

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
December 15, 2020
7:49 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk
Linda Rook, Recording Secretary

The chair called the Regular meeting of Council to order at 7:49 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 – December 1, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

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

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Parks & Recreation Committee – November 17, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee of November 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards/Committees

- Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board – June 25, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board of June 25, 2020 be received as circulated.

5. Staff & Committee Reports

- a. Operations Committee Report Award Tender Contract No. T-20-19

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That Tender Contract No. T-20-19 for the Supply and Delivery of Chemicals for Water & Sewage Treatment be awarded for the two-year contract period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022 to the following suppliers:

- Soda Ash (Dense) – to Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of \$143,280.00 plus HST;
- Sodium Silicate – to Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of \$101,160.00 plus HST;
- Pre-Hydroxylated Aluminum Sulphate (PAS) – to Kemira Water Solutions Canada Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$271,680.00 plus HST;
- Sodium Hypochlorite – to Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of \$17,663.80 plus HST;
- Sulphuric Acid – to Flochem Ltd. for an estimated contract value of \$27,610.00 plus HST;
- Polymer – to SNF Canada Ltd. for an estimated contract value of \$56,183.40 plus HST.

Carried

6. By-laws

- a. 2020-79 – CUPE Local 24 Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 2020-79, a By-law to provide for the execution of a collective agreement between the Corporation of the City of Pembroke and Local Number 24, The Canadian Union of Public Employees, 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 2020-028 – NDMP – Intake 6 Application

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby approves the application for funding under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) – Intake 6 for a City wide Flood Risk Assessment & Storm Outlet Review.

Carried

b. Resolution 2020-029 – ICIP – COVID-19 Resilience Stream Application

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby approves the application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure COVID-19 Resilience Stream for the construction of a pedestrian path over the Boundary Road Trestle.

Carried

c. Resolution 2020-030 – Non-Union Staff Increase

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Pembroke has entered into a collective agreement with Local Number 24, the Canadian Union of Public Employees for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke authorizes the Non-Union Staff to receive the same economic increase being:

- January 1, 2021 – 1.5%
- January 1, 2022 – 1.75%
- January 1, 2023 – 1.75%

Carried

8. Mayor's Report

On December 15, 2020, the Mayor attended the virtual inaugural meeting of the County of Renfrew and brought greetings on behalf of Council. He congratulated Laurentian Valley Reeve Debbie Robinson on her acclamation as Warden and spoke briefly of our partnerships and the importance of collaboration. Mayor LeMay reported that Renfrew County was selected to host the 2022 Ontario Winter Games and preparation for the games will involve the collaboration and support of our City.

Mayor LeMay reported that with the Holiday Season quickly approaching and the number of COVID-19 cases rising in every region of Ontario, it is more important than ever to follow public health guidelines. The Ontario Government announced that residents should celebrate the upcoming holiday season only with members of their household, regardless of the COVID-19 situation in their region. People who live alone are permitted to join one other household to celebrate. Health Canada has approved the use of the Pfizer vaccine, and doses have arrived in Canada this week

but the battle is far from over. It will take several months for the vaccine to be widely distributed to Canadians across the country. To avoid any further restrictions or possible shutdowns, we must remain vigilant in our fight against the pandemic during and after the holiday season. Mayor LeMay thanked the front-line workers, our educators, all of Pembroke's citizens, and our local business community who have done a tremendous job adapting their operations and keeping our community safe. He encouraged all of Pembroke's residents to continue to do their holiday shopping locally in person or online to ensure a full local economic recovery. He reminded residents that this year it is critically important to get a flu shot, follow public health guidelines, wear a mask, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick and maintain physical distancing.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Councillor Abdallah reported that the Community Watch Program will be holding information sessions, sponsored by the Local Immigration Partnership, on January 9th and on February 13th, 2021. The meetings will be held at the Pembroke and Area Community Centre, if permitted, and will also be held on Zoom. Councillor Abdallah reported that the 'Light Up the Valley' movement continues, and have started an on-line map. Santa will be making a special trip through the neighbourhoods of Pembroke on December 19th starting at 4:00 escorted by the Pembroke Fire Department. A map can be found on the City Website showing the route that Santa will be taking throughout the community.

Councillor Jacyno reported on the importance of the chemicals used in Waste and Sewage Treatment, more particularly the usage of Aluminum Sulfate.

On December 11, 2020, Deputy Mayor Gervais was privileged to attend the kick-off of 14 new electric vehicle chargers within the City of Pembroke, a partnership between Ottawa River Energy Solutions (ORES), with the main shareholder being the City of Pembroke, and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), which will certainly assist the City of Pembroke. The moto of Natural Resources Canada is to try and benefit citizens where they are living, working and playing in the community.

Councillor Reavie reported that Renfrew County and District Health Unit has now created a chart on line explaining what 'Pembroke and Area' means. When the cases started to spike recently, it was the White Water Region cases from the Mennonite Community. Dr. Cushman working with the Province was able to at least pull the White Water Region out of 'Pembroke and Area'.

11. Confirming By-Law

- Confirming By-law 24-2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 24-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 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 Plummer

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

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor