

**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 25, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chamber, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 202.

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

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance & Administration
Jill Brooksbank, Senior Communications & Grant Coordinator
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services
Tom Csima, Manager of Operations/Projects
Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 13

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00 p.m. Mayor Richman called the February 25, 2020, 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. 201, Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Moved/Seconded
THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 201, held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

a) BC Parks & Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development – Updates

BC Parks

Elyse Curley, Community Liaison Officer – South Coast
Jennie Aikman, Regional Director – South Coast
Kevin Wagner, Area Supervisor - Pemberton Area

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development

Scott Shaw-MacLaren, Resource Manager, Regional Operations Division – Coast Area
Susie Dain-Owens, Land and Resource Specialist, Regional Operations Division – Coast Area

Introduction to Visitor Use Management Approach

Susie Dain-Owens from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development (FLNRO) introduced the Visitor Use Management Framework currently being utilized by the Province. The framework focuses on achieving a vision for an area while maintaining desired conditions and protecting key resources and can be adapted to accommodate variable resources in different areas. Ms. Dain-Owens highlighted four key elements of the framework: Foundation, Defining a Vision (Visitor Use Management Plan), Management Actions & Strategies, and Implementation (monitoring & adjustments).

Joffre Lakes Park 2019 Update, Visitor Use Monitoring, and 2020 Next Steps

Elyse Curley, BC Parks, presented the 2019 Visitor Use Management Action Plan for Joffre Lakes Park. The initial goal of implementing the Action Plan in 2019 was to address pressing safety issues in the short-term, including illegal parking and pedestrian safety.

Construction of a new pedestrian pathway between parking lots assisted in funneling pedestrian traffic away from the highway, and an emergency communication device was installed at the Park to allow visitors to make emergency calls as there is no cellular service. BC Parks also worked with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to install signage to deter illegal parking along the highway. A shuttle service was implemented using Parkbus transportation company to reduce the number of vehicles in parking lots and on the highway; this service also provided an opportunity for Park Staff to get messaging out to shuttle passengers on arrival.

Ms. Curley highlighted the other goals of the Visitor Use Management Action Plan, including:

- Ensuring facilities meet use levels (parking lots, toilets)
- Managing day use visitation
- Increasing public respect & appreciation for the area
- Protecting biological diversity
- Managing the Park in a financially sustainable manner
- Focusing on First Nation's culture and protection of Indigenous interests
- Collaboration with Lil'wat Nation and N'Quatqua

Implementation of the Action Plan will be ongoing to continue to address long-term objectives; a Long-Term Visitor Use Strategy will be released in May/June of 2020. Ms. Curley advised that charging day-use fees for visitors is being considered as an option to manage numbers and generate revenue for the Park.

Kevin Wagner, BC Parks Supervisor for the Pemberton Area, advised that with assistance from the RCMP and traffic management contractors, vehicle management and pedestrian safety had seen improvement at Joffre Lakes Park in 2019. Mr. Wagner also advised that BC Parks would like to increase Park Ranger presence, however resources are limited at this time with only six Park Rangers currently available for this area.

Discussion

Following the Joffre Lakes Park presentation, Ms. Curley requested comments and feedback from Mayor and Council. The following topics were raised for discussion:

- Installation of traffic cameras (webcams)
- Limiting visitor capacity
- Visitor transportation in the event of a vehicle being towed
- Public messaging and communication
- Pedestrian controlled crosswalk lights
- Points of origin and logistics for shuttles
- Shuttle alternatives
- Resources – ranger presence at parks, rec sites & trails
- Financial sustainability goals – user fees
- Opportunities for collaboration
- Early and ongoing community and local government consultation

Meager and Keyhole Hotsprings Update

Susie Dain-Owens presented an update on the Meager Creek and Keyhole Hotsprings locations, which are both seeing consistent visitor use despite closures. FLNRO is engaging with Lil'wat Nation to develop an Action Plan and

management strategies for the hot springs, which are areas of significant spiritual and cultural value for Lil'wat Nation. A meeting will be held on February 26, 2020, to work on defining values and developing a management direction.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting be opened for questions from the public.

CARRIED

Public Input Period

- What research has been done into how and why there is an exponential increase in visitors to Joffre Lakes Park?
- More support is needed for Park Rangers “on the ground” and for young candidates willing to take on the job of Park Ranger.
- Is there any consideration for increasing the trails network in the areas around Joffre Lakes Park?

5. BUDGET SESSION 1: 2020 OPERATING, CAPITAL & PROJECT BUDGETS

Lena Martin, Manager of Finance and Administrative Services, presented the 2020 draft Operating, Capital & Projects Budgets for review.

Administration

- Bylaw truck replacement MFA funding \$40,000 – supported through Short-term financing

Legislative

- Incompass Legislative Software – support and item moved to Administration budget

Development Services

- Climate Action Plan – investigate Gas Tax or other grant options
- Subdivision and Land Use Control Bylaw – defer to 2021

Public Works

- Sidewalk Tiyata to school – Staff will speak with developer respecting funding commitment
- Reserve for Future Capital Expenditures – Earmark for potential Laneway Improvement between Walnut and Camus – adjust to \$20,000
- Industrial Park Sign Expansion – remove & explore options for cost recovery from users

- One Mile Lake Swing Set upgrade – Explore Grant opportunities and set aside Reserve for Future Capital Expenditures – Earmark \$12,500 in years 2020 and 2021 and request matching funding from SLRD Electoral Area C.

Transit

- Review deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Fire Department

- Review deferred to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Recreation

CAO Gilmore noted that the Recreation Services Budget was reviewed by the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee at their meeting held on February 13th and the Capital and New Projects items were supported.

The Committee raised concern about the cost to replace existing Room D floor with pulastic seamless multipurpose flooring and requested that prior to initiating this project Staff investigate other flooring options and obtain three (3) quotes. Area C Director Mack reallocated \$25,000 of reserve funding earmarked for roof repairs to the Room D floor replacement.

Water Fund

- All projects and Capital funded from Reserves, including New Water Truck w/crane.

Sewer Fund

- All project and Capital funded from Reserves. NHC Disaster recovery is unknown at this time.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Discussion took place with respect to a follow up session to complete the initial review of the 2020 Budget. It was agreed that the next Committee of the Whole will be scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer