

**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, December 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chamber, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 184.

ATTENDING: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ryan Zant
Councillor Amica Antonelli
Councillor Leah Noble

BY TELEPHONE: Councillor Ted Craddock

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance & Administration
Lisa Pedrini, Senior Planner
Jill Brooksbank, Senior Communications & Grant Coordinator
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

At 10:19 a.m. Mayor Richman called the December 11, 2018 Committee of Whole 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 circulated.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 183, Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Moved/Seconded
THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 183, held Tuesday, November 27, 2018, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. NON-MEDICAL CANNABIS RETAIL STORE LICENCE APPLICATION

Ms. Pedrini, Senior Planner, distributed a summary of submissions received from the public since the Regular Council Meeting, held on November 27, 2018, at which the Cannabis Retail Store Licence Application Referral was considered and the opportunity for public input was closed. Ms. Pedrini noted that of the 17 submissions received, 13 were in support of the application and four were opposed.

Discussion focused on how the Village could best facilitate education regarding the effects of cannabis on youth.

Councillor Antonelli noted her opposition to the proposed location in the downtown core (C-1 Zone), commenting that since the application had been presented there has been considerable public input in opposition to the downtown location. Councillor Antonelli suggested that:

- The application be supported with the location changed from Commercial, Town Centre (C-1 Zone) to the Industrial Park (M-1 Zone);
- A three-year moratorium on reviewing referrals for cannabis retail store licences be imposed; and
- Council review the Non-Medical (Recreational) Cannabis Retail Policy.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Council recommends support for the issuance of a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence submitted by the Bison Group (Pemberton Hotel), located at 7423 Frontier Street, Pemberton B.C., for the following reasons:

- The subject property is compliant with the current Village Zoning Bylaw and *Non-Medical (Recreational) Cannabis Retail Policy*;
- The views of nearby residents were sought by advertising the change in the Pique Newsmagazine and notification sent and that no views/objections were presented;
- The Pemberton Hotel is an established local business with experience in the secure sale of controlled substances; and
- The proposed cannabis retail licence will provide customers with a convenient, licenced and store-front location in the Village's Town Centre.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Councillor Antonelli

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Staff work together with community partners (RCMP, Signal Hill Elementary and Pemberton Secondary Schools, Pemberton Health Clinic, Vancouver Coastal Health and Plan Y) to facilitate through Village of Pemberton mediums education on the effects of cannabis on youth.

CARRIED

At 10:44 a.m. the Committee of the Whole meeting was recessed.

At 10:54 a.m. the Committee of the Whole meeting was reconvened.

5. DELEGATIONS

a) Lisa Trotter, Senior Manager, Government Relations, BC Transit – Update

Ms. Trotter presented an overview of how public transit functions in British Columbia, provided information on performance, and touched on plans with respect to the implementation of new technologies to facilitate information gathering, reduce costs and improve rider experience.

BC Transit's Shared Services Funding Model is unique in Canada and helps minimize operating costs. Ms. Trotter noted that BC Transit follows the provincial fiscal calendar and that three-year budgets are the focus at this time of year.

BC Transit developed a 25-year transit plan for the Sea to Sky Region in 2015 and completed the Sea to Sky Regional Corridor Study Report in October 2017. A Transit Expansion Memorandum of Understanding has been signed for an additional round trip to Pemberton for the Pemberton Commuter 99 service.

System performance measures for the Pemberton Commuter Service and the Pemberton Local Service show passenger trips have increased 9% in the past year and revenue has increased slightly.

Ms. Trotter noted that she has passed on to BC Transit staff the Village's requests to have Pemberton included in the upcoming feasibility study regarding a HandyDART service for Pemberton-Whistler.

Discussion of the need for a bus garage in Pemberton was had; however, it was suggested that shared space might be available with the school buses.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE OVERVIEW

Presentation by Lena Martin, Manager of Finance & Administration

Ms. Martin introduced the Finance & Administration team to the Committee: present at the meeting were Jeanette Einarson, Senior Accountant and Arlene Mendoza, Accounting Clerk II. Other department members are Missy McGee in Reception, responsible for cash transactions, and Barb Ruzicka, who will be leaving the Village in December. A new Finance Clerk will start work in January.

Ms. Martin presented an overview of local government finance beginning with a summary of the roles and responsibilities of the department, following with highlights of the annual budget and five year financial plan process, asset management, funding options, taxation, and upcoming changes 2019 including the Employee Benefit Tax

and the loss of the federal one third income tax exemption that previously applied to Mayor and Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer