

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
June 16, 2020
8:17 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer (electronically)
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer (electronically)
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the Regular meeting of Council to order at 8:17 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer/ 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 – June 2, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council of June 2, 2020 be approved as circulated

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Combined Committee – June 2, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the minutes of the Combined Committee of June 2, 2020 be adopted as circulated

Carried

5. Proclamations

a. Pembroke Pride Week

Mayor LeMay declared the week of June 22nd – 29th, 2020 as “Pembroke Pride Week” in the City of Pembroke.

6. By-laws

a. 2020-21 – Recreational Open Air Burning

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2020-21, a By-law to regulate “Recreational Open Air Burning” and precautions to be taken by owner 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

b. 2020-40 – Encroachment Agreement – 18 Pembroke Street West

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-40, a By-law to allow the encroachment of planter boxes on public lands on 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

c. 2020-41 – Appoint By-Law Enforcement Officers

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2020-41, a By-law to appoint Municipal by-law Enforcement Officers for 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

d. 2020-42 – Delegate Authority to Treasurer res: Tax Arrears Extension Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2020-42, a By-law to delegate authority to the municipal Treasurer to authorize the execution of tax arrears extension agreements pursuant to Section 378 of the Municipal Act, 2001, 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. 2020-43 – 273 Victoria Street Lease Agreement
Mayor LeMay requested a recorded vote.
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais
That By-law 2020-43, a By-law authorize the entering into an agreement with The Grind Pembroke relevant to the rental of 273 Victoria 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.
Yea: Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Jacyno, Councillor Lafreniere, Councillor Reavie and Mayor LeMay
Nea: Councillor Abdallah, Councillor Plummer
Motion Carried 5-2
- 7. Motions**
- a. 2020-14 – Water System Financial Plan No. 198-301A
Motion:
Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke endorses the City of Pembroke Water System Financial Plan Number No. 198-301A prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd., dated June 3, 2020.
Carried
- 8. Mayor's Report**
Mayor LeMay reported, he was pleased that the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke, are joining many other regions across the province entering Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's plan for re-opening. Phase 2 is enabling more businesses and recreational sites in the city to reopen and to allow small groups of 2 to 10 people to gather safely. The Mayor strongly encouraged residents to safety support local business, which will enable the local economy to recover as quickly as possible. He pointed out that although this development is welcoming news, that it is critical to remember that this pandemic is not over, and that physical distancing and handwashing are still the most effective tools we have in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Mayor LeMay on behalf of Council congratulated all the 2020 graduating classes from across the City. He also thanked all the front line workers that continue to keeping the City of Pembroke safe.
- 9. Notices of Motion**
There were no notices of motion.
- 10. Councillor Updates**
Councillor Lafreniere provided an update from the County of Renfrew Health Committee meeting. She commended all staff in the paramedic services and in Long Term Care who continue to serve our most vulnerable. She reported that the Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC) which was set up due to COVID-19 has been

so successful, a strategy is being looked at to continue this service after the pandemic. Paramedic services have applied and been successful to be part of the universal influenza immunization program for the next flu season in 2021. Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge have just launched fundraiser to support the Butterfly approach program. A butterfly garden. To Sponsor a butterfly for their garden contact Lainy Boldt-Johnson.

Councillor Reavie provided an update from the Renfrew County Health Unit and the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Cushman. All is well in Renfrew County, however we have one more case. A lot of testing was completed and seeing results of 1 out of 1000 positive. He will be issuing a memo for a move towards strategic testing rather than universal. We need to be careful re-opening now in stage 2, the latest case is a bit troubling, and we need to be vigilant and practice physical distancing, handwashing and wearing a mask when needed.

Councillor Abdallah, reported that the City was successful in its application for a community garden grant for Pembroke's first Pembroke Carefor Community Garden.

11. Closed Session

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of lands by the municipality; and

That this meeting become a closed meeting 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.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that staff was directed to move forward in principle with the stop up and closure of a portion of William Street as well as the disposition of land for a portion of William Street which abuts Highview School at 320 Herbert Street.

And Further that staff was directed to move forward with the stop up and close of a portion of Victoria Street south of Renfrew Street as well as the disposition of land for a portion of Victoria Street, to be closed, which abuts 48 Renfrew Street. There were no pecuniary interests declared.

13. Confirming By-Law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 13-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of June 16, 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

14. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the June 16, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor