

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
February 4, 2020
6:33 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor LeMay
Deputy Mayor Gervais
Councillor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Reavie

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:33 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. January 21, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

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

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Finance & Administration Committee – January 7, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno
Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Finance & Administration Committee meeting of January 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- b. Planning & Development Committee – January 7, 2020

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting of January 7, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

5. Motions

- a. Resolution 001 – Removing 2 Year Moratorium For Applications On New Zoning By-law

Motion

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Whereas on January 21st, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke enacted By-law 2020-05 to adopt the City of Pembroke's Comprehensive Zoning By-law;

And Whereas under Section 34(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, zoning by-laws may be passed to prohibit and regulate the use of land, buildings and structures;

And Whereas under Bill 73, Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, the Ontario Planning Act R.S.O. 1990, was subject to a number of amendments;

And Whereas Section 34 (10.0.0.1) of the Planning Act now implements a two-year moratorium on Zoning By-law amendment and Minor Variance application submissions after the passing of a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law;

And Whereas Section 34 (10.0.0.2) of the Planning Act states that Section 34 (10.0.0.1) does not apply in respect of an application if council has declared by resolution that such application is permitted. The resolution may be made in respect to a specific application, a class of applications or all applications;

And Whereas the new Zoning By-law may not be able to capture every development concept nor account for unknown site specific constraints that may encumber a parcel of land or use. Further it is necessary and appropriate to continue to permit applications to amend or seek relief from the City of Pembroke's Comprehensive Zoning By-law due to site constraints, innovation and project development, market demands, shifts and changes in development, etc.;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke pursuant to Section 34 (10.0.0.2) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990 approve that all lands zoned in the City of Pembroke Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2020-05 shall not be subject to Section 34 (10.0.0.1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990. This decision shall permit Zoning By-law amendments and Minor Variance applications to be submitted at any time after the passing of Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2020-05.

Carried

- b. Resolution 002 – 911 Misdials

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

Whereas the calls for service for 911 Misdials have risen dramatically in recent years, correlated with the rise in cell phone use; and

Whereas 911 Misdials like pocket dials tie up emergency lines, communicators and officers and can result in the slower response to a real emergency, risking the safety of people who may need urgent help; and

Whereas each 911 call is a billable call to the municipality; and

Whereas the OPP recently updated its 911 call handling work flow and policies to allow its emergency communicators more discretion to divert certain 911 calls and ensure more frontline OPP members are available for actual emergencies;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the City of Pembroke requests the Municipal, Federal and Provincial governments and relevant associations, be requested to lobby the telecommunications industry and smart phone manufacturers to develop a solution to 911 Misdials.

And Further Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP John Yakabuski, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Telus, Bell, Rogers Telecommunications Companies.

Carried

c. Resolution 003 – Community Improvement Plan – 138/140/142 Pembroke Street West

Motion

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the application from Sleepwell Property Management of 138/140/142 Pembroke St. W. under the Community Improvement Plan's Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant, Downtown Housing Grant, and Planning & Building Permit Fee Grant. The applicant must comply with grant guidelines and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

This application for 138/140/142 Pembroke St. W. is approved for up to \$21,102.28 under the Community Improvement Plan.

Carried

d. Resolution 004

Motion

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the application from Arif Enterprises Inc. of 185 Prince St. under the Community Improvement Plan's Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant. The applicant must comply with grant guidelines and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

This application for 185 Prince St. is approved for up to \$5,000 under the Community Improvement Plan.

Carried

e. Resolution 005

Motion

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the application from Arif Enterprises Inc. of 62 Pembroke St. W. under the Community Improvement Plan's Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant. The applicant must comply with grant guidelines and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

This application for 62 Pembroke St. W. is approved for up to \$5,000 under the Community Improvement Plan.

Carried

f. Resolution 006

Motion

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Be It Resolved That the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the application from Arif Enterprises Inc. of 67 Pembroke St. W. under the Community Improvement Plan's Downtown Heritage Façade Improvement Grant. The applicant must comply with grant guidelines and will have 18 months to complete all work and submit receipts in order to receive the grant.

This application for 67 Pembroke St. W. is approved for up to \$3,750 under the Community Improvement Plan.

Carried

g. Resolution 007

Motion

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That Council for the Corporation of the City of Pembroke actively pursue the declaration of a climate emergency as more than 475 municipalities in Ontario and Canada have already done.

And Further That staff be directed to report back on the matter of the establishment of a Climate Action Advisory Committee at the Committee meetings scheduled for February 18, 2020.

Councillor Lafreniere requested a recorded vote.

Yea: Deputy Mayor Gervais, Councillor Reavie, Councillor Abdallah, Councillor Lafreniere, Mayor LeMay, Councillor Jacyno

Nea: Councillor Plummer

Carried 6 to 1

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay thanked Elijah McKeown, Recreation Programmer with the City of Pembroke and the many businesses, organizations and volunteers for their support and assistance in making SnoSpree 2020 possible and so successful.

7. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

8. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere indicated that Councillors Abdallah, Jacyno, Reavie and herself have entered "Team Pembroke Cares" in the Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser being held on February 22, 2020.

Councillor Abdallah reported that the next Pembroke Neighbour Watch meeting will be held on March 2, 2020 at the Pembroke Fire Hall.

Councillor Jacyno thanked the Knights of Columbus for their support in providing hotdogs and hot chocolate to the many participants at the SnowSpree Sliding event.

Councillor Reavie reported that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit recently held discussions with the County of Renfrew in regards to the Ministry of Health's "Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper" and indicated that the good things are coming for the health of the community.

9. Closed Session

Motion

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

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 or local board.

Carried

10. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that there was nothing to report from the meeting and there were no pecuniary interests declared.

11. Confirming By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 03-2020 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 4, 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 Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the February 4, 2020 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor