



Funding Update | March 2019

Due to the Village's limited tax base, the Village is heavily reliant on funding from Provincial and Federal granting programs, through partnerships with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Pemberton Valley Dyking District and Lil'wat Nation, community organizations and contributions from non-profits, to undertake many of the organization's initiatives, including planning and capital projects. Please see below funding applications applied for, status and a brief project summary.

Downtown Enhancement Plan

Funder: Federal Gas Tax

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$5.3 Million

Village Reserves Contribution: \$571,200

Contingency & Barn Parking Lot Paving Borrowing: \$980,000

Funded by Federal Gas Tax Funds in the amount of \$5.3 million, the Improving Community Resiliency Through Infrastructure Rehabilitation project will see significant upgrades to roads, stormwater and water infrastructure in the downtown core. The Federal Gas Tax Fund is a source of funding provided to provinces and territories that flows through to municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities. The Federal Government has allocated \$3 billion dollars from the Federal Gas Tax Fund to local governments in BC. The fund has three streams, Community Works Fund, Greater Vancouver Regional Fund and Strategic Priorities Fund. The Strategic Priorities Fund, which will be funding the Improving Community Resiliency Through Infrastructure Rehabilitation project, supports infrastructure and capacity building projects that are either large in scale, regional in impact or innovative, and align with the program objectives of productivity and economic growth, a clean environment and strong cities and communities. The project is anticipated to being in April 2019.

Informed by the Downtown Enhancement Strategy Plan, and Frontier Street Design Plan, the project scope will include:

- rehabilitating downtown roads including Frontier, Aster and Prospect Streets;
- reducing the impervious surfaces to allow for stormwater infiltration and reduced overall runoff;
- decommissioning the failing asbestos concrete (AC) watermain and replacing it with PVC piping;
- creating a downtown stormwater system focused on green infrastructure, such as infiltration;
- swales and recycling of runoff for irrigation purposes;
- planting of trees for the removal of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air
- improving pedestrian safety by installing LED street lighting; and
- replacement and installation of sidewalks throughout the downtown.

The Village is currently developing a communications plan, to ensure all residents and stakeholders are informed and aware of project phasing and temporary downtown impacts.

Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative, Fuel Management Prescription Program

Funder: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$15,243

Village Contribution: \$5,081

The Village of Pemberton updated its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in 2016, also through UBCM grant funding, which is a document that defines the threat to human life, property and critical infrastructure from wildfires in an identified area, identifies measures necessary to mitigate those threats and outlines a plan of action to implement the measures. The CWPP identified an area southwest of the Village (across from One Mile Lake Park) as a high priority treatment area to provide increased protection to the Village in addition to reducing hazardous fuels along the railway.

Hydro Box Beautification

Funder: BC Hydro

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$2,000

Village Contribution: Up to \$4,000

In 2018, the Village of Pemberton was awarded up to \$2,000 from BC Hydro's Beautification Program to apply decorative wrap to three visually prominent hydro boxes along Portage Road including boxes at Pemberton & District Community Centre, Signal Hill Elementary School and at 1436 Portage Road (in front of Portage Station). The hydroboxes will feature artwork from Levi Nelson, of Lil'wat Nation. It is anticipated the project will be completed in the Spring of 2019.

Pemberton Fire Rescue Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Firefighters

Funder: Whistler Blackcomb Foundation

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$38,000

Village Contribution: \$0

Thanks to the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, Pemberton Fire Rescue was able to take advantage of an opportunity to upgrade its SCBA equipment at a deeply discounted cost from another Fire Department. Used by firefighters to work in hazardous environments, this equipment is necessary when working in deadly conditions to preserve and save life and property and will double the working time that our current equipment allows.

Pemberton Soccer Field #2 and Amenity Building at the Recreation Site

Funder: Community Cultural and Recreation Fund (Federal and Provincial Fund)

Status: Pending **Funding Requested:** \$3,083,815

Village Contribution: \$1,140,589*

The proposed project includes the construction of a 64m x 100m FIFA regulation-sized field, amenity building including washroom/changeroom facilities, concession area, equipment and public works storage and related amenities including bike racks, garbage receptacles, bleachers and trees.

During the past two decades there has been increased community pressure to plan for additional recreation amenities to serve the greater community. This was quantified during the community

consultation program ('Recreate Recreation') conducted in 2013 which indicated that 60% of outreach participants agreed there should be the provision of more recreational activities and opportunities in the area and that providing these recreation amenities retains families in our community in the long term and improves quality of life.

This outreach also focused on better understanding the community's need and desire for recreation amenities, identifying the current gaps in recreation assets and understanding the community's willingness to subsidize the amenities through taxation and/or borrowing.

While there was a great desire to see a pool and arena in the Pemberton area, there was a strong reluctance to finance these amenities through taxation and borrowing. However, there was a desire and need to explore the development of municipally-owned, regulation-sized playing fields.

Last year, the Village completed the construction of the first of two soccer fields on the recreation site, as per the Recreation Site Concept Plan, developed during the 2014 recreation consultation program. The concept plan has been refined and can be found at the following link:

<https://www.pemberton.ca/public/download/documents/75656>

The proposed soccer field and amenity building will complement the newly completed field, enabling increased opportunity for hosting large-scale soccer tournaments, skills clinics, and increasing practice time. The Village has received strong support from the Pemberton Youth Soccer Association (PYSA) for the construction of a regulation-sized field as it will enable the League to move all their activities and equipment to one location.

Trails users of the adjacent Mackenzie Basin will also see a significant benefit from the proposed amenity building. With the provision of washroom/changeroom facilities and concession, sporting organizations will be able to host events on site and at the foot of the trail network. Furthermore, it will reduce the amount of human waste found within the Mackenzie trail system.

**\$100,000 of the Village's portion would be contributed by Rotary Club of Pemberton and developer contributions. Additionally, another \$297,000 of the Village's contribution would come from Community Amenity Contributions (CAC). The remainder will be jointly funded by the Village and the SLRD, without any tax implication to Village residents.*

Seniors Needs Housing Assessment

Funder: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$10,000

Village Contribution: \$2,000 (in-kind Staff time)

Village of Pemberton received funding from UBCM's Age Friendly Communities Funding Stream for the development of a local Age-Friendly (Seniors) Housing Needs Assessment. The Assessment will assist the Village in understanding the needs of our Seniors to ensure appropriate housing and service are available so that our Seniors can age in place. Stakeholder engagement will be taking place in 2019 to inform the Assessment.

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Enhancements

Funder: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Status: Pending **Funding Requested:** \$25,000

Village Contribution: \$2,045.00

The Village of Pemberton's application proposes critical improvements to the Village's Emergency Operations Centre. Presently, should an EOC be activated, EOC personnel work from their individual daily workstations (in two different locations - i.e. Village Office and the Fire Hall) and liaise in the Chief Administrator Office. This poses several challenges, with respect to effective team communications and interferences with the day-to-day operations of the Village Office. Further, the EOC presently lacks essential equipment to communicate with Incident Command and those at the site level.

The Village has requested funding for the purchase of essential communications equipment with redundancy, computer work stations with required software programs and networking, office supplies and a generator for back-up power. Ensuring redundant power and communications equipment for the EOC is a recommendation of the 2015 Hazard & Risk Vulnerability Assessment.

These important resources will enable the EOC to quickly activate and remain operable for an extended period of time, while allowing it to adapt and respond to a variety of incidents and disasters.

Park'n'Ride Facility on Lot 13 (located east of Signal Hill Elementary School)

Funder: Rural and Northern Communities Fund (Provincial and Federal)

Status: Pending **Funding Requested:** \$1.3 Million

Village Contribution: \$0

The Village submitted an application to the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Fund for the development of a universally-accessible, municipally owned park'n'ride facility. Supporting both our local and regional transit services, this facility will assist in the effort of reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles on the roadway, which in turn helps to reduce vehicle pollutants and traffic congestion. By improving transportation systems and networks and encouraging people to switch to less polluting transportation options, this funding will help our community reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve air quality which is in alignment with the Village's Official Community Plan (OCP) priorities.

The proposed facility will be located on Provincial Crown granted/leased property fronting Portage Road, a Provincial Highway, and will be a central location available to serve commuters on a daily basis year-round. The park'n'ride will be owned and maintained by the Village of Pemberton through the current local and regional transit service and will provide parking for a maximum of fifty vehicles. This lot will also serve users of the future [Agricultural Park](#) and community gardens, also to be located on this lot.

Multi-Hazard Evacuation Route Plan

Funder: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Status: Approved **Funding Received:** \$25,000

Village Contribution: \$0

The purpose of this plan is to increase preparedness and mitigation relating to evacuation of the Pemberton Valley in response to flood, fire, landslide or other natural disasters.

Evacuation route planning is an important component of emergency management that seeks to minimize the loss of life or harm to the public during major emergencies or disasters. The goal of the evacuation plan is to produce routes that minimize evacuation time for our communities. The plan will address the unique challenges specific to the Pemberton Valley, particularly pertaining to constraints in access (one road in and out of the Valley).

The scope of the project will include contracting a traffic engineer to complete an Evacuation Route Plan which will include traffic modelling and mapping, suggested amendments to local government plans (ie. Official Community Plan, Zoning and Bylaws).

Both the Village and the SLRD have been approved for funding of this project, and will be inclusive of the Pemberton Valley.

Cycling Network Plan

Funder: BikeBC, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Status: Pending **Funding Requested:** \$7,500

Village Contribution: \$7,500

The Village has requested funding from the BikeBC program for the development of a Cycling Network Plan. The purpose of a Cycling Network Plan is to identify potential networks of bicycle paths, routes and trails integrated with the Village's roadway system, existing bicycle routes and park system to accommodate resident and visitor cycling needs.

A bicycle network provides direct access for cyclists to major destinations within a municipality as well as connections to regional and provincial bicycle routes. Examples of major destinations include schools, commercial and office centres, intermodal transportation centres and recreational areas.

Once Council has adopted the Cycling Network Plan, it will enable the us to access capital funding from the BikeBC Program for commuter cycling improvements.

Flood Mitigation Planning

Funder: Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)

Status: Pending **Funding Received:** \$150,000

Village Contribution: \$0

The recently updated floodplain mapping prepared for the Lillooet River (NHC 2018) identified that the Pemberton Valley is subject to considerable flood hazards and that the level of protection offered by present

diking is lower than previously believed. Main reasons for this are: 1) sedimentation caused by the 2010 Mount Meager landslide leading to increased aggradation in the Lillooet River channel; and, 2) a shift in the hydrologic regime resulting in higher flood flow estimates.

The proposed Flood Mitigation Planning project includes flood mitigation planning for the Pemberton Valley area, covered in the 2018 Lillooet River Floodplain Mapping Report which can be found at the following link: <https://goo.gl/KW6eiP>. The completed Flood Mitigation Planning report will inform the prioritization of critical dike upgrades, and will assist with securing further funding for the structure improvements.

Should funding be approved, the project will be managed by the Pemberton Valley Dyking District.

Questions?

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The Village of Pemberton would like to thank all our funding and community partners for their time, efforts and passion in creating a vibrant and healthy community.