

Council Chambers
PEMBROKE, Ontario

November 2, 2004

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Jacyno welcomed Peter and Brenda Sammon to the meeting. He noted that they had recently returned from a visit to the Town of Talmont-Saint-Hilaire, France, where Peter's uncle, John Sammon and his navigator, Frank Harris, had crashed their Mosquito FB VI HP 977 fighter plane and died during the Second World War.

Peter and Brenda overviewed their trip to France and the very emotional trip it had been for them. Mr. Sammon told Council that the members of both his family and the Harris family had been invited by the Town to come and help them recognize the 60th anniversary (July 5th) of the loss of these men and their heroic efforts to defend the coastline and the two Villages. There were eye witnesses to the plane crash there to relay their experiences that day. One family in particular had really taken it upon themselves to research the lives of these two men and the local historian had travelled to Paris to research the military history of them both. His research found that these two men had flown some 130 missions together totalling over 1,000 hours of flying time. Their efforts that July 5th, 1944 had resulted in the sinking of one German ship and badly damaging a second.

Our family, Mr. Sammon noted, had really been welcomed into the community and the people of the Town seemed to be honestly interested in Pembroke Ontario Canada stating that they would like to visit us one day. In speaking to Mayor Jacyno prior to their trip, Mr. Sammon stated, the Mayor had kindly provided a letter of thanks for their recognition of John Sammon and Frank Harris and had given them City pins and a picture to take to the people of Talmont-Saint-Hilaire. In return the Mayor of the Town of Talmont-Saint-Hilaire had sent a gift of a book and a Town flag back with them.

In conclusion Mr. Sammon stated that it had been a magical week for their family. It is our hope, he noted, that some of the townspeople will visit with us and noted that if they do he would be happy to bring them to a Council Meeting to meet them.

At this point Mayor Jacyno read the letter he had written to the Mayor of Talmont-Saint-Hilaire to the members of Council.

Councillor Levasseur recalled that Mr. Sammon's son, Ryan, had taken part in the Legion Remembrance Day Essays, Poems and Short Stories competition in 1998 and had won with his story "My Uncle John". His essay won the local competition and then went on to win the regional competition and finally to place second at the Provincial level. It must have been quite an experience for Ryan, he pointed out, to now have an opportunity to visit the site of his Great Uncle's crash and hear the stories honouring him. What an opportunity!

MINUTES:

On motion of Councillor White, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of October 19, 2004 were approved, as circulated.

CARRIED.

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:

1. *By-law Number 2004-53; by-law to amend By-law 97-38 of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke. (Re: 184/186/188 McAllister Street) (Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Lafreniere)*

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:

1. *By-law Number 2004-53; by-law to amend By-law 97-38 of the Corporation of the City of Pembroke. (Re: 184/186/188 McAllister Street) (Councillor O'Neill and Councillor Lafreniere)*

SPECIAL ORDERS:

Mayor Jacyno proclaimed the day of July 5, 2005 as Flying Officer John Sammon Day and advised that the flag of the Town of Talmont-Saint-Hilaire will be flown that day at City Hall.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

Deputy-Mayor Scott noted he wished to comment on the editorial in the Daily Observer recently regarding the City's motion supporting other municipalities in their efforts to have the provincial government amend the requirements under the Performance Measurement reporting process. He emphasized that the City, in no way, is trying to hide anything. The reporting required for the Performance Measurement is time-consuming and tedious. When the previous Government implemented this program it had implied that this information would be used to make comparisons and determine financial needs and where improvements could be made. Parts of this report must be prepared by the City's Auditors at a cost to the City. Some methods of calculation have been changed every year and, therefore, comparisons cannot be made from year to year. This City is not saying that this report should be scrapped in its totality, but rather that it needs to be reviewed and determined if a more simplified report can accomplish the same thing.

Councillor Levasseur commented that both the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Associations are also pushing for changes to the format of the report. The Minister of Municipal Affairs has committed to reviewing the performance measurement process with a view to making it more useful to municipalities.

MOTIONS:

Resolution No. 026

2. Moved by Councillor Levasseur, seconded by Councillor Henderson, That the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be, and they are, hereby authorized to enter into a Licensed Space/Ice Rental Fees Agreement and a Licensed-Sign Advertising Agreement with the Pembroke Junior "A" Lumber Kings Hockey Club Ltd. for the Pembroke Memorial Centre facilities.

CARRIED.

Resolution No. 027

2.A. Moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Levasseur, THAT the City of Pembroke launch an official protest regarding the third world conditions at the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre and that immediate action be taken by the Province of Ontario to provide sanitary and humane conditions for Pembroke, Renfrew County and all others involved in the criminal justice system in this region.

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 #21-2004, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council of the second day of October, 2004.
(Deputy-Mayor Scott and Councillor White)

The meeting then adjourned on motion of Councillor Severin,

seconded by Councillor Lafreniere.

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor