

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
January 7, 2020
8:25 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 8:25 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. December 17, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of December 17, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Finance & Administration Committee – December 3, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of December 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- b. Planning & Development Committee – December 3, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of December 3, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

iii. Receive Minutes from Boards

- Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre – June 12, & October 9, 2019
- Pembroke Horticultural Society – April 29, May 27, June 24, September 23, & October 28, 2019

Motion

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre minutes of June 12 and October 9, 2019; and the Pembroke Horticultural Society minutes of April 29, May 27, June 24, September 23 and October 28, 2019, be received as circulated.

5. By-Laws

a. 2020-01 – Borrowing By-law

Motion

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2020-01, a By-law to authorize temporary borrowing to meet current expenditures in 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

b. 2020-02 – Interim Tax Levy for 2020

Motion

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2020-02, a By-law to authorize staff to issue interim tax bills for all rateable property in the municipality 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. 2020-03 – EORN Cell Gap Contributions Agreement

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2020-03, A By-law to authorize the Mayor and the CAO to sign the municipal contribution agreement between the City of Pembroke, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), and the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Committee (EOMC) in support of the Eastern Ontario cell gap project 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. 2020-04 – Amend Parking By-Law 2005-55 (Two Hour Free Parking)

Motion

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-04, 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

6. Motions

There were no motions.

7. Correspondence

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay gave a brief review of 2019 and Council goals of 2020 and indicated that at the next Council meeting, members will present individuals overviews of 2019 (report attached hereto).

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Abdallah indicated that himself and Deputy Mayor Gervais are coordinating a meeting to gauge interest for a Neighbourhood Watch Program. Pembroke residents are invited to a meeting to discuss the program on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Fire Hall. Residents can contact Councillor Abdallah or Deputy Mayor Gervais for more information. There is a Neighbourhood Watch Program page on Facebook.

11. Confirming By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 01-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 7, 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 Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the January 7, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor

City of Pembroke
2020

2020, the start of a new decade brings with it hope, challenges and new opportunities for the City of Pembroke.

I would like to begin my annual report by briefly talking about 2019, our inaugural year as Council. We had challenges and we began working on the many goals we set for ourselves. Like many municipalities in Ontario, spring flooding was a disaster that affected Pembroke. It was a challenge that, thanks to our staff, our residents, the many volunteers, and the military, we overcame and when July 1st arrived, our community was back to normal.

We continued to grow our assessment base which allowed us to keep the tax increase below the cost of living. This helped us to continue to provide all necessary services to our ratepayers without cutting any. We continued to improve our infrastructure such as roads, sewers, water and the City assets. We also stayed on budget and I believe 2019 will show a small surplus.

At our next Council meeting, various members of Council will be reporting on the specific accomplishments that took place within their departments and areas of responsibility for 2019.

We are now at the start of a new decade and the second year of our term of Council. Earlier this evening, we reviewed our Strategic Plan for this term. It will help focus Council as we work on the five priorities for our City.

Economic Development continues to be a priority to help us grow our assessment base.

City infrastructure continues to require large expenditures. We will make the necessary investments but we will also require consistent and sustainable funding from both the Provincial and Federal governments to help finance replacing our aging infrastructure.

We will continue collaborating and cost sharing with the County. We will continue to partner with Laurentian Valley and Petawawa in providing services that benefit our communities.

Hopefully we will have a new aquatic centre within the next few years. It is a capital priority for our community. I know that the Oversight Committee is working diligently and will be providing updates to the community as we move forward.

Council is aware that transportation is an issue in our community as it is in other small municipalities. It is also a priority that we will work on in 2020.

In this first year, we have been serving our community, the accomplishments of Council have not been without debate. The variety of opinions and ideas is healthy and the essence of what we do. I thank Council for respecting each other's viewpoints, for challenging one another and for making decisions and moving forward. There will be bumps and detours ahead, but with community members' help, we will continue moving forward in a positive manner to benefit all members of our great city.

I'm looking forward to continue working with all our citizens, business leaders, non-profit organizations, volunteers who sit on our city committees, and concerned residents for the exceptional contributions you continue to make in Pembroke.

Thank you everyone for making our city "the Heart of the Ottawa Valley", the best place to live, work, play and visit.

Thank you.