

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes for the **Committee of the Whole** of Council of the Village of Pemberton, held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is meeting No. 173.

ATTENDING: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor James Linklater
Councillor Karen Ross
Councillor Ted Craddock

ABSENT: Councillor Jennie Helmer

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance & Administration
Tim Harris, Manager of Operations & Development Services
Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:01 p.m. Mayor Richman called the meeting to order.

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole No. 172 – Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 172, held Tuesday, February 20, 2018, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

a) Graham Turner, President, Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Turner provided an update on current projects, plans for expanding the Chamber's role in the business community, and re-branding initiatives. Information was provided on the Chamber's shift to a digital Newsletter, online registration for members, 2018 Schedule of Events, and the progress of the Economic Development Task Force collaborative. The Chamber has received funding for its Data Portal and Community Profile Project through the BC Rural Dividend Fund and will continue working on this project. Moving forward, the Chamber is focused on exploring funding opportunities, maintaining local advocacy, and improving outreach to home-based businesses.

b) Alistair McCrone, Recreation Officer, Sea to Sky Recreation District, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO)

Mr. McCrone presented information on Crown Land recreational use and visitor data for Pemberton and surrounding area. Mr. McCrone confirmed that Meagre Creek will remain closed due to land slide safety risks, and Keyhole Falls Hot Springs continues to be a concern due to human/wildlife conflicts. Statistics were presented indicating that recreational use is increasing exponentially along the Sea to Sky Corridor, and that improvements to access and trails are key drivers in increasing visitors to an area. Human/wildlife conflicts, increased refuse, and disturbance to ecologically sensitive areas are some of the negative impacts seen in highly visited areas. The Province is planning to open 280 new campsites in 2018, with 25-35 new sites anticipated to open at Strawberry Point.

5. BUDGET SESSION No. 3 – REVISED OPERATING, PROJECT AND CAPITAL EXPENSES AND TAX IMPLICATIONS

a) 2018 Capital Projects for Further Review:

i. Affordable Housing Action Plan – Funding Options Update

As a follow up to the previous meeting, Staff advised that Gas Tax funding may not be used for the development of a Plan of this nature. Staff further advised that it will continue to work with developers to seek opportunities for affordable housing projects.

ii. Municipal Natural Assets Initiative – Verbal Update

As a follow up to the previous meetings, Staff advised that there was not an intake in 2018 for this initiative, nor was there certainty of this program continuing in the future. There is another program currently being developed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), that may include an element of Natural Assets, but the details have not yet been completed or released.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative no longer be pursued as there is no 2018 intake and future opportunities for this program are uncertain.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Staff continue to actively pursue future funding opportunities for natural asset initiatives.

CARRIED

b) Legislative Budget – Review

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Legislative Budget be supported as presented.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Craddock

c) Public Works Department Budget – Review

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Public Works Department Budget be supported as presented.

CARRIED

d) Administration and Tax Implication Budget - Review

i. 2018 Priorities Review/Work Plans

Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a brief overview of 2018 priorities including transit, affordable housing, and implementing a Project Coordinator position.

ii. Tax Implication Review

A review took place of the 2018 Municipal Tax Implications along with a comparison of the two proposed 2018 Average Municipal Tax Increase plans, one which included Reserves and one which included Reserves and a Contract Project Coordinator.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff review the 2018 draft budget and identify what can be deferred to offset half of the new Project Coordinator position.

AND THAT a revised Municipal Tax Implication Review be brought back to Committee of the Whole for consideration on March 20, 2018.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee of the Whole Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



Mike Richman
Mayor



Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer