

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
May 5, 2020  
6:27 p.m.

## 1. Call to Order

### Present:

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

### Also Present:

Heidi Martin, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:27 p.m.

## 2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

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

Deputy Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest at the Council in Caucus meeting held earlier as the office of Sheppard & Gervais are involved with the matter.

Councillor Abdallah declared a pecuniary interest in regards to agenda item 5 j. as he provided advice during the tendering process and the person being awarded the contract worked for him on different occasions when he owned Green Tomato Productions concert promotion business.

## 4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council April 21, 2020

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer  
Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of April 21, 2020 be approved as circulated.

### Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
  - a. Combined Committee – April 21, 2020

### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere  
Seconded by Councillor Jacyno  
That the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting of the Combined Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. By-Laws**

a. 2020-20 – Land Licence Agreement

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno  
Seconded by Councillor Plummer  
That By-law 2020-20, being a By-law to authorize the entering into a Land Licence Agreement between the City of Pembroke and Her Majesty the Queen, In Right of Canada as represented by the Minister of the Environment, 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. 2020-27 – Dedicated Gas Tax Fund

**Motion**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais  
Seconded by Councillor Abdallah  
That By-law 2020-27, being a By-law to authorize an agreement with the Minister of Transportation on behalf of the City of Pembroke and the Township of Laurentian Valley for Dedicated Gas Tax Funds, 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. 2020-28 – Amend By-law 2020-05; Rezoning 840 Pembroke Street West

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Reavie  
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere  
That By-law 2020-28, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 840 Pembroke Street West 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. 2020-29 – Amend By-law 2020-05; Rezoning 813 Pembroke Street East

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere  
Seconded by Councillor Jacyno  
That By-law 2020-29, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 813 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**

- e. 2020-30 – Amend By-law 2020-05; Rezoning 102 Deacon Street

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2020-30, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 102 Deacon 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**

- f. 2020-31 – Official Plan 2016 Amendment #5; 1064 Pembroke Street West

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 2020-31, a By-law to authorize the amendment of the Official Plan, 2016, of the City of Pembroke, regarding 1064 Pembroke Street West, 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**

- g. 2020-32 – Amend By-law 2020-05; Rezoning 1064 Pembroke Street West

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-32, a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 1064 Pembroke Street West 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**

- h. 2020-33 – Amend By-law 2020-05; Rezoning 304 McKenzie Street

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2020-33 a By-law to authorize the amendment of Zoning By-law 2020-05, regarding 304 McKenzie 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**

- i. 2020-34 – Amend By-law 2020-02; Interim Tax Levy

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2020-34, a By-law to amend By-law 2020-02, being a by-law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy for the year 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**

j. 2020-35 – Festival Hall Agreement

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 2020-35, a By-law to authorize the entering into of an agreement between the Consortium of the municipal Councils of the City of Pembroke, the Township of Laurentian Valley and the Town of Petawawa (The “Consortium”) and Eventure Entertainment to provide management services for the operation of Festival Hall 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**

a. Resolution 012 – Water/Sewer 2020 Due Date

**Motion**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas the Province of Ontario enacted a declaration of emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* on March 17, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

And Whereas Council wishes to provide temporary relief to ratepayers during this period of economic uncertainty while still supporting the ongoing operations of the City which continues to deliver critical services to residents and property owners;

Be it Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke provide staff direction to extend the third quarter (Q3) 2020 water and sewer billing for flat and metered properties from July 15, 2020 to August 17, 2020.

**Carried**

b. Resolution 013 – COVID-19 Recovery

**Motion**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas the provincial government, under the *Emergency Measures and Civic Protection Act*, has the ability to declare an emergency in light of serious issues arising in the Province of Ontario and take corresponding action for the health and safety of residents;

And Whereas the Provincial government has rightly declared an emergency given the dire and potentially disastrous situation of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-

19), a declaration that will be in effect until at least May 12, 2020 at which time it will be reassessed;

And Whereas the provincial government is able to deem certain services “essential” under the same legislation in order to ensure their continued, though maybe modified, opening and operation during an emergency and most other “non-essential” services stay curtailed or closed;

And Whereas essential services are the foundation for Ontario’s way of life, socially and economically, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, public transit, major infrastructure development and many healthcare facilities;

And Whereas provincial orders are based on current experiences in large urban centres which may not reflect the health risks and realities of smaller municipalities such as the City of Pembroke which could benefit from more local flexibility to allow for more activities and businesses.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the City of Pembroke send a resolution to the Ontario Provincial Government that it is the City’s council’s belief that the local flexibility to provincial orders (COVID-19) be considered in order to properly address local needs and reopen some activities and reopen businesses in the City of Pembroke.

And Further Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health; MPP John Yakabuski, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Renfrew County and District Health Unit, County of Renfrew, and Renfrew County Municipalities.

**Carried**

## **7. Mayor’s Report**

Mayor LeMay indicated that it was encouraging to see the Province of Ontario announced a three-phase plan to reopen the economy and other services within the province with phase one beginning this week. He reminded residents that it was critical that everyone continue with social distancing and effective hand washing. He thanked the local businesses for their sacrifices and the front line essential workers for their commitment. The road to recovery won’t be easy but it will be possible if we continue to work together.

## **8. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

## **9. Councillor Updates**

Councillor Reavie indicated that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit continues to regularly update their website as well as social media sites. She indicated that COVID-19 testing has been expanded within the County and the turn around time for results has greatly improved. She stated that the Health Unit’s staff continue to respond to COVID-19 telephone inquiries.

Deputy Mayor Gervais indicated that City staff have confirmed that the large item collection will occur the week of May 25<sup>th</sup>. He reminded residents not to place items curbside before May 24<sup>th</sup> and not to approach collection staff in order to respect physical distancing. He also indicated that scavenging materials that are

set-out for large item collection is not permitted under Municipal By-laws and current Emergency Measures in place. Detailed guidelines can be found on the collection schedule or on the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre website.

Councillor Abdallah reminded everyone to support local restaurants every Wednesday on Canada Takeout Day.

**10. Closed Session**

Mayor LeMay indicated that a closed session was held earlier this evening to discuss a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality and the security of the property of the municipality.

**11. Business Arising from Closed Session**

Mayor LeMay indicated that Deputy Mayor Gervais declared a pecuniary interest and did not attend the closed session. He also stated that there was nothing to report from the closed session.

**12. Confirming By-law**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 10-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 5, 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**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the May 5, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

**Carried**

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Deputy Clerk

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Mayor