

*Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario*

January 18, 2005

The Regular Meeting of Council was held this evening with Mayor Jacyno presiding and all members of Council in attendance. Also in attendance was T. Lapierre, Chief Administrative Officer.

MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 4, 2005 were approved, as circulated. CARRIED.

On motion of Councillor Severin, seconded by Councillor Henderson, the minutes of the Council in Caucus meeting of January 11, 2005 were approved, as circulated. CARRIED.

Mayor Jacyno requested that Council approve changes to the agenda as follows:

Move Committee Reports to after 'Answers to Questions' and add Agenda Items 3.B and 3.C. - Recreation reports, and 6.B. - Resolution No. 002, Non-Resident Recreation Surcharges.

Moved by Councillor Levasseur, seconded by Councillor Henderson that the above-noted changes to the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Jacyno advised that he had received a letter from the local Canadian Red Cross thanking City Staff for their support in collecting approximately \$1,900. of pledges for the Tsunami Relief operations. The Mayor thanked staff for collecting these funds at City Hall in addition to their normal work loads.

Mayor Jacyno advised Council that in their meeting packages there were a number of communications received after the agenda packages were distributed to Council. These items dealt with the bingo application which would be addressed by Council as part of the meeting agenda.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

Councillor White questioned why there was no indication in By-law Number 2005-05 that the interest rates would be reviewed on an annual basis? She wanted to be sure the Treasurer was aware that it was Council's intent to revisit the issue on an annual basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. *Deputy-Mayor Scott presented the report from the Finance Committee, which was received on his motion, seconded by Councillor Lowe, as follows:*

January 18, 2005

*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, 2004 *\$2,413,472.18*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

2. *Deputy-Mayor Scott presented the report from the Finance & Administration Committee, which was received on his motion, seconded by Councillor Lowe, as follows:*

January 18, 2005

Finance & Administration Committee

Pembroke, ON

Your Finance & Administration Committee of Council begs to report and recommend, from its meeting of January 11, 2005, as follows:

That approval be given to the Pembroke Fire Department to purchase radios and repeaters, as follows:

<i>Portable Radios</i>	<i>\$1,250. x 16</i>	<i>\$20,000.</i>
<i>Mobile Radios</i>	<i>2,000. x 4</i>	<i>8,000.</i>
<i>Repeaters</i>	<i>3,000. x 4</i>	<i><u>12,000.</u></i>
		<i>\$40,000. + taxes</i>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

3. *Councillor White presented the report of the Operations Committee, which was received on her motion, seconded by Councillor Lafreniere, as follows:*

January 18, 2005

*Corporation of the City of Pembroke
Pembroke, Ontario*

Your Operations Committee of Council begs to report and recommend, from its' meeting of January 18, 2005, as follows:

- 1. THAT Harrington Mechanical Ltd. be awarded the contract for the first phase for rehabilitation of the Townline Pumping Station in the amount of \$214,865.00 + GST.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Councillors White, Henderson, O'Neill, Severin, Levasseur, Lowe,

Lafreniere, Deputy-Mayor Scott and Mayor Jacyno.

3.B. Councillor Levasseur provided an update on cross country ski trails currently being set up within Riverside Park. He pointed out that there will be approximately 5 kms. of trails which will be groomed, providing access to local residents who wish to undertake cross-country skiing within the City's boundaries. He noted this is another program being put forward by the City's Recreation Department in support of active living and in conjunction with the City's upcoming Snospree Activities.

3.C. Councillor Levasseur provided a power point presentation and tabled accompanying notes with respect to the matter of non-resident recreation user fees. He indicated that the issue of City of Pembroke taxpayers subsidizing minor sports participants from other communities who utilize City facilities has been ongoing for many years. He further indicated that the City of Pembroke had recently met with the Township of Laurentian Valley to review this matter and provided a detailed information package on the actual operation costs associated with City facilities which minor sport participants residing in Laurentian Valley Township utilize. Councillor Levasseur indicated that the Township of Laurentian Valley was not interested in paying their fair share for these facilities. As a result, he stated, the City finds itself in the position of having to collect a fair portion for these operating costs from actual participants in minor sports activities. The Committee, he said, will be recommending recreation surcharges for individual activities based on actual operating costs.

