

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1416.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Jennie Helmer
Councillor James Linklater
Councillor Karen Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Tim Harris, Manager of Operations & Development Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance & Administration
Lisa Pedrini, Planner
Paige MacWilliam, Legislative Assistant

Public: 10

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Mayor Richman called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA (CLOSED)

Council did not rise with report from In Camera.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1414 –Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1414 held Tuesday, December 15, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

b) Special Council Meeting No. 1415 – Wednesday, December 30, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Special Council Meeting No. 1415 held Wednesday, December 30, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes to be received.

7. DELEGATIONS

a) Ms. Anna Helmer, President, Pemberton Farmers Institute – Commercial Events on Agricultural Land Reserve Properties

Ms. Helmer, President of the Pemberton Farmers Institute, spoke regarding the proliferation of commercial weddings being hosted on farmland and the Ministry of Agriculture's proposed bylaw standards pertaining to agri-tourism on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) properties. Ms. Helmer stated that the ALR was created to ensure that farming is the only economically viable use of farmland and the agriculture industry is a valuable economic driver, although the price of land in Pemberton is limiting the expansion of production.

Non-farm use events are currently allowed on ALR land, although the application process is onerous. Ms. Helmer's objects to changing the application requirements to facilitate more non-farm use on ALR as this will increase the value of farmland because it will become more valuable as a wedding venue and, in addition, weddings detracts from farming activities that improve the quality of the soil for future production.

Discussion took place regarding the impact of non-farm uses on the value of farmland, using the home-plate model to limit the impact of non-farm uses while allowing farmers to capture additional revenues and the level of enforcement of non-farm use on ALR.

b) Mr. Garth Phare, President of Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce, & Ms. Andrea Vanloon, Director of Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce and Pemberton Commercial Events Committee – Commercial Events on Agricultural Land Reserve Properties

Mr. Phare, President of the Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the organizations involvement in undertaking an economic impact study into weddings in the Pemberton Valley, which found that weddings generate \$5 million in annual revenue, and establishing a committee on commercial events in the Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR).

Ms. Vanloon, Director of the Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce & Pemberton Commercial Events Committee Chair, spoke about the work of the committee and its desire to keep farmland in the ALR while still allowing for some commercial events on farmland with limitations on frequency.

Discussion took place regarding limiting the potential loss of ALR land, creating mechanisms to limit the number of non-farm use events to ensure that farming remains the primary use of the land, the increasing demand for event venues, using the home-plate model to limit the impact of non-farm use and current non-conforming use of ALR land.

8. REPORTS

a) Corporate & Legislative Services

i. Agri-tourism & Farm Retail Sales in the Agricultural Land Reserve Discussion Paper & Proposed Minister's Bylaw Standard

Moved

THAT the Ministry of Agriculture be encouraged to strengthen the ALR, increase government oversight in response to accessory farm use and that the wording in the proposed bylaw standards be changed from "minimize or reduce risk to farmland" to "no risk and no loss of farmland."

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECONDER

Moved

THAT correspondence be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture requesting that consideration be given to including commercial events in the Tier 1 permitted agri-tourism activity and be permitted on the portion of land not under production.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECONDER

Moved/Seconded

THAT correspondence be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture requesting that commercial events be permitted as agri-tourism activity on Agricultural Land Reserve on a limited basis and as a secondary industry to agriculture production.

MOTION FAILED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the opinions of individual Councillors with respect to the Discussion Paper & Proposed Minister's Bylaw Standards be provided to Staff and forwarded by correspondence to the Ministry of Agriculture for consideration.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Ross

b) Finance & Administration

i. Cellular Phone Policy Update

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Councillor Computer Purchase Policy be amended to allow for the purchase of a computer and/or a Smart phone or blackberry.

CARRIED

a) Mayor

Mayor Richman reported on the following:

- Informed of potential transit disruption due to labour dispute, information will be posted on the Village website and on the BC Transit website
- Reminded Business licences dues are due by January 31, after that the rate doubles
- Announced that Winterfest will take place on January 22-23, 2016
- Acknowledged Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for installing flashing yellow lights by the Community Centre on Portage Road

Moved/Seconded

THAT correspondence be sent to Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to extend appreciation for the installation of the flashing yellow light at the Pemberton Community Centre crosswalk on Portage Road.

CARRIED

- Reminded of the Report from COP21 Paris the UN Climate Conference event with guest speaker Elizabeth May on January 21 in Whistler
- Announced plan to attend a Community to Community Forum in Lillooet on Friday, January 22
- Announced plan to attend the final Federation of Canadian Municipalities hosted Community Infrastructure Partnership Program meeting with Lil'wat Nation
- Reminded that the Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their Annual General Meeting and luncheon on January 28
- Encouraged attendance at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre exhibit on the residential school experience opening February 3
- Announced that a Rutherford Whitewater Park committee has been established to consider the administration of the facility, which will include representation from the Village
- Announced that Vancouver Coastal Health will be hosting a Coastal Community of Care Initiatives Forum on February 18 at the Seymour Golf Course
- Announced that Russel Mack, SLRD Area C Director, will contribute fund for Community Centre capital repairs utilizing amenity funds

b) Councillors

Councillor Linklater

Councillor Linklater reported on the following:

- Attended the Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee Meeting on January 12

- Reminded that Winterfest will be deciding where the events will be held tomorrow depending on the weather
- Challenged Council and staff to the Winterfest polar bear swim
- Announced plan to volunteer at the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation's Telus Winter Classic on January 23
- Reminded that BC Transit has committed to providing 24 hour notice if service will be interrupted due to the labour dispute

Councillor Ross

Councillor Ross agreed to participate on the Rutherford Whitewater Park Committee.

Councillor Craddock

Councillor Craddock acknowledged the efforts of Public Works clearing snow from roads and trails.

Councillor Helmer

Councillor Helmer did not have anything to report at this time.

9. BYLAWS

a) Fourth and Final Reading

i. Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan Amendment ('580' Hillside Lands) Bylaw No. 789, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT Official Community Bylaw No. 654, 2011, Amendment ('580' Hillside Lands) Bylaw No. 789, 2015, be given Fourth and Final Reading.

CARRIED

ii. Village of Pemberton Zoning Amendment ('580' Hillside Lands) Bylaw No. 790, 2015

Moved/Seconded

THAT Village of Pemberton Zoning Bylaw No. 466, 2011, Amendment ('580' Hillside Lands) Bylaw No. 790, 2015, be given Fourth and Final Reading.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Helmer

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Information

- i. Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated December 17, 2015, regarding approval for the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative FireSmart Grant**
- ii. Sea to Sky Community Services, dated January, 2016, regarding appreciation for Community Enhancement Fund support for the Christmas Hamper Program**
- iii. Creative BC, dated January 8, 2016, regarding support of BC's motion picture industry**
- iv. Sea to Sky Clean Air Society, dated January 12, 2016, regarding appreciation for Community Enhancement Fund support for Pemberton Bike to Work Week 2016**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence from Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Sea to Sky Community Services, Creative BC, and Sea to Sky Clean Air Society be received for information.

CARRIED

b) For Action

No correspondence for action for consideration.

11. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business to be considered.

12. LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion.

14. QUESTION PERIOD

Anna Helmer, 7451 Aspen Drive, Pemberton, BC

Ms. Helmer asked a question about the time limits on temporary use permits issued by local governments for non-farm use on Agricultural Land Reserve properties.

15. AJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the January 19, 2016 Regular meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED



Mike Richman
Mayor



Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer