

City of Pembroke Council Meeting

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
March 2, 2021
7:14 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

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

Regrets:

Councillor Abdallah

Also Present:

Terry Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Nancy Rapin, Recording Secretary

Mayor LeMay called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer or Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4. Minutes

- i. Approve minutes from Council
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council – February 16, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council of February 16, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Carried

- ii. Adopt minutes from Committees
 - a. Operations Committee – February 16, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting of the Operations Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

iii. Receive minutes from Committees/Local Boards

- Friends of the Disabled – February 13, 2020
- Pembroke Public Library – January 21, 2021

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That the February 13, 2020 minutes of the Friends of the Disabled, and the January 21, 2021 minutes of the Pembroke Public Library be received as circulated.

Carried

5. Staff & Committee Reports

a. Striking Committee Report – Pembroke Diversity Advisory Committee

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That Aimee Bailey be appointed to the Pembroke Diversity Advisory Committee to the end of the current term of Council.

Carried

6. By-Laws

a. 2021-16 – Dedicated Gas Tax Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That By-law 2021-16, being a By-law authorizing the entering into a letter of agreement between Her Majesty the Queen, in right of the Province of Ontario, represented by the Minister of Transportation and the City of Pembroke, on behalf of the City of Pembroke and the Township of Laurentian Valley to receive funding provided under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for the Public Transportation Program, 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. 2021-17 – Rezoning (345-359 Nelson Street)

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

That By-law 2021-17, being a By-law to authorize the amendment of By-law 2020-05, regarding 345-359 Nelson Street, 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. 2021-18 – Rezoning (1116 Pembroke Street West)

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 2021-18, being a By-law to authorize the amendment of By-law 2020-05, regarding 1116 Pembroke Street West, 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. 2021-19 – Credit Interest Application & Agreement

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Plummer

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2021-19, being a By-law to authorize the entering into a Credit Interest Application and Agreement between the Bank of Montreal and the Renfrew County Administration Group of which the City of Pembroke is a member, 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. 2021-20 – Assessment Review Board

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

That By-law 2021-20, being a By-law to authorize the Assessment Review Board to exercise certain powers and functions of Council pursuant to the Municipal Act, 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

7. Motion

a. Resolution 2021-003 – Allocation of Municipal Modernization Funding Reserve

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

Whereas the City of Pembroke received \$725,000 in Modernization Funding;
Whereas Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke deems it expedient to formally allocate this funding to specific projects.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke resolves to allocate the Modernization Funding as follows:

- \$72,000 for the City of Pembroke's share of new fuel tanks at the Pembroke and Area Airport;

- \$25,000 for an organizational structure review of the Operations Department;
- \$425,000 for the implementation of the City's Long-Term IT Plan (projects including Asset Management, Multi-Year Budgeting, Payroll / HR, Purchasing, Recreation Booking, Accessibility, Council Agenda / Meeting Management, Citizen Engagement);
- \$203,000 for a records/document management system and permanent records digitization project.

Carried

b. Resolution 2021-004 – CIP Requests

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the following applications under the Community Improvement Plan:

1. David Minns Desjardins Insurance at 1316 Pembroke Street West for \$1,102.50
2. Finnigan's at 995 Pembroke Street East for \$2,500
3. Dwight Montgomery Lawyer at 220 Pembroke Street East for \$529.97

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 \$4,132.47.

Carried

c. Resolution 2021-005 – Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby approves the application for funding under the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2 – Implementation Stream for:

- Common notification system
- Implementation of a work order system
- SCADA upgrades including the purchase of necessary hardware
- Fleet and patrol methodology review and applicable software
- Implementation of GPS software for fleet activity tracking

Carried

d. Resolution 2021-006 - MFIPPA

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Reavie

Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990 (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years; and

Whereas the municipalities, including the City of Pembroke, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process; and

Whereas regulation 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer; and

Whereas reform is needed to address societal and technological changes in addition to global privacy concerns and consistency across provincial legislation; and

Whereas scalability of fees should be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from person abusing the access to information process.

Now Therefore, Be It resolved That the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services be requested to review the MFIPPA, and consider changes with the input of Ontario municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services; MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

- e. Waterfront Development Master Plan Study Motion – Councillor Abdallah
Mayor LeMay stated that Councillor Abdallah was to bring forward a motion regarding a waterfront development plan component to the currently planned Active Living Master Plan initiative; however, given that Councillor Abdallah was not present, Mayor LeMay suggested to Council that staff be directed to report on the planned motion to allow Council to make an informed decision.

8. Mayor's Report

Mayor LeMay shared that the Ontario 2022 Winter Games has been awarded to Renfrew County. The games will be held in County municipalities and Pembroke. They will be held the weekend of February 24th and March 3rd, 2022. There will be 23 events taking place and volunteers will be required to assist. The games will boost our local economy and create a lasting legacy for communities by supporting local sports, recreation and educational opportunities. He indicated that anyone interested in volunteering by chairing one of the sub-committees or being a volunteer sub-committee member, please email info@renfrewcounty2022.ca. He also indicated that as further information is received, it will be posted on the [City's website](#) and social media. He also thanked everyone for their continued diligence with COVID-19 protocols and encouraged all to stay vigilant.

9. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

10. Councillor Updates

Deputy Mayor Gervais spoke to the Community Watch Program on behalf of himself and Councillor Abdallah. He stated that there were two excellent presentations on February 13th. One by Amanda Neilson of the Rideau Addiction and Family Services regarding substance use and addiction. The second was by Cameron Montgomery regarding creating welcoming communities. The weekend of February 27th saw presentations from Laura Julien regarding unconscious bias and another by Chela Breckon regarding sympathy versus empathy. He thanked Algonquin College, the Local Immigration Partnership and the presenter that volunteered their time to the Community Watch program.

Councillor Reavie gave a brief update on the Renfrew County and District Health Unit indicating that Dr. Cushman, the Medical Officer of Health, has been putting out COVID-19 News Briefs on Youtube with the latest being February 26th. He is very concerned in the increase in cases especially in the Arnprior area, emphasizing how one house party resulted in numerous cases of COVID-19 within the County. She stated that the second edition of the COVID-19 News Brief was released today and can be found at RCDHU.com. She said it is important to be vigilant and stay positive.

Councillor Jacyno complimented the Operations Department in clearing the snow in the downtown core.

11. Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated that a Special Council in Caucus meeting was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. There were no pecuniary interests to declare and there is nothing further to report from the meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Gervais

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That this meeting become a closed meeting to discuss advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

12. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor LeMay indicated there were no pecuniary interests declared and there was nothing to report from this evening's closed session.

13. Confirming By-law

- Confirming By-law 05-2021

Motion

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Jacyno

That By-law 05-2021 to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council of March 2, 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

14. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Reavie

Seconded by Councillor Plummer

That the March 2, 2021 regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Mayor