

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
September 15, 2020
7:26 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor LeMay, Chair
Deputy Mayor Gervais
Councillor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Reavie

Also Present:

Angela Lochtie, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the Regular meeting of Council to order at 7:26 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

Councillor Plummer declared a perceived pecuniary interest with respect to item 5(a), as the tender is to be awarded to his employer.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – September 1, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council of September 1, 2020 be approved as circulated

Carried

- ii. Receive minutes from Committees/Local Boards
 - Pembroke Heritage Murals – September 2, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals of September 2, 2020 be received as circulated.

Carried

Councillor Plummer left the table due to his perceived pecuniary interest.

5. Staff & Committee Reports

- a. Operations Committee – Award Reconstruction of Pembroke Street West – Phase 1 from Blakely Crescent to Crandall Street

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That Tender Contract No. 20-0264 for Reconstruction of Pembroke Street West – Phase 1 (Blakely Crescent to Crandall Street) be awarded to Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Limited in the amount of \$1,020,818.10 plus HST.

That the Operations Department be authorized expenditures in the amount of \$100,000.00 for a contingency allowance.

The total value of the recommendations equals \$1,120,818.10 plus applicable HST.

Carried

Councillor Plummer returned to the table.

6. By-laws

- a. 2020-70 – Parking By-law Amendment – Dominion Street

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-70, a By-law to amend By-law 2005-55, as amended, being a by-law to regulate and control the parking of vehicles 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

7. Motions

- a. Resolution 2020-018 – FCM Asset Management Program

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be it resolved that the Corporation of the City of Pembroke directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for Condition Assessments and Levels of Service Analysis for Various City Facilities.

Be it therefore resolved that the Corporation of the City of Pembroke commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Building Condition Assessments of various City facilities including the water tower, quarry reservoir, Operations facility (including two garages and sand and salt domes), Public Library, City Hall, Victoria Hall, and the PACC

- Levels of Service Workshop for staff to establish current levels of service for the above listed City assets

Be it Further Resolved that the Corporation of the City of Pembroke commits approximately \$17,000 from its budget towards the costs of this initiative.

Carried

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay reminded residents that now that the school year has begun and Ontario's COVID-19 cases are on the rise, it is more important than ever to follow public health guidelines. Fellowes High School has reported two cases of COVID-19. He pointed out that the only thing that can prevent a local outbreak of the coronavirus is to rigorously follow public health guidelines that include regular hand washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask in public places. Mayor LeMay thanked local teachers, administrators and support staff working in the schools, who have adapted their classrooms and provided online learning environments for their students. He also welcomed students attending Algonquin College in Pembroke and wished all students across the City much success during this academic year. Mayor LeMay encouraged residents to continue to shop locally and support our local businesses. The Mayor also advised that September 25th is Franco-Ontarian Day and the City will fly the Franco-Ontarian flag.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Reavie provided a personal message about COVID-19 from Dr. Cushman, the acting Medical Officer of Health, for Renfrew County and District Health Unit. Dr. Cushman reported that there have been more cases in the last month than in the previous three months, and that this weekend could possibly be our first serious community outbreak. He stated that vigilance and strict observance of public health recommendations are imperative. If you are sick, stay home. Do not make your own diagnosis; leave that to the health professionals and to the testing. He stressed, bubbles, bubbles, and bubbles, keep them small, and limit social activities. Dr. Cushman strongly voiced the need to constantly practice the fundamentals: handwashing, physical distancing and masking.

Councillor Abdallah reported that Pembroke Community Watch placed a flyer in the Water and Sewer billing. The next meeting of the Pembroke Community Watch is at the Riverwalk Amphitheatre at the Waterfront on September 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Residents can subscribe to the [email list](#) or by contacting Councillor Abdallah or Deputy Mayor Gervais.

Councillor Jacyno reported that he attended the Virtual AMO 2020 Conference and provided some highlights from the workshops he attended. COVID concerns that were raised were: how do we pay the COVID debt; childcare difficulties; long recovery; why long term care facilities run by the provincial government have a lower COVID rate than private facilities; the importance of the international student program; the impact

of COVID on infrastructure investment and the importance of having a good asset management plan; the exodus from cities to smaller communities; and liability and assumption of risk covering the COVID issue. Councillor Jacyno also noted that many Mayors shared the concern of homelessness in their communities.

Councillor Lafreniere reported that she attended the grand opening of Cork and Coral in downtown Pembroke and that Wilkies Fresh Baked Bread has now re-opened. She also noted that the Waterfront has provided residents, without an outdoor living space, a little bit of normalcy during COVID. She thanked White Pine Yoga for providing yoga in the park and encourage the public to enjoy the last session on Wednesday September 16th, 2020 at the Waterfront Park.

Deputy Mayor Gervais reported that Michael St. Jean has been appointed to the Police Services Board. He also noted that things are coming together at the Community Garden; with the delivery of bed boxes and soils.

11. Confirming By-Law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 18-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 15, 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

12. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the September 15, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor