federal review and approval by the Province. He indicated that the funding stream was highly competitive and the demand far exceeded the total available from the provincial and federal governments. Mayor LeMay will be meeting with MPP Yakabuski to recommend another intake and to ask for assistance to help the project move forward. Mayor LeMay and Councillor Jacyno will be meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture next week to request financial help for other City's infrastructure projects. Mayor LeMay will meet with the Pool Oversight Committee to discuss next steps and provide recommendations to Council.

Mayor LeMay stated that it is encouraging to see that the COVID-19 numbers continue to be low as a result of the community following Public Health recommendations by wearing masks, social distancing and handwashing. He indicated that schools will resume to a full five day weekly schedule this fall with enhanced safety measures in place to ensure the wellbeing of teachers and

students. He once again thanked the local business community and front line workers who continue to successfully adapt their operations making our community safe for staff and customers. He encouraged Pembroke residents to shop locally and support our local businesses to assist in a full economic recovery during these challenging times. He also thanked Pembroke citizens for continuing to do what is required to remain safe.

**8. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**9. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Lafreniere provided an update from the Ottawa River Power Corporation (ORPC) AGM held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. She stated that ORPC provides great customer service that is reliable and provides one of the least expensive power in Ontario while using more employees per customer. She indicated that small business customers pay a rate that is 26% lower than the average utility customer in Ontario, the large business rate is 64% less and the residential rate is 18% less. She also congratulated Mary Hellingman who recently received a Leadership Excellence in Conservation award from the Independent Electricity System Operators. She reviewed the ORPC notable accomplishments in 2019 and their 2020 priorities and projects.

Deputy Mayor Gervais indicated that the auditor for the Pembroke Public Library presented his audited report to the board and indicated that the library was in a good financial position. The Library also signed a new four-year library agreement with Laurentian Valley. The Pembroke Public Library as of August 10<sup>th</sup> is offering limited inhouse services with restrictions due to COVID-19. Deputy Mayor Gervais indicated that the Pembroke Police Services Board recently held a meeting and quarterly OPP statistics were reviewed which showed a huge decrease in 911 calls with no pocket dials. In response to an increase in noise complaints, the OPP plan on holding "Operation Decibel" which will see police officers targeting loud vehicles and those with vehicle modifications that do not meet the standards of the *Highway Traffic Act*. He also recognized the Officers of the OPP Street Crime Unit who have been very busy keeping our residents safe.

Councillor Abdallah stated that the Pembroke Horticultural Society has agreed to be involved with the Community Garden project. He indicated that the land is tilled and ready for use. Interested individuals should contact the Parks and Recreation Department, Deputy Mayor Gervais or himself for more information. The Pembroke Public Library will have a garden plot and plan on holding workshops there. The City will have water connected to the Community Garden area within two weeks. Councillor Abdallah indicated that the Pembroke Public Library recently held a children's story time session at the waterfront and the next session will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The next Neighbourhood Watch meeting will be held at the amphitheatre or if raining, at the Pembroke Fire Hall, on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Councillor Reavie indicated that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is very pleased to see that people are being very compliant with mask wearing however some individuals are discarding their disposable masks on the street or in parking lots. The RCDHU will send out messaging on appropriate methods of mask disposal. She also stated that the RCDHU is working towards their move to Downtown Pembroke this fall.

Councillor Jacyno stated that he would be attending the Renfrew County Housing Corporation virtual AGM tomorrow.

Councillor Lafreniere recognized and acknowledged the loss of a great man in our community; Harley McDowell. She indicated that he was a retired school teacher, a well-known coach, umpire, community and City volunteer, and a great supporter and advocate of the youth in the City. On behalf of the City of Pembroke, she thanked Harley and his family for sharing him with us for so many years.

**10. Confirming By-law**

- Confirming By-law 16-2020

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 16-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of August 11, 2020 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**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the August 11, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

**Carried**

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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Mayor