Councillor Levasseur then invited questions from other members of Council.

Councillor O'Neill congratulated Councillor Levasseur, Councillor Henderson and City staff for putting together a comprehensive analysis which truly paints the actual picture of the costs for our recreation facility operations in the City.

Councillor Henderson pointed out that the collection process currently in place with minor sports leagues will be used to gather and remit the recommended surcharge. He did indicate that the amount that these leagues have become accustomed to would certainly increase drastically.

Councillor Lafreniere stated that it was important to ensure that Pembroke residents were aware that there would be no surcharge applied to their children or the children of ratepayers who pay taxes to the City of Pembroke. She suggested that any resident of the Township of Laurentian Valley concerned with the surcharge approach Laurentian Valley Council to ask why

they, as a Council, are not supporting their youth as the City of Pembroke is doing for its youth.

Councillor Lowe stated that it is difficult to imagine how and why the City of Pembroke would subsidize recreation for its neighbouring citizens when the citizens of our community are doing without.

BY-LAWS:

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS:

The following by-laws were now introduced and read a first and second time, Rule 71 being suspended for that purpose, on motion of the members named, viz:

4. By-law Number 2005-04; by-law to appoint a Building & Plumbing Inspector and a Property Standards Officer for the City of Pembroke.

(Temporary position from Jan. 17/05 to May 10/05).

(Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Severin)

5. By-law Number 2005-05; by-law to impose late payment charges for the non-payment of taxes.

(Deputy-Mayor Scott and Councillor Lowe)

THIRD READING:

The following by-laws were now read a third time, short and passed, Rule 71 being suspended for that purpose, on motion of the members named, viz:

4. By-law Number 2005-04; by-law to appoint a Building & Plumbing Inspector and a Property Standards Officer for the City of Pembroke

(Temporary position from Jan. 17/05 to May 10/05).

(Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Severin)

5. By-law Number 2005-05; by-law to impose late payment charges for the non-payment of taxes.

(Deputy-Mayor Scott and Councillor Lowe)

MOTION TO HEAR:

On motion of Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Lowe, Ms. Mary-Anne Taylor, President of the Stafford Bingo Country Nevada Association, came forward to address Council. She advised that she wished to clarify certain comments attributed to her group with regard to the application before City Council to establish a bingo hall within the City. Ms. Taylor advised Council that, contrary to recent comments attributed to her group, the Association neither supports nor opposes the application currently before Council. She indicated that the charities within their organization and across Renfrew County work together and co-operate. They felt that if there was a shift in bingo revenues amongst local charities and not-for-profits, then that would relieve the pressure on other similar organizations.

Mayor Jacyno thanked Ms. Taylor for her comments.

MOTIONS:

Resolution No. 001

6. *Moved by Councillor Lowe , seconded by Councillor Severin, THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke approve the proposal to operate a Class A Bingo Hall, as submitted by Mr. Cyril Gosse and to be located at the Pembroke Catering Hall, 307 Julien Street, Pembroke, Ontario.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution No. 002

6.B. *Moved by Councillor Levasseur, seconded by Councillor Henderson, THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke hereby establishes a policy to annually implement a Non-Resident Recreation Surcharge to recover facility operating costs. The attached Schedule “A” outlines the set of fees to be implemented immediately:*

SCHEDULE “A”

<u>Minor Sports League</u>	<u>Non-Resident Recreation Surcharge</u>
<i>Indoor Ball Hockey</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>
<i>Lacrosse</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>

<i>Soccer</i>	<i>\$ 18.00</i>
<i>Baseball</i>	<i>\$146.00</i>
<i>Hockey</i>	<i>\$451.00</i>
<i>Figure Skating</i>	<i>\$524.00</i>
<i>Ringette</i>	<i>\$509.00</i>
<i>Swimming Lessons (Kinsmen Pool)</i>	<i>\$ 43.00</i>
	<i>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.</i>

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 #02-2005, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council of the eighteenth day of January, 2005.
(Councillor Severin and Councillor O'Neil)*

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

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor