

Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario

February 7, 2006

The Regular Meeting of Council was held this evening with Deputy-Mayor Scott presiding and all members of Council in attendance with the exception of Mayor Jacyno and Councillor Severin. Also in attendance was T. Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer.

MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere, the minutes of the Regular and Caucus meetings of January 17, 2006 were approved, as circulated. CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. *Councillor Lowe presented the report of the Finance Committee, which was received on her motion, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, as follows:*

January 16, 2006

*Corporation of the City of Pembroke
Pembroke, ON*

Your Finance Committee begs to report and recommend as follows:

We have examined the accounts as per the attached schedule and would recommend the payment of same as set out therein, as follows:

December, 2005 accounts \$4,953,703.11

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Deputy-Mayor Scott, Councillors Lowe, O'Neill, Henderson, Lafreniere, White and Levasseur.

2. *Councillor White presented the report from the Operations Committee, which was received on her motion, seconded by Councillor*

Lafreniere, as follows:

February 7, 2006

*Corporation of the City of Pembroke
Pembroke, ON*

Your Operations Committee of Council begs to report and recommend, from its' meeting of January 17, 2006, as follows:

- 1. THAT prior approval be granted to utilize funds in the 2006 budget to cover the cost of improvements to the Pembroke Memorial Centre including painting, carpet/drywall/lighting replacement, snow hole removal and clock bulb replacement for a cost of \$22,750. plus G.S.T.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Councillors White, Henderson, Lafreniere, O'Neill, Lowe, Levasseur and Deputy-Mayor Scott.

3. Councillor O'Neill presented the report of the Fire Liaison Committee, which was received on his motion, seconded by Councillor Levasseur, as follows:

February 7, 2006

*Corporation of the City of Pembroke
Pembroke, ON*

Your Fire Liaison Committee of Council begs to report and recommend as follows:

- 1. THAT the Pembroke Fire Department be authorized to proceed with the purchase of a 2006 Pumper Fire Fighter Apparatus from Fort Garry Fire Trucks in the amount of \$254,153.00, being the lowest qualifying bid*

received. Funds for this piece of equipment will be transferred from the City's Renfrew County Health Unit reserve account.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Councillors O'Neill, White, Lowe, Henderson, Lafreniere, Levasseur and Deputy-Mayor Scott.

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Deputy-Mayor Scott declared the week of February 19 to February 25th, 2006 as Kinsmen and Kinette Week and February 20, 2006 as Kinsmen and Kinettes Day.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

Councillor Henderson questioned Deputy-Mayor Scott on the status of efforts to ensure that the Lanark & Scottish Regiment is not relocated from the City of Pembroke and the Armouries closed. He felt that there now exists a new opportunity to pursue this matter since a new Federal Government is in place.

Deputy-Mayor Scott suggested that perhaps another letter from the Mayor's Office to the new Minister of Defence would be appropriate. He reminded Council that it had previously passed a resolution which was approved by other neighbouring municipalities and that these items could be attached to the letter. He also pointed out that there is a petition being developed by community individuals interested in this matter.

Councillor O'Neill questioned if the decision to relocate the regiment was a political decision.

Councillor Levasseur provided a draft copy of the agenda planned for the O.S.U.M. Conference being held May 3 to 5th in Leamington, Ontario and encouraged Council Members to consider attending.

MOTIONS:

Resolution No. 003

4. Moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere, THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be, and they are, hereby authorized to make application to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation for the 2005 vehicle program funding (Transportation service for Physically Disabled Persons) in the amount of \$24,893. pursuant to the Ontario Transit Vehicle Program. CARRIED.

Resolution No. 004

4.A. Moved by Councillor Levasseur, seconded by Councillor White,

WHEREAS City of Pembroke residents continue to experience difficulties accessing primary health care services;

AND WHEREAS the City of Pembroke continues to experience significant challenges in its health care field, specifically in the areas of keeping our residents healthy, reducing wait times and providing access to doctors and nurses;

AND WHEREAS the Renfrew County Branch of the Victoria Order of Nurses, as the lead agency, in conjunction with key partners including the Pembroke Regional Hospital, is pursuing the establishment of a Family Health Team to provide services to the City of Pembroke and area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Pembroke fully endorses and supports the submission of an application to the Provincial Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for funding to establish a Family Health Team in the City of Pembroke;

AND FURTHER THAT Minister George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long Term Care, be called upon to support this commendable initiative.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 005:

4.B. *Moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere,*

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.29, Section 15 (OMERS) empowers municipal employers to participate in the System;

AND WHEREAS the normal retirement age (NRA) for certain classes of employees is either 65 or 60;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Pembroke wishes to amend the Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for the position of Fire Chief;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the City of Pembroke amend the normal retirement age for the position of Fire Chief by changing it from 60 to 65 and that the change become effective the first day of March, 2006.

CARRIED.

CAUCUS MEETING:

On motion of Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere, the meeting moved to an in-camera session of the Personnel Committee to discuss matters dealing with personnel.

CARRIED.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

The following by-law was now introduced and read a first, second and third time, short and passed, Rule 71 being suspended for that purpose, on motion of members named, viz:

*By-law #03-2006, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council of the seventh day of February, 2006.
(Councillor Lafreniere and Councillor O'Neill)*

The meeting then adjourned on motion of Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor White.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor