

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
February 16, 2021
7:21 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor LeMay
Deputy Mayor Gervais
Councillor Abdallah (electronically)
Councillor Jacyno (electronically)
Councillor Lafreniere
Councillor Plummer
Councillor Reavie (electronically)

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, CAO/Clerk
Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:21 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 – February 2, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere
Seconded by Councillor Jacyno
That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of February 2, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Combined Committee – February 2, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer
Seconded by Councillor Reavie
That the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting of the Combined Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

- iii. Receive minutes from Committees/Local Boards
- PBIA – September 9, 2020; October 13, 2020; November 10, 2020; December 8, 2020
 - Pembroke Heritage Murals – February 3, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Abdallah

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the September 9, 2020, October 13, 2020, November 10, 2020 and December 8, 2020 minutes of the PBIA; and the February 3, 2021 minutes of the Pembroke Heritage Murals Committee be received as circulated.

Carried

5. By-Laws

a. 2021-08 – 2021 Budget

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2021-08, being a By-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2021 for the general and special purposes of 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

b. 2021-09 – Waste Collection & Disposal

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2021-09, being a By-law to impose an annual fee to be charged to the owners, householders or occupants of any building in the City of Pembroke to defray the expenses of the collection and disposal of waste, 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

c. 2021-10 – Sewage Service Rates

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2021-10, being a By-law to amend By-law 68-44, being a By-law to establish sewage service rates and their structure in the Corporation of the Town (now 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

d. 2021-11 – Waterworks Rates**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 2021-11, being a By-law to amend By-law 83-93, being a By-law to provide for the Administration, Operation and Regulation of Waterworks, 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

e. 2021-12 – PBIA Rate**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Abdallah

That By-law 2021-12, being a By-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2021 for the Pembroke Business Improvement Area (PBIA) and to establish rates to be levied for same, 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

f. 2021-13 – Tax Ratios 2021**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2021-13, being a By-law to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes for the year 2021, 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

g. 2021-14 – Waste Management Facilities Fees**Motion:**

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2021-14, being a By-law to impose an annual fee to be charged to the owners, householders or occupants of any building in the City of Pembroke to defray the expenses of Waste Management Facilities and Services, 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

h. 2021-15 – Emerald Ash Borer Research Project Agreement**Motion:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2021-15, being a By-law to authorize the entering into a research agreement between Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service and the Corporation of 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. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay stated that COVID-19 has been with us for over a year and a few positives are that the vaccine is on its way and Renfrew County is in the green prevent zone. He cautioned however that the battle against the virus is not over and reminded people to continue to be vigilant in the fight against the virus to avoid further restrictions and possible shut downs. He encouraged everyone to follow public health guidelines, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and maintain social distancing. He thanked front-line workers, educators and the local business community for the tremendous job of adapting their operations and keeping our community safe. He encouraged all residents to continue shopping locally and thanked Pembroke residents for doing what is required to keep our community safe during this challenging time.

7. Notices of Motion

Councillor Abdallah indicated that at the March 2nd meeting he will make a motion to integrate a Waterfront Development Master Plan Study with the \$80,000 budgeted Active Living Master Plan Study.

8. Councillor Updates

Councillor Lafreniere indicated that a presentation on the value of the paramedic program was recently made to the County's Health Committee. She stated that the paramedic program has created many innovative programs to assist people living in their own homes. These programs have reduced 911 calls and visits to the Emergency Room and allowed individuals to stay in their own home longer and healthier. A new paramedic palliative care initiative has had positive feedback allowing individuals to die with dignity in their own home.

Councillor Jacyno indicated that the Climate Action Advisory Committee has been meeting on a regular basis and will be making a presentation to Council in the near future.

Deputy Mayor Gervais thanked the Operations Department for the great job of cleaning up after the snow storm and reminded everyone not to park on the streets as it becomes very difficult for the snow plow to maneuver around the streets. He also asked that people ensure their garbage and recycling are placed in their driveway at least 5-6 feet back from the road.

Councillor Abdallah indicated that approximately 25 people participated in the recent Community Watch Program zoom presentations by the Local Immigration Partnership of Renfrew and Lanark. The next presentation is being held on

February 27th and if interested, please contact Councillor Abdallah or Deputy Mayor Gervais or watch for the announcement on the City's website and social media platforms.

9. Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that a closed session meeting was held earlier this evening for the purpose of educating Council members.

10. Business Arising from Closed Session

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

11. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 04-2021

Motion

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That By-law 04-2021 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 16, 2021 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 February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor