

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
November 5, 2019
7:58 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 7:58 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Minutes

i. Approve minutes from Council

a. October 15, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of October 15, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Carried

ii. Adopt minutes from Committees

a. Finance & Administration Committee – October 1, 2019

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That the minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of October 1, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b. Planning and Development Committee

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie
Seconded by Councillor Plummer
That the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of October 1, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

5. Motions

a. Resolution 024 – Aquatic Centre Funding Application

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas the Government of Ontario and Canada have established and are currently accepting funding applications for the Canada Infrastructure Program; Community, Culture and Recreation (ICIP);

And Whereas the program will see up to \$30 billion in combined federal, provincial and other partner funding in support of infrastructure priorities including improving quality of community, cultural and recreation infrastructure projects;

And Whereas Council has previously received a recommendation to replace the community's aging pool based on the results of a completed condition assessment;

And Whereas a professional managed telephone and on-line survey was conducted on the matter with some 79% of local and area residents indicating support for a new aquatic, fitness and community centre;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Corporation of the City of Pembroke apply for funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Community Culture and Recreation Stream (ICIP) in the amount of \$32,937,500.00.

Carried

b. Resolution 025 – Local Health Care Services

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Whereas public health care consistently ranks as the top priority in public opinion polls;

And Whereas public health provides vital health promotion and prevention services based on the unique demographic and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities;

And Whereas the evidence from hospital amalgamation in Ontario and across Canada is that they have cost billions of dollars and have not yielded the promised administrative savings but have taken money away from frontline care;

And Whereas there is no evidence to support the proposed closure of 25 out of 35 local Public Health Units, the closure of 12 of 22 local ambulance dispatch centres, and the closure of 49 out of 59 local ambulance services;

And Whereas there is a deep consensus among virtually all stakeholders that increasing acuity in our long-term care homes requires additional staff and resources not cancellation of the two special funds and real dollar cuts to per diem funding of our long-term care homes;

And Whereas our local hospitals have been downsized for an entire generation and cannot meet population needs while sustaining real dollar cuts to hospital global budgets.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke supports the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville in encouraging the Ontario government to halt the closures of, mergers of, and cuts to our local health care services including Public Health Units, land ambulance services, hospitals and long-term care homes.

And Further Be It Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Health, Christine Elliott; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; MPP John Yakabuski; and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

Carried

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay had the pleasure of tapping the key at the Oktoberfest celebration held on Saturday, October 19th and he thanked members of the Germania Club for providing a place to experience their heritage.

On October 23rd, Mayors and CAO's from all municipalities in Renfrew County participated in a Municipal Shared Services meeting held in Eganville to discuss current shared services and further efficiencies. A full report is being prepared and will be shared upon its completion.

On October 23rd, Mayor LeMay and Councillor Abdallah attended the PBIA Awards Dinner. Mayor LeMay presented the Mayor's Award to Michael St. Jean who began working downtown in 1969 and he continues to support and promote our City. The PBIA presented the City with the Inclusion Award which recognizes a business or employer's efforts in hiring and supporting people with intellectual disabilities.

On October 24th, Councillor Jacyno and Mayor LeMay attended a meeting to provide input into the County's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan.

On Saturday, October 28th, Mayor LeMay brought greetings on behalf of Council to the veterans who attended the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner and he thanked the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72 for their continued service to our veterans and their families.

On October 30th Mayor LeMay attended County Council and was presented with the Ontario Small Urban Municipal (OSUM) Conference plaque following the OSUM Conference held in Pembroke last spring.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motions.

9. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Gervais reported that the annual Pembroke Handi-Bus Polar Bear Dip fundraiser is scheduled for February 9, 2020. He also wished to express his appreciation to the residents of Pembroke for their patience during the much needed construction roadwork happening across the City but reminded drivers to obey the law and rules especially in construction zones. He stated that River Road will be closed until November 29th; Mackay Street will open on November 22nd; the Mary Street Bridge will remain closed to all traffic until December 11th; Mary Street from Moffat Street to Church Street will be closed except for local traffic; Victoria Street between Lake Street and Market Square Parking Lot will be open for use on November 11th, Pembroke Street West will return to two lanes as of November 13th and Victoria Street between Pembroke Street West and Lake Street will be reopened on November 22nd.

Councillor Reavie indicated that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit will be moving into City Center in Downtown Pembroke. She also stated that she recently met with the Pembroke Girl Guides Unit to discuss women in politics.

Councillor Abdallah stated that on November 17th Got You in Mind, will be holding a fashion show fundraiser to benefit the Robbie Dean Centre. He also indicated that the Silver Stick Hockey Tournament begins this weekend. Councillor Abdallah mentioned that in January he will be holding a meeting to see if there is local interest in beginning a Neighbourhood Watch Program. He also congratulated Carrie Yates of Goldstream Jewellers on the PBI Award for their Lifetime Achievement Award. Councillor Abdallah thanked the Action Sports Park Development Program at Algonquin College for a successful Halloween gathering at The Rapids Skate Park.

Councillor Plummer reassured City residents that the City of Pembroke's water has the highest degree of safety and that the City is not included in the recent Global News story in regards to lead levels in drinking water.

10. Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that there was a closed session held earlier this evening to discuss a proposed or pending acquisitions or dispositions of land by the municipality or local board.

11. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that there was nothing to report from the closed session and there were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

12. Confirming By-law

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 21-2019 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of November 5, 2019 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 Reavie

That the November 5, 2019 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor