### **Community Forest Agreement & Tenure**

Timeline: 2017-2018

Current Status: Currently pursuing a Partnership Agreement with neighbouring First Nations

**Project Background:** In 2001, Village Council took into consideration the changes that were taking place in the Forest Industry at the time and determined it would be prudent to investigate the possibility of establishing a Community Forest in the Pemberton area. In 2005, the Ministry of Forests issued a press release in which the Village of Pemberton along with the RMOW and District of Squamish were invited to apply for a five year probationary community forest licence that would provide up to 10,000 m3 of timber annually. Although application was not made by the Village of Pemberton at that time there continued to be interest in pursuing this initiative and over the years the Village has met with Ministry officials to discuss the Community Forest program, understand the 2007 timber supply analysis and consider partnership opportunities.

In 2014, due to renewed interest in this initiative, Council determined that it would be useful to better understand the feasibility of pursuing a Community Forest for the Village of Pemberton. In 2015, a request for proposal was issued by the Village for a study to explore the feasibility of entering into a Community Forest Agreement with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resources Operations. As noted above, there have been numerous discussions with Provincial representatives and some preliminary research has been completed. The aim of the study was to gather more information, learn about the potential benefits of a entering into a Community Forest Agreement, including establishing forest stewardship over the lands surrounding the Village; facilitating potential recreation opportunities and protecting what is already in place; and social and economic benefits to the community through potential job creation and retention.

In 2016, the Community Forest Feasibility Study was completed and presented to Council in March. The Study outlined the process to make application and provided information of the potential costs and benefits to undertaking this project and options for partnerships. An opportunity to partner with Lil'wat Nation was presented and in December Council resolved to enter into negotiations with Lil'wat Forestry Ventures to establish a Partnership Agreement to operate a Community Forest.



### **Community Forest Agreement & Tenure**

**Project Details:** A Community Forest can be described as any forestry operation managed by a local government, community group, First Nation or community-held corporation for the benefit of the entire community. Community forestry involves the three pillars of sustainable development: social, ecological, and economic sustainability. At its core, community forestry is about local control over, and stewardship of, local forest resources.

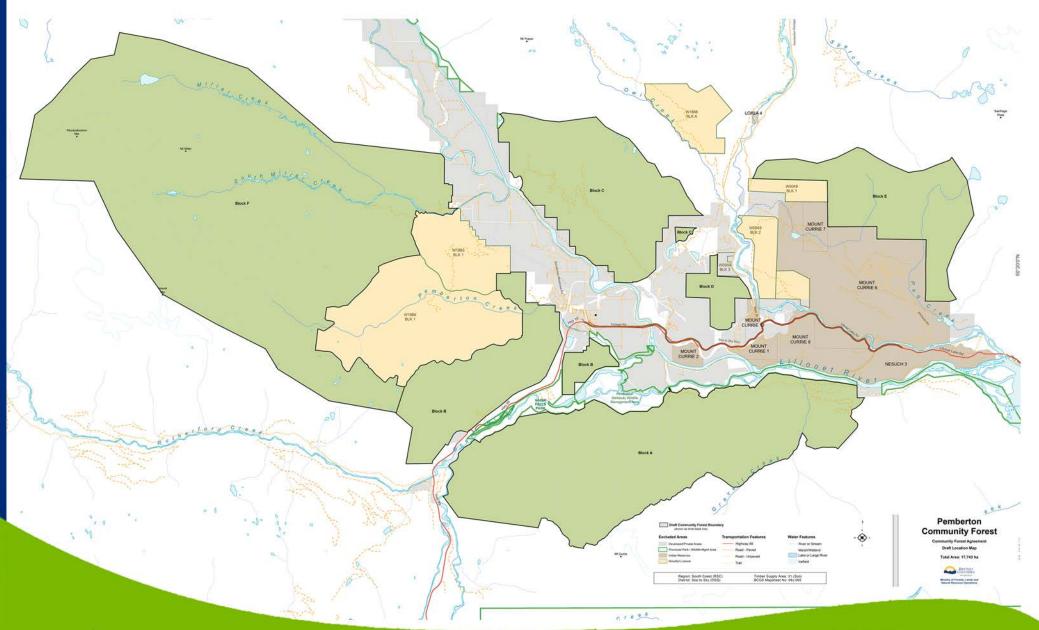
Through community engagement, management decisions are formulated. Harvesting quantities, locations and timelines are set out in a 'Annual Harvesting Plans'. The plan is developed to meet the statutory harvesting requirements set out by the Province under the terms of the tenures. The community provides input, vision and objectives which are adhered to. Without a Community Forest Agreement in place, the surrounding forest areas would be managed by others and not to the community's benefit.

**Next Steps:** It is anticipated that the preparation of the partnership agreement will take several months. During this time the Village, along with Lil'wat Forest Ventures, will prepare the background information required to make application to the Ministry for a Community Forest Agreement. This will include the development of a Forest Management Plan, Stewardship Management Plan, reforestation plan and business plan all of which will be presented at public meetings prior to submission. The aim is to submit the application in 2018.

**Contact information:** For project related questions, please contact Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services at 604.894.6135 or by email at sfraser @ pemberton.ca.



# **Community Forest Map PROPOSED Areas**





# **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update**

**Timeline:** Fall 2016 - Winter 2016/2017

**Current Status:** The draft version of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update is under referral will be going to Council for consideration of adoption in March 2017.

**Project Background:** The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Program was created in British Columbia as a response to the devastating 2003 wildfire in Kelowna. As an integral part of the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, managed and funded through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), CWPPs aim to develop strategic recommendations to assist in improving safety and to reduce the risk of damage to property from wildfires. In 2005, a Community Wildfire Protection Plan for the Village of Pemberton was completed to help guide the Village in wildfire risk reduction and mitigation activities.

This Plan intends to update the 2005 CWPP and the threat of wildfire within and around the municipality. This update examines the effectiveness of completed work, identifies opportunities for improvement within existing programs, and describes future initiatives.

The Village of Pemberton received \$9,730.00 in matching funds from UBCM for the completion of the update document.

**Project Details:** The project includes the drafting of an update of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which includes recommendations for structure protection and planning, emergency response planning, municipality policies and fuel management.

**Contact Information:** For project-related questions, please contact Chief Grossman at 604.894.6111 or by email at rgrossman@pemberton.ca.



### **Friendship Trail Bridge**

Village of PEMBERTON

**Timeline:** This project is subject to funding. If funding is secured, a detailed timeline will be forthcoming.

**Current Status:** The Village of Pemberton made application to the Bike BC Fund and is awaiting the funding announcement from the Province.

**Project Background:** The Friendship Trail Bridge is key component of the Friendship Trail route, which is part of the Sea to Sky Trail and Trans Canada Trail network. The aim of the Friendship Trail and Bridge is to provide a linear, safe connection between the Village, Plateau Neighbourhood, future recreation site and Lil'wat Nation.

The construction of the Friendship Trail is being managed by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and is 60% complete. The project management of the Friendship Trail Bridge is being overseen by the Village of Pemberton.

**Project Details:** The scope of the project includes the design and installation of a pedestrian, cycling and questrian bridge on the south side of the Lillooet River, adjacent to Highway 99.

**Contact Information:** For project-related questions, please contact Tim Harris, Operations & Development Services Manager at 604.894.6135 or by email tharris@pemberton.ca.



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Friendship Trail Alignment & Bridge Location

#### One Mile Lake Park Master Plan

Timeline: September 2015 - December 2016

Current Status: The One Mile Lake Park Master Plan has been completed and adopted by Council.

on December 13, 2016.

**Project Background:** The Village of Pemberton updated the One Mile Lake Park Master Plan as a means to revise and improve upon the current plan, given that many of the directions contained in the 2005 Plan had been addressed. The Master Plan Update process was originally initiated in 2013; however, other commitments of the Development Services Department and changes in staffing prevented the completion of the One Mile Lake Park Master Plan Update as anticipated.

In the spring of 2015, the Village of Pemberton Council highlighted the completion of the One Mile Lake Park Master Plan as a strategic priority. The One Mile Lake Park Master Plan Update entailed extensive public engagement. The completed plan is a tool for guiding the land use and opportunities/constraints for the park for the next 10 years in a manner that will contribute to an improved quality of experience for its users, as well as the protection of its overall environmental sustainability.

A copy of the One Mile Lake Master Plan can be downloaded at www.pemberton.ca.

**Contact Information:** For project-related questions, please contact Lisa Pedrini, Village of Pemberton Planner at 604.894.6135 or by email lpedrini@pemberton.ca.



# **Water Conditioning Project**

Timeline: Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Current Status: Underground works is 90% complete, extension of the well house (in Pioneer Park) has

been temporarily suspended due to frigid weather.

**Project Background:** To treat the low pH and alkalinity of the Village drinking water, the Village is installing a soda ash conditioning system. The implementation of the soda ash system is estimated to cost roughly \$560,000. These funds have been allocated from Village Water Reserves and the Provincial Community Works Gas Tax Funds, a yearly grant delivered to all local governments in British Columbia to support local priorities. The installation of the system is not anticipated to result in an increase in Water Utility rates at this time.

The annual cost to operate the conditioning system is estimated at \$45,000 per year. This cost will be included in future water service budgets; a prorated amount of \$25,000 has been allocated as approved in the 2016 - 2020 Five-Year Financial Plan.

**Project Details:** The project scope includes underground works, the expansion of the well house in Pioneer Park and the installation of the soda ash injection system.

**Contact Information:** For project-related questions, please contact Tim Harris, Operations & Development Services Manager at 604.894.6135 or by email at tharris@pemberton.ca.





# **Zoning & Sign Bylaw Update**

Timeline: January 2017 - December 2017

Current Status: A contract has been awarded for a consultant to complete the Zoning and Sign Bylaw

Update.

**Project Background:** The current Zoning Bylaw No. 466, 2001 has been amended from time to time within the last 15 years including some major revisions relating to new residential developments. The Village underwent a review and adoption of its Official Community Plan (Bylaw No. 654, 2011) several years ago which included new policies that must be incorporated into the Zoning Bylaw. The Village is experiencing growth and development of home-based businesses and businesses involved in the sharing economy; technology driven businesses that did not exist and were never contemplated when the original bylaw was adopted. These and other changes will be incorporated during the revisions.

The Village's Sign Bylaw No. 380, 1995 has never been amended, and there has been much confusion and non-compliance with the Sign Bylaw that has come to light in the last few years as the use and need for signage has changed. The Village is committed to undertaking a thorough review of the Sign Bylaw, including recommendations from the Chamber of Commerce and business owners on how to better reflect today's marketing practices.

**Project Details:** The project will incorporate a community and stakeholder engagement component which will be announced shortly.

**Contact Information:** For project-related questions, please contact Lisa Pedrini, Village of Pemberton Planner at 604.894.6135 or by email lpedrini@pemberton.ca



# **Zoning & Sign Bylaw Update**

The purpose of the Zoning Bylaw Update is to support the policies and vision contained in the Official Community Plan adopted in 2011, to address issues and constraints within the existing bylaw, and to reflect current Best Practices in the industry that are relevant to the unique characteristics and development trends in Pemberton. Some topics that will be addressed:

- Update/modernize Definitions;
- Home Based Business Regulations;
- Parking Standards;
- Short Term Accommodation Regulations (i.e., Air BnB);
- Mapping Update;
- Medical Marihuana Dispensary Regulations;
- "Greening" the Zoning Bylaw; and
- Adding regulations for properties now in Village boundaries since Boundary Expansion.

The purpose of the Sign Bylaw Update is to identify issues with the existing Sign Bylaw and recommend opportunities for improvement. The existing Sign Bylaw and particularly how it relates to businesses in the Downtown and the Village's Business Park has not been consistently reflected in much of the signage businesses have installed in recent years and therefore warrants a review to:

- Determine what changes to the Sign Bylaw are warranted;
- Improve layout;
- Improve readability and interpretation;
- Support the current needs of the business community; and
- Have meaningful community involvement.



