

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
November 3, 2020
6:48 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

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:48 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. Regular Meeting of Council – October 20, 2020
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Abdallah
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais
That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of October 20, 2020 be approved as circulated.
Carried
- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Planning & Development Committee – October 6, 2020
Motion:
Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting of the Planning & Development Committee be adopted as circulated.
Carried

b. Finance & Administration Committee – October 6, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Committees/Local Boards

- Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre – June 10, 2020 & August 12, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the minutes of the June 10, 2020 & August 12, 2020 of the Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre be received as circulated.

Carried

5. By-Laws

a. 2020-74 – Parking By-law

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2020-74, 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

a. Resolution 2020-019 – AODA Website Compliance Extension

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021; and

Whereas the municipality remains committed to the provision of accessible good and services; and

Whereas the municipality provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible; and

Whereas the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the municipality; and

Whereas the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider the technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the City of Pembroke requests the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of

O.Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; And Further Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Pembroke requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.

Carried

b. Resolution 2020-020 – Community Improvement Plan COVID-19 Grants

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the following applications under the Community Improvement Plan's COVID-19 Business Support Grant.

1. Eastway at 100 Crandall Street for \$552.24.
2. Dr. Harle at 925 Pembroke Street East Unit 2 for \$2,481.79.
3. Dr. Natsis at 925 Pembroke Street East Unit 1 for \$2,169.
4. The Kitchen at 11-100 Crandall Street for \$2,500.
5. The Nook at 26 Pembroke Street West for \$747.50.
6. Madameek at 244 Pembroke Street West for \$1,108.
7. Dr. Laska at 99 Renfrew Street for \$951.53.
8. Dr. Sullivan at 100 Victoria Street for \$262.50.
9. Algonquin House at 150 Peter Street for \$144.57.
10. Rise Above Studios at 13-143 Pembroke Street West for up to \$2,500.

The applicants must comply with grant guidelines and will have the lesser of 18 months or until the COVID-19 Business Support Grant is discontinued to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

The total commitment to grant recipients is \$13,417.13.

Carried

7. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay reminded residents that now that cold and flu season is here, it is more important than ever to get a flu shot, follow public health guidelines and wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and maintain physical distance in public spaces. He said we must remain vigilant taking all of the necessary steps to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus. The Mayor said for additional protection, the Ontario Government is encouraging everyone to download the new COVID alert app on their smartphone from the Apple and Google Play app stores. He said the fight against COVID-19 is far from over and it is important to remember that we must limit our social gatherings to a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. It is also now mandatory in every region of Ontario to wear a mask while in public spaces. He indicated that the Renfrew County District Health Unit enacted the section 22 order for self-isolation. This means that individuals in our region must self-isolate if they are a confirmed or probable case, have symptoms, are awaiting test results, and/or are a close contact of a confirmed case. Failure to comply with this order could result in a fine. He again encouraged all of Pembroke's residents to shop locally and to continue

supporting our business community which is critical for full economic recovery. He thanked all of Pembroke's citizens for continuing to do what is required to keep our community safe during these challenging times.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Councillor Updates

Councillor Reavie indicated that Dr. Robert Cushman enacted Sec 22 order on October 30th indicating that although much good work has been done, we still must remain vigilant to keep everyone safe. She stated that flu shots are now available; however, some places have ran out of the vaccine but will be restocked. She suggested to check with the Health Unit, which is temporarily located at the Pembroke Mall, check with your family doctor and also with your pharmacy for vaccine availability.

Councillor Abdallah stated that the Drive Thru Santa Claus Parade on November 28th will allow 2 people per float for the first 45 floats. Awe Yoga is offering stand-up paddle board at the Kinsmen Pool beginning November 7. Public Skating is being offered at PACC on Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 to 11:00 and 11:00 to 12:00 with pre-registration required. Chair Yoga will be offered at PMC Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 to 11:00. To register contact Sarah Frederick at 613-735-6821 ext 1501. Hi stated that he was happy to see the new businesses coming to downtown. Opening November 6th are the following: Nomada Taco serving Mexican Street food, and Prairie and Luna Cannabis Co. Urban Gourmet is returning to downtown to the Pembroke Mews on November 7th and Valley Gentleman Barber Shop at 21 Pembroke Street West is opening on November 7th as well. Wilkies is celebrating Movember by selling green T-shirts with proceeds going to PRH Community Mental Health Fund.

Deputy Mayor Gervais shared that the UOVOPP has taken an initiative to address homelessness in our community by launching a Homelessness Mobilization Project being led by Sgt. Tina Davenport. The Provincial Government has requested municipalities create a Community Safety Plan. The Police Services Board will take the initiative to address this issues as directed by Pembroke City Council. He also stated that all of Renfrew County is on board with the development of a Community Safety Plan. Mr. Pat Finnigan facilitated a recent meeting to develop a plan to which data is being gathered. Another initiative coming forward from the PSB is an update from the Community Watch – next meeting will be by zoom on November 26th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating can contact Councillor Abdallah or Deputy Mayor Gervais.

Councillor Jacyno indicated that Mayor LeMay and himself met November 2nd with representatives of The Grind. The Grind has been accepted to present as a delegation to the Social Services Committee of the County of Renfrew next week regarding the homelessness problem within our community. Also, Councillor Jacyno and Mayor LeMay attended the Climate Advisory Committee meeting this

week. This committee is gathering initiatives to bring back to Council on how the community can improve with its climate action plan.

Councillor Lafreniere suggested that The Grind should also appear before the County's Health Committee and that mental health should not be separated from physical health.

10. Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that a closed session meeting was held earlier this evening to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality; and to discuss a position, plan, procedure criteria or instruction or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor LeMay stated that there were no pecuniary interests declared the the Closed Session this evening and there was nothing to report.

12. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 21-2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 21-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 3, 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 Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the November 3, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor