

**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, February 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 187.

ATTENDING: Mayor Mike Richman
Councilor Ryan Zant
Councilor Amica Antonelli
Councilor Leah Noble
Councilor Ted Craddock

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance and Administration
David Ward, Assistant Operations Manager
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:03 p.m. Mayor Richman called the February 19, 2019 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. 186, Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 186, held Tuesday, February 5, 2019, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. BUDGETING SESSION 2: 2019 REVISED OPERATING, CAPITAL & PROJECT BUDGETS

Lena Martin, Manager of Finance and Administration, presented a report highlighting the changes made to the 2019 draft budget since the first budget session on February 5, 2019. Significant changes included:

- Municipal Hall design plan was reduced to \$10,000;
- Rope rescue plan was reduced;
- Radio repeater upgrade cost was reduced due to re-use of existing assets;
- Auto-extraction combi-tool purchase was deferred to 2020;
- Public Works jackets will be accommodated through regular operations budget;
- Zurcher Balance Park was deferred to 2020;
- Soccer Field funding will be matched by Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and will no longer carry a tax implication for the Village;
- Three strategic priorities were added under recommendation by Council (Economic Development Strategy; Hillside Development Strategy; Asset Management Phase II) and will be funded through Community Works Tax Grants, 2018 surplus from Community Enhancement/Community Initiative and Opportunity funds, and taxation;
- Additional grants were identified that will permit the Economic Development Strategy and the Age-Friendly Communities Housing Needs Assessment to go ahead without accompanying tax implications.

Discussion focused on identifying further reductions to the budget that would permit the allocation of additional funds to reserves. Ms. Martin noted that significant reductions had been incorporated to avoid tax increases to cover the cost of the new Employer Health Tax and the contingent liability and that further reductions would affect service delivery.

Further discussion ensued regarding the need to allocate funds to reserves. Ms. Martin explained that the Village's reserves are underfunded and over the past several years allocations have been made in order to build up reserves in anticipation of future asset replacement as assets age and are retired from use.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff bring forward numbers identifying tax increases necessary to cover the cost of the Employer Health Tax and contingent liability, and numbers reflecting 2%, 4% and 6% tax increases, and include the equivalent value allocated to reserves.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer