

# City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
October 20, 2020  
7:33 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 7:33 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 – October 6, 2020

#### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere  
Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Meeting of Council of October 6, 2020 be approved as circulated

**Carried**

### ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Parks & Recreation Committee – September 15, 2020

#### Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere  
Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee of September 15, 2020 be adopted as circulated

**Carried**

b. Operations Committee – September 15, 2020

**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Operations Committee of September 15, 2020 be adopted as circulated

**Carried**

**iii. Receive minutes from Local Boards/Committees**

- Friends of The Disabled – February 12, 2020
- Pembroke Heritage Murals – October 7, 2020

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the Friends of The Disabled of February 12, 2020 and the minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals of October 7, 2020 be received as circulated.

**Carried**

**5. Proclamations****a. Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day – October 22, 2020**

The Mayor declared October 22, 2020 as “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in the City of Pembroke.

**Whereas** years of research confirm the benefits of high quality child care for young children’s intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes.

**And Whereas** child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in, and contribute to, the economic and social life of their community;

**And Whereas** trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care staff are the key to quality in early learning and child care programs and champions for children.

**Therefore:** I, Michael LeMay, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2020 “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in the City of Pembroke.

**8. Mayor’s Report**

On Monday October 19, 2020, the Mayor hosted the first Mayor’s Diversity Round Table virtually and welcomed community members and stakeholders. At the round table, local residents shared their experiences about racism and discrimination in our community and potential solutions were discussed. The Mayor is confident Pembroke can become a more welcoming community and in the coming months staff will be working in consultation with the round table participants on a number of tasks action items to move us in a positive direction.

The week of October 18<sup>th</sup> is small business week. To celebrate, the city is hosting a virtual campaign entitled “The Faces of Small Businesses in Pembroke”, and each day photos of small business owners will be shared on social media. The pandemic has

been hard on our local businesses, and the Mayor strongly encouraged residents to shop locally to support them.

Mayor LeMay reminded residents, now that we are in the second wave of COVID-19, it is more important than ever to follow public health guidelines. In many regions of Ontario, we are seeing surges in the number of COVID-19 cases resulting in the closure of a number of businesses. To avoid this happening in the City of Pembroke, we need to remain vigilant, taking all of the necessary steps to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus. These include: staying home when ill; practicing physical distancing; wearing a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge or where it is mandatory to do so; washing your hands frequently and thoroughly; and adhering to gathering limits and rules. For additional protection, the Ontario Government is encouraging everyone to download the new COVID Alert app on their smartphones from the Apple and Google Play app stores. The Mayor thanked the front line workers who are working tirelessly to keep our community safe, and local businesses and Pembroke's citizens for continuing to do what is required in order to keep our community free from COVID-19. The threat of a COVID-19 outbreak in Pembroke is very real. The fight against the Coronavirus is far from over. It is critical to remain vigilant about following public health guidelines.

**9. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion.

**10. Councillor Updates**

Deputy Mayor Gervais reported he attended the Spooky Movie Night at the Skylight Drive-In on Saturday, October 17. He advised that successful event was a collaboration between the City of Pembroke and the Township of Laurentian Valley and gave a shout out to Sarah Frederick, Pembroke Recreation Department and Navada Sargent and Katie Tollis-Flabbi, Township of Laurentian Valley Recreation Department.

Deputy Mayor Gervais also reported that the Community Watch program meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 24 at the Pembroke's Waterfront Amphitheatre has been rescheduled to a virtual Zoom meeting on November 26 at 6:30 p.m. He also reported that it looks very favourable to having our very first Community Watch neighbourhood between the confines of Mackay, Moffat, Renfrew and Mary Streets. Steve Halpenny has stepped forward to be the zone captain. The program needs zone captains, residents who are willing to be in charge of getting the people in the neighbourhood on board. It is not a daunting task and will go a great length to assisting the community and OPP to deal with crime in your own neighbourhood.

Councillor Reavie reported that The Renfrew County District Health Unit has not yet provided directives for Halloween and this will be provided early next week and be posted on the City's website. She also advised that The Renfrew County District Health Unit's lease at 7 International Drive ends on October 31, and that on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Health Unit's offices will be temporarily located at the Pembroke Mall.

Councillor Abdallah reported the week of October 19 – 25 is the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Downtown Pembroke Poutine Crawl. You can enjoy poutine and poutine inspired food from a variety of downtown eateries and get your passport stamped for chances to win prizes.

Councillor also reported the Farmers Market is now closed and that they had a very successful season. He thanked the vendors for providing fresh produce and commended the vendors and their committee for responding quickly to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Councillor Abdallah advised that the Pembroke Carefor Community Garden has four garden beds left out of the ten for individuals and families and four non-profit garden beds left. If residents are interested they can contact the Parks and Recreation Department, Deputy Mayor Gervais, or himself. He also reported that in the spring one of the local schools is going to build five raised accessible garden beds and there is a plan to build an accessible walkway to access the raised garden beds.

Councillor Lafreniere reported that Kinsmen Pool is having a Spooky Swim on October 31 at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. The cost is \$13.50 per family with a max of 6 – all must be within the same household. Families who wish to book a lane can call the Kinsmen Pool at 613-735-6821 ext. 1506.

**11. Confirming By-Law**

**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 20-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 20, 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 October 20, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:51p.m.

**Carried**

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Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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Mayor