

News Release

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Council Briefs

The following actions were taken at the Committee and Council meetings of Tuesday, July 14, 2020:

Combined Committee

Riverside Park Beach Supervision

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the Combined Committee recommends lifeguards supervise the beach at Riverside Park between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week as soon as possible for the remainder of the season.

Carried

Explanatory Note:

Committee directed staff to schedule lifeguards to supervise the beach at Riverside Park as soon as possible for the remainder of the season.

Connecting Link Reallocation of Funds

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That the Combined Committee approves the reallocation of \$338,974.00 from the General Capital Reserves (previously allocated for the Townline Forcemain replacement project) to the Connecting Links 2020 project.

Carried

Explanatory Note:

The City's application for funding under the Connecting Link Funding was previously denied. With the government's wish to help restart the economy, the City was successful in the re-evaluation process. The project's scope of work is to remove, replace and upgrade some existing traffic signals, move and/or replace pedestrian crosswalks meeting AODA guidelines and add battery back up to the vehicle control traffic signals along the Connecting Link corridor.

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Boundary Road Repairs Program

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Combined Committee approve a temporary repair program on Boundary Road between Almira Street and Francis Street.

Carried

Explanatory Note:

The Combined Committee directed staff to complete a repairs program on Boundary Road between Almira and Francis Street.

Council Meeting

By-Laws

2020-45 – Delegate Powers & Duties of the Head for MFIPPA to the CAO/Clerk

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

Council approved the delegation to the CAO/Clerk the responsibilities of the Head for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

2020-48 – Stopping Up and Closure of an unopened portion of William Street

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

This by-law authorizes the City to stop up and permanently close an unopened section of William Street and to transfer the unopened road allowance to Renfrew County District School Board.

2020-50 – Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Agreement

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

The City's application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) in Ontario – Rural and Northern Stream for the Reconstruction of Pembroke Street West (Christie Street to City limits) has been approved. The City will receive a maximum of \$3,281,103.13, which is 83.33% of the estimated eligible costs. The City's portion of the project is \$656,378.12.

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2020-51 – Amendment to the Community Improvement Plan

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

This by-law allows a new grant category to be added to the City of Pembroke's Community Improvement Plan. The category is established for renovations/construction/signage of businesses that have existed prior to March 17, 2020 to meet COVID-19 public health and safety requirements, with a maximum \$2,500 grant per business location.

2020-52 – Amend Parking By-law

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

The Combined Committee agreed to extend the parking meter pilot project until the end of the year. This by-law extends the two-hour free parking at the meters from Monday to Saturday on Pembroke Street West between Mackay Street and Hincks Street and the associated side streets excluding Renfrew Street, from July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

2020-57 – Solemnization of Civil Marriages

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

The Province of Ontario as per the Marriage Act provides the authorization of the Clerk or his designate(s) to solemnize marriages. Council approved to license the Clerk and/or his designate as an Officiant with this by-law.

Motions

Resolution 015 – Transfer to Full Produce Responsibility (Blue Box)

Passed and Enacted

Explanatory Note:

The province announced on August 15, 2019 its intention to transition the existing municipally operated blue box program to full producer responsibility over a three-year timeframe between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2026. This resolution specifies the municipality's preferred date to transition.

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