

Why is the Village exploring a Boundary Extension?

Researching options for further improvements to our local boundaries was first identified as a Strategic Priority in 2012. Since the Boundary Extension in 2011, additional studies have been undertaken by both the Village and SLRD, which both supported the exploration of further extending the Village boundaries for the purpose of establishing a contiguous boundary, incorporating serviced areas (such as Pemberton North Water Service) and looking at community identity with respect to where residents in the area consider themselves to live.

What areas are under consideration for Boundary Extension? How many properties would be included in the proposed extension?

The proposed extension area includes approximately 200 properties, approximately 500 residents, and 6.3 kilometers of road. The defined area is shown on the enclosed map.

The areas are described as follows:

- Balance of Rutherford Independent Power Project (IPP): capturing the Penstock and In-take
- Miller Creek Independent Power Project (IPP): Power house, In-Take and Penstock and a portion of the proposed Community Forest area
- Pemberton North Water Service Area: to which the Village provides water service
- Highway 99 – Harrow Road to Pemberton Farm Road East: North and South sides of the highway: to which the Village provides some properties with water service
- Pemberton Farm Road East to the Industrial Park: south side of the highway (excluding First Nations Lands): to which the Village provides some properties with water service
- Area surrounding the Industrial Park (East and West) (excluding First Nations Lands): to which the Village provides some properties with water and sewer services

Will my property taxes/utilities increase?

Properties that are brought into the Municipality would no longer pay Provincial Rural Tax and would pay Municipal Property tax once the Boundary Extension has been approved. Although it is projected that property taxes would be higher when incorporated into the Village, newly incorporated properties would likely see a decrease in fire insurance. Those properties served by Village water would likely also see a decrease in water and sewer rates.

Further analysis of financial implications is currently being undertaken and will be available at the upcoming Boundary Extension Open House on Tuesday, April 25th, 6pm-8pm at Signal Hill Elementary School.

Frequently Asked Questions Boundary Extension

Does the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District know you are undertaking this process?

Yes, representatives of the SLRD were in attendance at the Village of Pemberton Regular Council Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 10th at which the presentation on Boundary Extension was made. A copy of the presentation has been forwarded to the SLRD for information.

In addition, the Village has advised and forwarded a copy of the presentation to Lil'wat Nation and the Pemberton Valley Dyking District.

Would Boundary Extension change my zoning?

Affected properties would continue to hold SLRD Zoning designation until such time that the Village of Pemberton amends its Zoning Bylaw to incorporate the subject properties.

What is the timeline?

The timeline is as follows:

April-May: Village Staff continue to gather information for Council and Public Consultation.

May 29th: Upon review of all the research, analysis and consultation findings, Council will consider passing a resolution requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to consider the Village's Boundary Extension proposal.

June/July: Review of the proposal by the Ministry.

August/September: Upon Ministry approval, Village Staff will work with the Ministry to meet legislative requirements and prepare for a Referendum.

October 20th: Referendum will coincide with Local Government elections. Affected property owners in the SLRD will be provided an opportunity to vote on whether or not they are interested in being brought into the Village boundaries. This is a simple yes or no vote.

How do I get more information?

Pemberton and Area C affected property owners are strongly encouraged to attend the two information sessions:

Wednesday, April 25th

6pm-8pm

Signal Hill Elementary

Tuesday, May 15th

6pm-8pm

Signal Hill Elementary

Information and updates will be posted on the Village of Pemberton's Project Page:

<https://goo.gl/ruQJqB>. Questions may also be directed to the Village of Pemberton at admin@pemberton.ca or 604.894.6135.