

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
- PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES-**

Minutes of the **Public Hearing** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

BY TELEPHONE:

Councillor Jennie Helmer

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lisa Pedrini, Senior Planner
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:

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MEDIA:

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1. CALL TO ORDER and OPENING STATEMENTS

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Richman called the Public Hearing to order and read the following Opening Statement for the Village of Pemberton Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018, Amendment (Cannabis, Retail) Bylaw No. 847, 2018:

Good Evening. My name is Mike Richman and as Mayor of the Village of Pemberton I will be chairing this Public Hearing.

Lisa Pedrini, Village Senior Planner, will make a brief presentation on the *Zoning Amendment (Cannabis, Retail) Bylaw No. 847, 2018* and Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services, will record your comments for the minutes which will form part of the public record on this matter.

Also in attendance are Councillor Ted Craddock, Councillor James Linklater, Councillor Karen Ross and Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer. Councillor Jennie Helmer is attending by telephone.

This Public Hearing is convened pursuant to Section 465 of the Local Government Act to allow the public to make representations to Council respecting matters contained in proposed:

*Village of Pemberton Zoning Bylaw No. 832, Amendment (Cannabis, Retail)
Bylaw No. 847, 2018*

Notification of this Public Hearing was advertised in the October 4th and the October 11th issues of the “Pique Newsmagazine”.

A Notice was also posted at *Village of Pemberton Offices, the Village Notice Board located at the Post Office, and on the Village Website and Facebook Page* and public notice boards throughout the community.

Every one of you present who believes that your interest in a property is affected by the proposed Bylaw shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

Each speaker will have up to two (2) minutes to be heard. Once everyone has had a chance to speak, those who wish to speak again may do so if they have new points to present.

None of you will be discouraged or prevented from making your views known. However, it is important that you restrict your remarks to matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

When speaking please commence your remarks by clearly stating for the public record your **full name and address** and whether or not you are in favour or opposed to the Bylaw.

Members of Council may, if they so wish, ask questions following a presentation. However, the main function of Council Members at this Public Hearing is to listen rather than to debate the merits of the proposed Bylaw. This Public Hearing is not a question and answer period; it is an opportunity for the public's views to be heard.

Please refrain from applause or other expressions.

After this Public Hearing has concluded, Council will further consider this Zoning Amendment Bylaw by reconvening the Regular Council Meeting, which was recessed earlier today, immediately after this Public Hearing.

May I remind you that tonight is your final opportunity for input on the proposed Bylaw.

2. PRESENTATION OF VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT (CANNABIS, RETAIL) BYLAW NO. 847, 2018

Lisa Pedrini, Senior Planner, presented the following report:

The purpose of Bylaw 847, 2018 is to facilitate the establishment of Cannabis Retail Sales in the Village's Town Centre Commercial (C-1) Zone. Currently, Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018 exclusively prohibits Cannabis Dispensaries from any zone within the Village boundaries.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 847, 2018 would result in amendments to the Zoning Bylaw that includes:

- 1.) Adding a definition of "**Cannabis, Retail**" and a definition of "**Cannabis Dispensary**" to Part 3 – DEFINITIONS. Defining each term allows for a distinction between the retail sales of Cannabis for recreational purposes – which will be permitted if Bylaw No. 847, 2018 is adopted; and the promotion and sales of Cannabis for medicinal purposes, which will continue to be prohibited in the Village;
- 2.) Adding "**Cannabis, Retail**" to the list of permitted land uses in the Town Centre Commercial (C-1) Zone;
- 3.) Adding **Conditions of Use** to **Cannabis, Retail** to require a 150 m buffer between a School, the Community Centre, Public Library, Public Daycare, Skatepark, BMX Track or other youth-oriented facility, and to restrict the number of Cannabis retail establishments to no more than two (2) at any one time.

Rationale:

The reason for this change is to implement the Village's Non-Medical (Recreational) Cannabis Retail Policy that was adopted on October 2, 2018 in response to the federal legalization of Recreational Cannabis occurring October 17, 2018.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE AS OF NOON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018.

No correspondence or petitions were received.

4. ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE OR PETITIONS RECEIVED.

No correspondence or petitions were received.

5. MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Richman called for submissions from the public:

Brenda Williams, Arbutus Street, Village of Pemberton, opposed, expressed concern that retail cannabis shops would be located close to schools and that consumption might occur in the presence of children and teenagers.

Valerie Megeney, Pemberton Farm Road, Area C, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, expressed support for Ms. Williams' comments, but noted that it was clear that Council had carefully considered their response to the legalization of recreational cannabis and she appreciated their diligence.

6. CLOSING STATEMENTS

Mayor Richman called three (3) times for any other submissions and hearing none made the following closing statements:

On behalf of Council and myself I would like to thank all of you who have attended this meeting. Your input and participation in the process is greatly appreciated.

Please note that after the Public Hearing is adjourned, the opportunity for public discussion is ended and Council may not hear from or receive correspondence from interested parties relating to this Bylaw. This Bylaw is now a matter for Council's consideration based upon information received to date and will be considered immediately following the close of the Public Hearing.

This Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment (Cannabis, Retail) Bylaw No. 847, 2018 is now adjourned.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:14 p.m. the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer