

*Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario*

April 19, 2005

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Jacyno informed Council that there were a number of individuals present who would like to address Council. He asked if Council had any objections to moving the 'Motions to Hear' portion of the agenda forward to accommodate those wishing to speak to Council.

MOTION: *Moved by Councillor Levasseur, seconded by Councillor Lowe, THAT the motion to hear portion of the agenda be moved forward to accommodate those interested in speaking to Council.*

CARRIED.

Mayor Jacyno welcomed those present and asked that the speakers move to the microphone and identify themselves for the record.

Mr. Douglas Archambeault, 365 Doran Street, indicated his concern with respect to the recent flooding in the Doran Street area of the Indian River. He stated that some residents had lost property which was not covered by insurance as a result of flooding basements. It was his opinion that this should not have happened. He indicated that he had viewed the Ministry of Natural Resources pictures of the area and that it was the opinion of some of the residents that the flooding experience was caused by ice and debris in the river. He stated that there was no maintenance conducted recently by the City to get rid of trees that had frozen into the water. These items were released on the Saturday afternoon of the incident after the ice had broken free.

Mr. Archambeault stated that Works Department had been called on both the Thursday and Friday prior to the incident. He stated that Works crews had driven by but did nothing. He thanked the Fire Department and the Police who were on site to provide assistance and he questioned the fact that, in his opinion, the Works crews were almost non-existent. He stated that on the Saturday afternoon of the incident residents were filling sand bags at the City facility when

Works staff told them that they had to leave. He indicated that this direction was given by the City Engineer. Mr. Archambeault stated that the residents got sand bags from C.F.B. Petawawa as well as their support in the proper filling and tying of these bags. When the City closed its location Mr. Archambeault said the residents went to the local quarry owned by the Seigels and got sand. He stated that early Saturday morning, at approximately 1:00 a.m., he awoke and was worried about the flooding situation and around 6:00 a.m. he viewed the Mayor on television saying that the flood was from the volume of water and not an ice dam. Mr. Archambeault indicated that he had walked a good section of the river viewing no restrictions at the Ottawa River, the foot bridge at Pansy Patch Park nor in the area of Park Avenue. He indicated that he did witness blockage at the Norman Street area of the river. He felt that dynamiting this area would have helped the situation. He asked if the City was now going to clear the river of garbage and debris on a regular basis in the future. He indicated that he had contacted the Mayor by cell phone and was asked how he had gotten that number. He felt that the City needs stronger leadership to deal with the types of situation experienced. He felt that the young brush should have been cut back from the river's banks and the flood would not have happened.

Mayor Jacyno took exception to Mr. Archambeault's comment with respect to how he asked how Mr. Archambeault's got his cell phone number.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Archambeault for his comments.

Bonita Richardson, Children's Garden Nursery School, Doran Street, indicated that she noticed that the water had risen more than normal and was concerned about the property. She manages the facility and so started calling various agencies and individuals. She called the City of Pembroke, 9-1-1, the parents and staff of the School as well as other volunteers. She felt that the response from all parties to the Nursery School's dilemma was amazing. She thanked the Fire Department, the Volunteer Fire Fighters, the Police, the Air Cadets as well as Mr. Unrau from the Works Department. She indicated that the City facility to bag sand was made available immediately. Neighbours, staff and families of the children who attend the school all provided significant support. The City did not have enough bags immediately, however, they did make them available as well as other required items. She thanked Seigel Sand & Gravel as well as the Red Cross. She noted that she had phoned C.F.B. Petawawa but they did not respond that night, however, they, as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources kept in touch with the group. She was thankful to the community and those who stepped forward agreeing to provide their facilities as a temporary location. She thanked Colleen Sauriol, from the City's Planning Department, for

her assistance as well as the Health Unit who responded within a day. She indicated that the school was fortunate as it had chosen to protect its interest by placing flooding insurance on the facility. She thanked the City's Works Department for cleaning the roads quickly after the floods and providing grading to the parking area as well as new fill. She also thanked the City for organizing the large garbage pickup for area residents although she did not require this service as her insurance restoration company was handling this matter. She thanked Mayor Jacyno for his concern and the many contacts to her. She also thanked David Anderson, of the County of Renfrew's Social Services Department. She felt that as a result of this incident her organization will be better prepared for future incidents.

Mayor Jacyno thanked Ms. Richardson for her comments.

Mark Hoffman, owner of 403 Doran Street, indicated that it was his opinion that there was a significant amount of support provided to the Nursery School, however, that support stopped there. He indicated that he and other people had attempted to call the Works Department during the evening and the phones were not answered. He stated that his father had helped him bag sand at the Pembroke facility but no-one else was there to help. Seniors living on the street had lost items and he questioned why they did not get help from the City. He stated that a City Works employee had told him at the sandbagging location that the gates would be locked and that everybody would have to leave. When he inquired as to the reason for this action on the City's part, he was told that they were just taking direction from the City's Engineer. Mr. Hoffman criticized the City for not having someone from the Works Department on site at the flooding. He felt that a Supervisor should have been present. Mr. Hoffman showed pictures taken by the Ministry of Natural Resources from their helicopter indicated significant ice blockages and logs in the Ottawa River. He felt that this debris goes into the water and can cause a hazard. He felt that it was not fair to write people off in the Doran Street area because they happen to live in a flood zone. He was concerned about the debris that would come down the Indian River into the Ottawa River and potentially become a hazard to boaters. He asked why the City would not clean debris up on the shores of resident's properties to ensure that this does not happen.

Mayor Jacyno indicated that he understood the frustration of the residents but Council had no interest in being involved in a debate during this meeting. He indicated that a debriefing had been held after the incident and that he had committed previously to meet with the residents to review this matter. He

pointed out that the residents must understand that they do live in a flood zone and that they have a responsibility to take action to protect their own property.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that there were three Works employees present on site and questioned why there was not more. He insinuated that he had heard that City staff were at a retirement party.

Councillor White stated that she and other members of Council would find the answers to the various questions raised. She indicated that a report is yet to come to Council but it will be dealt with at the appropriate time.

Mayor Jacyno reiterated that he had promised the residents that he would meet with them to discuss their concerns.

Councillor Lafreniere stated that she would also be seeking answers to the questions raised.

Mayor Jacyno thanked Mr. Hoffman for attending the meeting.

MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor White, the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 5, 2005 were approved, as presented.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Jacyno thanked all those involved in the flood response. He indicated that letters had been sent out to the various individuals and groups who had provided support to the City and residents of the area in question.

PETITIONS:

Deputy-Mayor Scott presented a petition from Ian Van Dresar, 518 Angus Campbell Drive and 36 other residents in the area of Angus Campbell Drive, petitioning Council to direct the Police Department to constantly monitor and enforce the restriction of heavy trucks on Angus Campbell Drive and Bell Street.

Mayor Jacyno indicated that a copy of the petition would be provided to the Police Services Board for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

March 19, 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:

March, 2005 *\$4,587,500.57*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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

I.A. *Councillor Henderson reported on the Repeater Signal resolution which Council had recently endorsed in order to support a Christian Radio Station for the Pembroke area. Councillor Henderson stated that he was pleased to report that the application had been approved by the Canadian Radio & Telecommunication Commission. He wished to thank Council for its' support.*

BY-LAWS:

FIRST & 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:

2. *By-law Number 2005-24; by-law to allow the encroachment of an exhaust duct at 135/137 Pembroke St. East.
(Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Severin)*

3. *By-law Number 2005-25; by-law of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke to regulate traffic. (Consolidation of By-law 89-74 & all subsequent amendments)
(Councillor White and Councillor Levasseur)*

THIRD READING:

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

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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 the members named, viz:

*Confirming By-law 08-2005; a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on the 19th day of April, 2005.
(Councillor Lowe and Councillor Lafreniere)*

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

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer