

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON  
-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA-**

**Agenda** for the **Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton to be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1519.

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**\* All Council and Staff will be attending the meeting electronically. Instructions for public participation at the meeting can be found [here](#).**

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Item of Business	Page No.
<b>1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING</b>	
In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation.	
<b>2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.	
<b>3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	
a) <b>Regular Council Meeting No. 1518, Tuesday, June 30, 2020</b>	4
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1518, held Tuesday, June 30, 2020, be adopted as circulated.	
<b>4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING</b>	
<b>5. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA</b>	
<b>6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>	
<b>7. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION</b>	
a) <b>Mayor's Task Force for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Committee Meeting No. 001, Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020</b>	13
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT the minutes of the Mayor's Task Force for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Committee Meeting No. 001, held Thursday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020, be received for information.	
<b>8. DELEGATIONS</b>	
There are no delegation presentations.	
<b>9. REPORTS</b>	
a) <b>Office of the Chief Administrative Officer</b>	
i. <b>BC Transit Reserve Allocation – Verbal Report</b>	16
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT Council provide direction with respect to the BC Transit reserve allocation letter.	

- ii. **Mayor’s Task Force on COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update** 17
  - Recommendation One:** THAT Council receive the Mayor’s Task Force on COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update.
  - Recommendation Two:** THAT Council approve the Mayor’s Task Force Opportunities/Issues Identification and Problem-Solving process;
  - AND THAT** Council approve the community question for online response to inform the Mayor’s Task Force opportunities and issues identification.

**b) Development Services**

- i. **Village of Pemberton Plant List 2020** 21
  - Recommendation:** THAT Council approve the Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020).

**10. BYLAWS**

There are no bylaws for reading or adoption.

**11. MAYOR’S Report**

**12. COUNCILLORS’ Reports**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) For Action**

- i. **Selena Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated July 2, 2020, providing information for arranging conference call meetings around the UBCM Convention time.** 47

**Recommendation:** THAT Council provide direction.

- ii. **John Horgan, Premier, dated July 2, 2020, providing information for scheduling virtual Minister Meetings around the time of the UBCM Convention.** 49

**Recommendation:** THAT Council provide direction.

**b) For Information**

- i. **Jonathan X. Coté, Mayor, City of New Westminster, dated July 6, 2020, seeking support for Federal and Provincial governments to collect disaggregated COVID-19 data.** 50

- ii. **Anitra Paris, Operations & Policy Manager, Clean Energy BC, dated July 8, 2020, providing background information on proposed amendments to Bill 17 and its impacts on Independent Power Production (IPP) in BC.** 52

- iii. **Kaylah Hale, Village of Pemberton, dated July 10, 2020, expressing appreciation for implementation of one-way pedestrian traffic on One Mile Lake trail.** 61

**Recommendation:** THAT the above correspondence be received for information.

**14. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

**15. LATE BUSINESS**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**17. QUESTION PERIOD**

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**18. IN CAMERA**

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (g) Litigation and (k) provision of Municipal Services that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public

**19. RISE FROM IN CAMERA**

**20. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON  
-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1518.

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**IN ATTENDANCE\*:** Mayor Mike Richman  
Councillor Ted Craddock  
Councillor Leah Noble  
Councillor Amica Antonelli  
Councillor Ryan Zant

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE\*:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services  
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services  
Tom Csima, Manager of Operations/Projects  
Cameron Chalmers, Contract Planner  
David Ward, Assistant Operations Manager  
Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant

**PUBLIC:** 0

**MEDIA:** 0

***\*ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY***

***A RECORDING OF THE MEETING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC & MEDIA***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING**

At 9:01 a.m. Mayor Richman called the Regular 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 presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1517, Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1517, held Tuesday, June 16, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

There was no business arising from the previous Regular Council Meeting.

### **5. RISE WITH REPORT**

There was no rise with report.

### **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

There was no business arising from the Committee of the Whole.

### **7. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION**

There were no committee minutes for information.

### **8. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegation presentations.

### **9. REPORTS**

#### **a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

##### **i. BC Transit - Verbal Update**

CAO Gilmore debriefed Council on a recent BC Transit meeting where options for offsetting operating costs for local governments were discussed. Smaller municipalities that do not have the ability to reduce service as a way of cost savings may benefit from BC Transit's "lease fee holiday", which will suspend lease fees on buses between the months of July-December, or by working with BC Transit to establish cost saving opportunities within their Annual Operating Agreement (AOA). In addition, the Federal and Provincial governments have proposed \$1.45 billion in funding, some of which will go towards municipal transit costs.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the CAO verbal report regarding BC Transit be received.

**CARRIED**

**ii. Friendship Trail - B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants – Verbal Update**

CAO Gilmore advised that the recent application for funding to the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure stream had been denied. Staff are currently exploring other grant application options to facilitate extension of the Friendship Trail on Pemberton Farm Road East and advised that a report would be brought back to Council shortly.

Council discussed various options for improving safety and road conditions along Pemberton Farm Road East which might be explored in the interim.

Additionally, CAO Gilmore advised that a grant application to ICBC was approved to facilitate installation of a speed reader device on Pemberton Farm Road East. The device keeps track of traffic counts, tracks vehicle speed and can be relocated if needed.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the CAO's verbal report regarding B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants be received.

**CARRIED**

**b) Corporate & Legislative Services**

**i. Open Meeting without Public Present Resolution**

Moved/Seconded

**WHEREAS** Ministerial Order 192, issued June 17, 2020, requires that local governments make 'best efforts' to meet the legislative requirements to hold open meetings that enable the public to participate in person;

**AND WHEREAS** if a local government is not able to accommodate having the public attend in person at an open meeting because they are unable to meet the Public Health Officers recommendations and physical distancing and gathering requirements, the local government must pass a resolution providing a rationale for the continued need to meet without the public physically present;

**AND WHEREAS** the Village of Pemberton Council Chambers is small and physical distancing requirements cannot be met in a way that will enable Council, Staff and the public to safely attend all Village council, committee, commission or board meetings;

**AND WHEREAS** the Village has explored alternative meeting space options and found limited suitable alternatives, and as the pandemic has dramatically reduced available financial resources, any potentially suitable options would require an undesirable re-allocation of resources away from essential services and in Council's view would be too costly for the Village's taxpayers;

**AND WHEREAS** the Village has been utilizing the ZOOM Webinar program to hold all meetings of the Village, including council, committee, commissions, public hearings and board meetings, which has enabled Council, Staff and the public to attend and participate as required;

**AND WHEREAS** the electronic meeting format has been positively received by the public and successfully resulted in a greater opportunity for the public to attend and participate through the regular question period format and public input format that resembles the standard in-person meeting format;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:**

**THAT** given the Village of Pemberton is unable to accommodate the public attending in person at council, committee, commission and board meetings due to the small size of the council chambers and the costs associated with renting another location, the Village of Pemberton will continue to hold all open meetings (council, committee, commission, public hearings and board) via electronic means for the duration authorized under Ministerial Order 192, as long as the Public Health Officer recommendations and requirements stay in place or until an alternative location which is cost effective and can safely accommodate Council, Staff and the public can be arranged.

**AND THAT** Staff continue exploring options for resuming in person council meetings and bring back some options for Council's review in the Fall.

**CARRIED**

**Agenda Order of Proceedings:**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the agenda Order of Proceedings and Business be amended by moving consideration of bylaw readings to follow staff reports for the July Regular Council meetings;

**AND THAT** Staff be directed to prepare a Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment respecting this change

**CARRIED**

**c) Development Services**

**i. Draft Community Amenity Contribution Policy**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare a draft companion list of desired Community Amenity Contributions and bring back to a future Council meeting for discussion.

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council Support the Draft Policy that establishes guidelines for negotiating Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) on a case by case basis and direct Staff to seek input from the development industry, on the understanding that going forward the Village will use a combination of negotiations and amenity zoning where most applicable.

**CARRIED**

**d) Operations Department**

**i. 2019 Drinking Water System Annual Report**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the 2019 Drinking Water System Annual Report be received.

**CARRIED**

**e) MAYOR'S Report**

Mayor Richman reported on the following meetings:

- Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Selina Robinson to discuss the new Ministerial Orders and to coordinate a new format for future meetings that will facilitate smaller group meetings with similar municipalities.
- MLA Jordan Sturdy and MP Patrick Weiler to discuss the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) vs. the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Benefit (CEWS), both of which have been extended until the end of August.
- Mayor's Task Force for COVID-19 Response & Relief meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>; the committee exchanged introductions and discussed developing the format and strategic principals of future meetings.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Board meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>; items on the agenda included:
  - Completion of Bralorne Sewer Project;
  - Transfer Station Alternative Approval Process (AAP);



- Whistler Olympic Park campsites & accompanying bylaw;
- Britannia Beach Oceanfront Development & compliance with affordable housing allowances;
- Tiger Bay (formerly Taiching) development application;
- Approval to fast track applications submitted to the Liquor & Cannabis Control Branch for businesses to expand their liquor licence area;
- Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>; agenda items included:
  - Budget;
  - Support for some Vancouver Coastal Health budget recommendations;
  - Engagement with health foundations & community partners to seek input on budget decisions.
- Pemberton Valley Emergency Management Committee meeting; agenda items included:
  - Northwest Hydraulics report;
  - Results of seismic study on Lillooet River sediment are expected next week;
  - Successful grant application obtained by Lil'wat Nation for dyke upgrades;
  - Build up of Birkenhead River sediment;
  - Installation of more flow gauges in other rivers within the Pemberton Valley.

## **f) COUNCILLORS' Reports**

### **Councillor Craddock**

Councillor Craddock thanked Staff for the One Mile Lake boardwalk repairs for the safety of all users.

### **Councillor Noble**

Councillor Noble thanked Staff for removing the plants outside the IDA pharmacy which were reducing visibility and commented on the new taxi service, Mountain View, now available in Pemberton.

### **Councillor Zant**

Councillor Zant commented on the impressive representation of members on the Mayor's Task Force and thanked Staff for coordinating the first meeting.

**Councillor Antonelli did not report.**

## 10. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws for reading or adoption.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

### a) For Action

- i. **Justin Penney, Village of Pemberton, dated June 16, 2020, regarding parking for residents and commercial property owners of Expedition Station.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** correspondence be referred to Staff for response.

**CARRIED**

- ii. **Rya Letham and Polek Rybczynski, Village of Pemberton, dated June 24, 2020, concerning installation of 5G telecommunications technology in Pemberton.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be referred to Staff for response.

**CARRIED**

- iii. **Laura Jones, Executive Vice President, and Samantha Howard, Senior Director of BC, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), dated June 19, 2020, seeking support for small business recovery through the “#SmallBusinessEveryDay” campaign.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be forwarded to the Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor’s Task Force for COVID-19 Response and Relief Committee.

**CARRIED**

### b) For Information

- i. **Dudley Coulter, BC Craft Farmers Co-op, dated June 13, 2020, seeking support for a proposal to Federal & Provincial governments – Creating Opportunity for BC’s Craft Cannabis Sector and Supporting the Economic Recovery.**
- ii. **Sherry Ridout, Citizens for Safe Technology, dated June 14, 2020, providing information on 5G telecommunications technology & impacts on communities.**

- iii. **Susie Dain-Owens, Land and Resource Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, dated June 16, 2020, providing final results for the online public survey for the Meager & Keyhole Hotsprings Visitor Use Management Project.**
- iv. **Andy Meeker, Pemberton Base Manager, Blackcomb Helicopters, dated June 23, 2020, expressing appreciation for the Village's assistance in establishing the Hydro Training Facility at the Pemberton Regional Airport.**
- v. **Maja Tait, President, Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), dated June 19, 2020, providing the Province's response to the resolution submitted by Village of Pemberton Council in 2019.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the above correspondence be received for information  
**CARRIED**

## **12. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

## **13. LATE BUSINESS**

There was no late business for consideration.

## **14. NOTICE OF MOTION**

## **15. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no members of public in attendance.

## **16. IN CAMERA**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (I) that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

**CARRIED**

## **17. RECESS**

At 10:48 a.m. the meeting was recessed.

## **18. RECONVENE**

At 11:00 a.m. the meeting was reconvened and Council moved In Camera.

## 19. MOVE IN CAMERA

At 11:00 a.m. Council moved In Camera

## 20. RISE FROM IN CAMERA

At 12:12 p.m. Council rose from In Camera without report.

## 21. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

At 12:13 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Richman  
Mayor

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Sheena Fraser  
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON  
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Mayor's Task Force on COVID-19 Response and Recovery Committee** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. This is Meeting No. 1.

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE\*:** Mayor Mike Richman (Chair)  
Mark Mendonca  
Meredith Kemp  
Natalie Szewczyk  
Jaye Russell  
Stuart McConnachie  
Erin Johnson  
Rodney Payne  
Ryan Zant  
Jacquie Lloyd Smith  
Judith Walston

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE\*:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jill Brooksbank, Senior Community Partnership and  
Communications Coordinator  
Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant

**GENERAL PUBLIC:** 0

***\*ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY***

***A RECORDING OF THE MEETING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called 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 presented.  
**CARRIED**

**3. DISCUSSION/ROUNDTABLE**

**a. TERMS OF REFERNCE REVIEW**

## **b. STRATEGIC & ACTION PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Committee members participated in a question and answer poll to identify needs that should be addressed by the Village for COVID-19 response and recovery. Jill Brooksbank, Village of Pemberton Senior Community Partnership and Communications Coordinator sought the Committee's feedback on the live poll, presenting a similar question to the public for input, and identifying priorities to bring forward to the next meeting.

A roundtable discussion took place on the following:

- appropriate context for framing questions to be put forward to the public;
- problem identification and strategic progression;
- information sharing with senior members of the community;
- clarity on framework of Committee;
- communicating discussion topics with sectors represented by committee members & seeking input from these groups;
- scope of Committee and desired outcomes;
- anticipated timeline of actions (short term & long term);
- importance of identifying community initiatives which are already underway or will be upcoming;
- seeking background information from sector representatives such as community demographics, economic impacts of farming & tourism, childcare needs, etc. & circulating a fact sheet for Committee members to provide this information;
- Problem identification based on fact sheet results & situation analysis.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the matter of establishing a problem-solving framework be referred to Staff for review in collaboration with Committee members and a draft framework be brought forward to the next Committee meeting.

**AND THAT** Staff compile current information from all organizations participating on the Mayor's Task Force to help the Committee understand the current situation in our area to inform a situation analysis.

**AND THAT** a Doodle poll be distributed to determine preferred scheduling of the next Committee meeting date.

**CARRIED**

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded  
**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.  
**CARRIED**

At 9:12 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Richman  
Chair



July 6, 2020

VIA EMAIL:

Nikki Gilmour  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of Pemberton

Dear Nikki,

**Re: Request Form – Use of Reserves**

In our letter of June 16, 2020, we outlined changes that BC Transit made to the current operating reserve model. We are now taking steps to amend your 2020/21 Annual Operating Agreement budget, and we require direction from local governments regarding the intended use of reserves.

In order to offset transit expenses, we are requesting your instruction on how to apply your remaining shared operating reserve, and for some communities your local transit fund, for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. Use of these funds will reduce shared transit expenses and net municipal share of expenses, respectively, and can be used at your discretion.

Please note that we must receive your instruction by completing and signing this letter, and returning to us no later than July 17th, 2020. Letters can be returned to the attention of Kerry Ringdahl at [kerry\\_ringdahl@bctransit.com](mailto:kerry_ringdahl@bctransit.com).

Requests to apply any further remaining balances will be considered before December 31, 2020.

**Pemberton Paratransit**

Year End Shared Operating Reserve Balance:	\$	88,966
Amount included in Draft 2020/21 AOA:	\$	78,270
Remaining Shared Operating Reserve balance available for 2020/21:	\$	<b>10,697</b>
Addl Shared Operating Reserve to be applied to shared expenses:	\$	<u>                    </u>
Local Transit Fund balance available for 2020/21:	\$	-
Local Transit Fund amount to be applied to 2020/21 net municipal share:	\$	<u>                    </u>

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Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title



**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020

**To:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Jill Brooksbank, Sr. Communications & Grants Coordinator

**Subject:** Mayor's Task Force on COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council regarding the Mayor's Task Force (MTF) progress, including planning processes and community engagement.

## **BACKGROUND**

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed serious economic and social challenges for our community as a whole. Effective recovery and relief efforts require a strong, concerted approach that is informed by local governments, key organizations and subject matter experts from within our community. The MTF has been established as a Select Committee of Council and will provide recommendations to Council with respect to response and recovery efforts for both the economic and social sectors.

## **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

To date, the Mayor's Task Force has had two meetings. The first meeting focused on better understanding the Committee member's interest and strengths, as well as gauging the most pressing issues amongst the member's networks. The Committee participated in the testing of 'ThoughtExchange' an online platform that users can answer a specific question, and then rate other's answers. Staff posed the following question to the group via the 'ThoughtExchange' platform:

*Based on your experience, what are the most immediate needs or gaps that should be addressed by the Village for COVID-19 response and recovery?*

The intent of the question was to gain an understanding of the most pressing issues as understood by the Committee members. It was also to test the question and platform for use within the greater community in an effort to gain a deeper understanding of the issues that our residents, businesses and stakeholders are experiencing as a result of COVID-19.

The Committee's answers were grouped and prioritized by the platform based on the ratings each response received and the following immediate themes were identified:

1. Childcare;
2. Communications;
3. Economic recovery;
4. Mental health;
5. Safety;
6. Tourism; and
7. Sense of community.

While the exercise was helpful in taking a general pulse check on our most pressing issues, the Committee felt that the question could be reframed into an opportunity question, creating room for creative problem solving. By using language and processes to activate creative thinking we can create transformational ideas that deliver results. For example, '*what is your greatest challenge you are experiencing during COVID*' vs. '*How might we improve our resilience during our COVID-19 recovery?*'.

In consideration of the above and with input from the Mayor's Task Force, the following question has been developed for issuance to the community-at-large:

*The COVID-19 pandemic has had very real, and lasting consequences on our community. It has presented additional pressures on our families, our businesses, and our economy. The pandemic has forced us to physically separate ourselves from our community and supports, profoundly affecting our mental well-being and our ability to maintain our usual connectedness. Despite these enormous challenges, we have seen our community rise to the occasion with acts of kindness, empathy and a fierce sense of responsibility for one another. Our community is well-positioned to carry-on these traits throughout our recovery and beyond, as we make Pemberton stronger than ever.*

*Right now, the Mayor's Task Force has one big question and we would love to hear from you to understand more about how you see us moving forward together.*

***Reflecting on your experiences, how might we create a stronger community moving forward?***

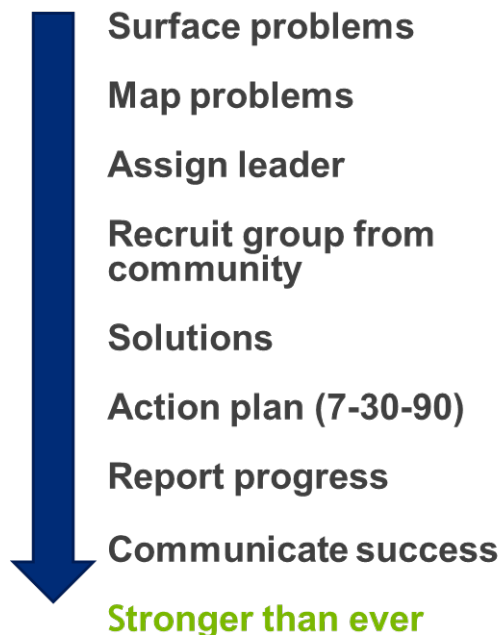
*Your input will be clustered, prioritized and shared with the Mayor's Task Force to inform the formation of community working groups to address our most pressing opportunities and issues.*

The question will be issued online and shared via the Village's communications channels and shared by the members of the Mayor's Task Force.

### ***The Process for Problem Solving***

The Committee has developed a process in which it can collectively identify issues and opportunities, identify a team to address it, develop solutions and report back findings and proposed actions to the Mayor's Task Force, Council and community. Please see below.

# Our Process



The Mayor's Task Force recognizes an effective response will require coordinated planning and implementation, supported by expertise and resources outside of the Village and Mayor's Task Force. Therefore, the Committee recommends forming working groups that are assigned to a specific opportunity/issue, as identified by responses by the community question. With Village oversight, the working groups would be led by a member of the Mayor's Task Force, supported by community members with the skill set and desire to assist with the opportunity/issue.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

General progress updates for Mayor's Task Force will be shared via updates on the Village's website, Facebook page and eNEWS. The adopted minutes of meetings will be placed on the Regular Council Agenda for receipt by Council as well. Agenda and minutes for the Mayor's Task Force are also available at [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca).

Some Mayor's Task Force projects will also require targeted communications and engagement, which will be led by the Office of the CAO and supported by the Mayor's Task Force members.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The establishment of the Mayor's Task Force for COVID-19 Response and Recovery is pursuant to Section 142 (*Select Committees of Council*) of the *Community Charter*. The role of a Select Committee is to provide recommendations to Council on a specific matter. Upon conclusion of the work a Select Committee is then disbanded.

### **IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING**

At this time, there hasn't been a budget assigned directly to the Task Force, however, should funding be required for a project or initiative, a recommendation would be brought forward to Council for consideration.

Economic development and community outreach are within the mandate of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer and can be accommodated within the department's workplan.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

Legislative support is being provided by the Corporate and Legislative Services Department. Agenda preparations and minute taking falls within the mandate of this department and can be accommodated.

### **IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS**

At this time, the Mayor's Task Force activities have no impact on other jurisdictions.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Recommendation #1**

**THAT** Council receive the Mayor's Task Force on COVID-19 Response and Recovery Update.

#### **Recommendation #2**

**THAT** Council approve the Mayor's Task Force Opportunities/Issues Identification and Problem-Solving process;

**AND THAT** Council approve the community question for online response to inform the Mayor's Task Force opportunities and issues identification.

Prepared or Submitted by:	Jill Brooksbank, Sr. Community Partnerships & Communications Coordinator
CAO Approval by:	Sheena Fraser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** July 14, 2020  
**To:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Joanna Rees, Planner  
**Subject:** Village of Pemberton Plant List 2020

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### **PURPOSE**

To present to Council the new Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020) for consideration of approval.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2011, following the update of the Official Community Plan, the Village of Pemberton Landscape Plant List was received by Council to replace and supersede the Village Vision Tree List. The Village of Pemberton Landscape Plant List was used as a reference document to support the policies in the Development Permit Area Guidelines. In addition to use by developers, the Plant List is also used as reference document for public landscaping projects and by local gardeners. Recently, Staff discovered that the 2011 Plant List contained several plant species that are considered wildlife attractants and as a result, Staff felt it was critical to review and update the Plant List accordingly.

The Village of Pemberton Plant List (June 2020) was presented at the Regular Council Meeting No.1517, held on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. During review of the draft Plant List, discussion took place with respect to whether some plant species identified to be avoided (due to being a high risk to attracting bears) should be reconsidered. It was agreed that further review would be helpful and the following resolution was passed:

*Moved/Seconded*

***THAT*** Staff further review the plant species listed below as Bear Attractants with the Bear Smart Society and provide an update at a future meeting:

*Wild Rose (Rosa pisocarpa)  
Nootka Rose (Rosa nutkana)  
Kinnickinnick (Arctostaphylos uva-ursi)  
Red-osier Dogwood (Cornus stolonifera)*

***CARRIED***

### **DISCUSSION**

The plants identified in Table 1 were originally included on the Village of Pemberton Plant List 2011 and listed as “removed plants” presented to Council on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020. Staff have reviewed the “removed plants” and confirmed their status as Bear Attractants as established by both the

Whistler Bear Smart Society (attached as **Appendix A**) and the District of Squamish (attached as **Appendix B**). Table 1 also indicates the plants specified by Council for additional review.

Additionally, as a result of this review, Table 1 also identifies plants that were initially removed in the Draft Plant List (June 2020) and have been re-added to the recommended plants of the Draft Plant List (July 2020) after being determined as low or zero risk as wildlife attractants.

**Table 1: Wildlife Attractants - Plant List Removals and Additions**

Species	Common Name	Bear Smart Attractant level	District of Squamish	Action
<b>Deciduous Trees</b>				
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Vine Maple			These plants were not included in the draft Plant List (June 2020) due to their potential as a deer attractant. They are considered low risk and were re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).
<i>Alnus rubra</i>	Red Alder			
<b>Shrubs</b>				
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Redtwig Dogwood or Red Osier Dogwood	High	High	This plant is not included in the Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020) due to its rating as “high” as a bear attractant.
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka Rose	Low	Low	This plant is considered low risk and was re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Wood’s Rose			This plant is not considered a bear attractant and was re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).
<i>Salix purpurea ‘nana’</i>	Arctic Willow			This plant was not included in the draft Plant List (June 2020) due to its potential as a deer attractant. They are considered low risk and were re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).
<i>Symphoricarpose albus</i>	Common Snowberry	Low	Low	This plant is considered low risk as a bear attractant and

				was re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).
<b>Ground Covers</b>				
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnickinnick	Medium	High	This plant is not included in the Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020) due to its rating as “medium” and “high” as a bear attractant.
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry			This plant is not considered a bear attractant and was re-added to the Plant List (July 2020).

Please note, Wild Rose (*Rosa pisocarpa*) was not on the original Village of Pemberton Plant List (2011) or considered as an addition to the Village of Pemberton Plant List (June 2020) or (July 2020). Wild Rose is identified by the Bear Smart Society as a high attractant.

Staff sought guidance from a local plant specialist who is qualified and knowledgeable in native species vegetation to suggest additional appropriate plants to be included. The following plants listed in Table 2 were added to the draft Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020) recommended list.

**Table 2: Additions to the Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020)**

Species	Common Name
<b>Coniferous Trees</b>	
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Ponderosa Pine
<i>Taxus brevifolia</i>	Western Yew
<b>Deciduous Trees</b>	
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big Leaf Maple
<b>Shrubs</b>	
<i>Alnus Sinuate</i>	Sitka Alder
<i>Ceanothus velutinous</i>	Snowbrush
<i>Euonymus japonicus</i>	Golden Euonymus
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Oceanspray
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper
<i>Mensuesia ferruginea</i>	False Azalea
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange

<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac
<i>Spiraea Betulifolia</i>	Birch Leafed Spirera
<i>Taxus Cuspidata</i>	Spreading Yew
<b>Vines and Creepers</b>	
<i>Lonicera ciiosa</i>	Western Honeysuckle

The Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020), attached as **Appendix C**.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The new Village of Pemberton Plant List, will be publicized to the community through the Village website and ENews.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time. The Village of Pemberton Plant List will be implemented through the Development Permit Guidelines within the Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan.

### **IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING**

The research and preparation of the report and reference document is a component of the daily work undertaken by the Development Services Department.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

There are no interdepartmental impacts or approvals required respecting this reference document.

### **IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS**

There are no impacts on the region or neighbouring jurisdictions.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options provided at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** Council approve the Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020).

### **Attachments:**

- Appendix A:** Bear Smart Society – Whistler Bear Food Plants
- Appendix B:** District of Squamish Wildlife Friendly Landscaping
- Appendix C:** Village of Pemberton Plant List (July 2020)



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## Whistler Bear Food Plants

Plants ranked "very high" and "high" are particularly attractive to bears as a source of food and are not recommended to be planted in areas where people gather; near children's playgrounds; along busy pedestrian pathways; or next to entrance-ways.

Native or Non-native	SPECIES	Attractant Rating	Common Name	Notes
	Sorbus spp	Very High	Mountain-ash	
	Vaccinium spp	Very High	Blueberry/Huckleberry	
Non	Clover, alfalfa, dandelion	High		
	Cornus stolonifera	High	Red-osier dogwood	
	Amelanchier spp	High	Saskatoon berry, Service berry	
	Oplopanax horridus	High	Devil's club	
	Rubus spectabilis	High	Salmonberry	
	Gaultheria shallon	High	Salal	
	Rosa pisocarpa	High	Wild rose	
	Shepherdia canadensis	High	Soopollalie, soapberry	
	Native horsetail, grasses, sedges	High, Medium		
Non	DOMESTIC FRUIT TREES	High	All species	
Non	Aronia melanocarpa	High	Black chokeberry	
Non	Rubus Discolor	High	Himalayan blackberry	invasive species
	Viburnum edule	Medium	Highbush-cranberry	
	Ribes bracteosum	Medium	Stink currant	
	Ribes lacustre	Medium	Black/swamp gooseberry	
	Ribes sanguineum	Medium	Red-flowering currant	hosts pine blister rust
	Prunus virginiana	Medium	Choke cherry	
	Rubus idaeus	Medium	Red raspberry	
	Lonicera involucrate	Medium	Black twinberry	
	Sambucus racemosa	Medium	Red elderberry	
	Prunus emarginata	Medium	Bitter cherry	
	Rubus ursinus	Medium	Trailing blackberry	
	Rubus parviflorus	Medium	Thimbleberry	
	Malus fusca	Medium	Pacific crab apple	
	Empetrum nigrum	Medium	Crowberry	
	Oemleria cerasiformis	Medium	Indian plum	
	Crataegus douglasii	Medium	Black hawthorn	
	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Medium	Kinnickinnick	
	Rubus leucodermis	Low	Black raspberry	
	Oxycoccus oxycoccus	Low	Bog cranberry	
	Corylus cornuta	Low	Beaked hazelnut	
	Mahonia nervosa	Low	Dull Oregon-grape	
	Mahonia aquifolium	Low	Tall Oregon grape	
	Mahonia repens	Low	Oregon grape	
	Fragaria virginiana	Low	Wild strawberry	
	Rosa nutkana	Low	Nootka rose	
	Rosa gymnocarpa	Low	Baldhip rose	
	Symphoricarpos alba	Low	Common snowberry	
	Rubus pedatus	Low	Five-leaved bramble	
	Lysichiton americanum	Low	Skunk cabbage	
	Prunus padus	Unknown - avoid	European bird cherry	potential bear food
	Berberis thunbergii DC.	Unknown - avoid	Japanese barberry	potential bear food
	Ribes alpinum	Unknown - avoid	Alpine currant	potential bear food
	Rosa medilland	Unknown - avoid	Medilland rose	potential bear food
	Rosa rugosa	Unknown - avoid	Pavement rose	potential bear food
	Viburnum burkwoodii	Unknown - avoid	Burkwood viburnum	potential bear food
	Mahonia x media	Unknown - avoid	Holly grape	potential bear food

**NOTE: This list is not exhaustive. There may be other plants, native and non-native that bears will use opportunistically.**

# Wildlife Friendly Landscaping



Creating and improving wildlife habitat in our yards has a positive ecological value. However, Squamish is bear country and improving wildlife habitat can also mean attracting bears and other wildlife.

While bears are part of our natural environment, we don't want to invite them into our yards with landscaping that provides them with food.

This list is not exhaustive, it is a guideline and bears may utilize other plants opportunistically

## Landscaping tips for reducing bear visits to yards and neighbourhoods:

- ✓ Avoid using plants that bears like to eat next to doorways, windows or entrances, near children's play sets, beside paths and high use areas.
- ✓ Avoid using bone meal or fish fertilizer.
- ✓ Avoid seeding with clover and keep your grass cut and free of dandelions.
- ✓ Plants that bear fruit or nuts should be used with caution.

## RECOMMENDED

Common name	Botanical name	Attractant rating	Native species
<b>TREES - deciduous</b>			
Bloodgood Japanese Maple.....	Acer palmatum .....	Low.....	x
Douglas Maple.....	Acer glabrum.....	Low.....	✓
Fern Leaf Maple.....	Acer japonicum.....	Low.....	x
Forest Pansy (redbud).....	Cercis canadensis.....	Low.....	x
Himalayan Birch.....	Betula utilis jacquemontii.....	Low.....	x
Katsura Tree.....	Cercidiphyllum japonicum.....	Low.....	x
Paperbark Maple.....	Acer griseum.....	Low.....	x
Saucer Magnolia.....	Magnolia soulangeana.....	Low.....	x
Vine Maple.....	Acer circinatum.....	Low.....	✓
Willow species.....	Salix spp.....	Medium.....	✓
Western Flowering Dogwood.....	Cornus nuttallii.....	Medium.....	✓
<b>TREES - evergreen</b>			
Camellia Sasanqua.....	Sasanqua Camellia.....	Low.....	x
Grand Fir.....	Abies grandis.....	Low.....	✓
Shore Pine.....	Pinus contorta.....	Low.....	✓
Sitka Spruce.....	Picea Sitchensis.....	Low.....	✓
Western Hemlock.....	Tsuga heterophylla.....	Low.....	✓
Western Red Cedar.....	Thuja plicata.....	Low.....	✓
Western Yew.....	Taxus brevifolia.....	Low.....	✓
<b>SHRUBS - deciduous</b>			
Buttercup Winterhazel.....	Corylopsis pauciflora.....	Low.....	x
Chinese Witch Hazel.....	Hamamelis mollis.....	Low.....	x
Falsebox.....	Paxistima myrsinites.....	Low.....	✓
Dwarf Fothergilla.....	Fothergilla gardenii.....	Low.....	x
Hardhack.....	Spiraea douglasii.....	Low.....	✓
Hardy Fuchsia.....	Fuchsia magellanica.....	Low.....	x
Hebe species.....	Hebe.....	Low.....	x
Lilac.....	Syringa Vulgaris.....	Low.....	x
Mock Orange.....	Philadelphus.....	Low.....	✓
Mophead Hydrangea.....	Hydrangea macrophylla.....	Low.....	x
Oakleaf Hydrangea.....	Hydrangea quercifolia.....	Low.....	x
Pacific Ninebark.....	Physocarpus capitatus.....	Low.....	✓
Spirea.....	Spiraea.....	Low.....	✓
Smoke Bush.....	Cotinus coggygria.....	Low.....	x
Sweet Gale.....	Myrica gale.....	Low.....	✓
Witch Hazel.....	Hamamelis.....	Low.....	x
<b>SHRUBS - evergreen</b>			
Birds Nest Spruce.....	Picea abies nidiformis.....	Low.....	x
California Rhododendron.....	Rhododendron macrophyllum.....	Low.....	✓
Davidson's Penstemon.....	Penstemon davidsonii.....	Low.....	✓
False Azalea.....	Menziesia ferruginea.....	Low.....	✓
Hinoki False Cypress.....	Chamaecyparis obtusa.....	Low.....	x
Pink Mountain Heather.....	Phyllodoce empetriformis.....	Low.....	✓
Snowbrush.....	Ceanothus velutinus.....	Low.....	✓
Threadleaf Cypress.....	Chamaecyparis pisifera.....	Low.....	x
White Flowered Rhododendron.....	Rhododendron albiflorum.....	Low.....	✓
White Mountain Heather.....	Cassiope mertensiana.....	Low.....	✓
Yellow Mountain Heather.....	Phyllodoce glanduliflora.....	Low.....	✓
<b>GROUND COVER</b>			
Aster.....	Aster sp.....	Low.....	✓
Bracken Fern.....	Pteridium aquilinum.....	Low.....	✓
Foam Flower.....	Tiarella.....	Low.....	✓
Goats Beard.....	Aruncus Sylvester/dioicus.....	Low.....	✓
Hosta.....	Hosta spp.....	Low.....	x
Large Leafed Lupine.....	Lupinus polyphyllus.....	Low.....	✓
Red Columbine.....	Aquilegia formosa.....	Low.....	✓
Sword Fern.....	Polystichum munitum.....	Low.....	✓
Yarrow/Common Yarrow.....	Achillea millefolium.....	Low.....	✓
Yellow Marsh Marigold.....	Caltha palustris.....	Low.....	✓

## NOT RECOMMENDED

Common name	Botanical name	Attractant rating	Native species
<b>TREES - deciduous</b>			
Apple, cherry, plum species.....	Prunus species.....	High.....	x
European Bird Cherry.....	Prunus padus.....	High.....	x
Japanese Barberry.....	Berberis thunbergii.....	High.....	x
Pear species.....	Pyrus species.....	High.....	x
Sitka Mountain Ash.....	Sorbus sitchensis.....	High.....	✓
Red Elderberry.....	Sambucus racemosa.....	High.....	✓
Rowan Tree.....	Sorbus spp.....	High.....	✓
Pacific Crabapple.....	Malus fusca.....	High.....	✓
<b>SHRUBS - deciduous .....</b>			
Alaskan Blueberry.....	Vaccinium alaskaense.....	High.....	✓
Alpine Currant.....	Ribes alpinum.....	High.....	x
Baldhip Rose.....	Rosa gymnocarpa.....	Medium.....	✓
Beaked Hazelnut.....	Corylus cornuta.....	Low.....	✓
Bitter Cherry.....	Prunus emarginata.....	Medium.....	✓
Black Chokeberry.....	Aronia melanocarpa.....	High.....	✓
Black Hawthorn.....	Crataegus douglasii.....	Medium.....	✓
Black Swamp Gooseberry.....	Ribes lacustre.....	Medium.....	✓
Burkwood Viburnum.....	Viburnum x burkwoodii.....	High.....	x
Chokecherry.....	Prunus virginiana.....	High.....	✓
Devil's Club.....	Oplopanax horridus.....	High.....	✓
Highbush Cranberry.....	Viburnum edule.....	Medium.....	✓
Indian Plum.....	Oemleria cerasiformis.....	Medium.....	✓
Meidiland Rose.....	Rosa meidiland.....	Low.....	x
Nootka Rose.....	Rosa nutkana.....	Low.....	✓
Pavement Rose.....	Rosa rugosa.....	Medium.....	x
Red Flowering Currant.....	Ribes sanguineum.....	Medium.....	✓
Red Huckleberry.....	Vaccinium parvifolium.....	High.....	✓
Red/Black Raspberry.....	Rubus Idaeus.....	High.....	✓
Red-osier Dogwood.....	Cornus stolonifera.....	High.....	✓
Salmonberry.....	Rubus spectabilis.....	High.....	✓
Saskatoon/Service berry.....	Amelanchier alnifolia.....	High.....	✓
Snowberry.....	Symphoricarpos.....	Low.....	✓
Soapberry/Soopolallie.....	Shepherdia canadensis.....	High.....	✓
Stink Currant.....	Ribes bracteosum.....	Medium.....	✓
Thimbleberry.....	Rubus parviflorus.....	Medium.....	✓
Wild Rose.....	Rosa pisocarpa.....	Low.....	✓
<b>SHRUBS - evergreen</b>			
Black Twinberry.....	Lonicera involucrata.....	Medium.....	✓
Chokeberry.....	Aronia melanocarpa.....	High.....	✓
Crowberry.....	Empetrum nigrum.....	High.....	✓
Dull Oregon-grape species.....	Mahonia nervosa.....	Medium.....	✓
Himalayan Blackberry.....	Rubus discolor.....	High.....	x
Kinnickinnick.....	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi.....	High.....	✓
Lady Fern.....	Athyrium filix-femina.....	High.....	✓
Salal.....	Gaultheria shallon.....	High.....	✓
<b>GROUND COVER</b>			
Bog Cranberry.....	Vaccinium oxycoccos.....	Medium.....	✓
Five-Leaved Bramble.....	Rubus pedatus.....	Low.....	✓
Horsetail.....	Equisetum.....	High.....	✓
Red Clover.....	Trifolium pratense.....	High.....	x
Sedge.....	Carex spp.....	High.....	✓
Trailing Blackberry.....	Rubus ursinus.....	High.....	x
White Clover.....	Trifolium repens.....	High.....	x
Wild Strawberry.....	Fragaria virginiana/vesca.....	Medium.....	✓

Note: Riparian Area Restoration Projects. Native riparian plants listed within the 'Not Recommended' category can be used in riparian restoration areas.

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## How to use this Plant List

This plant list provides a guideline for plant selection in the Pemberton area for use by developers, staff, public landscaping projects and local gardeners. The list is not meant to be all-inclusive; depending on site conditions and purpose of a landscape, additional plants may be suitable.

Use of native coniferous and deciduous trees as well as shrubs is emphasized. A variety of perennials and grasses are on the list which are not native but are hardy and add colour and variety to the landscape.

Additionally, a list of invasive species and wildlife attractant plants to avoid is provided.

Each plant has two names, one common name used in everyday speech such as Yellow Cedar, and its scientific botanical name, *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*. Plants are listed by plant type category and are identified alphabetically.

## Recommended Plants

### Coniferous Trees

The following Conifers are selected on the basis of being native, suitable for the area, disease resistant and native-like in appearance.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i>	Yellow Cedar	Native
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	Native
<i>Picea pungens</i>	Colorado Spruce	
<i>Picea engelmannii x sitchensis</i>	Engelman x Sitka Spruce	Native
<i>Pinus contorta</i>	Lodgepole Pine	Native
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	Western Yew	Native
<i>Pinus uncinata</i>	Mountain Pine	Slow Growing
<i>Pseudotsuga menzeisii</i>	Douglas Fir	(Interior Strain)
<i>Taxus bevigolia</i>	Western Yew	Native
<i>Thuja plicata</i>	Red Cedar	Native
<i>Tsuga mertensiana</i>	Mountain Hemlock	Native / Slow Growing



Yellow Cedar



White Spruce



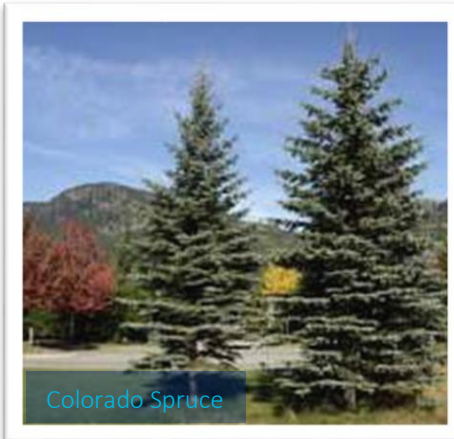
Engelman X Sitka Spruce



Douglas Fir



Red Cedar



Colorado Spruce



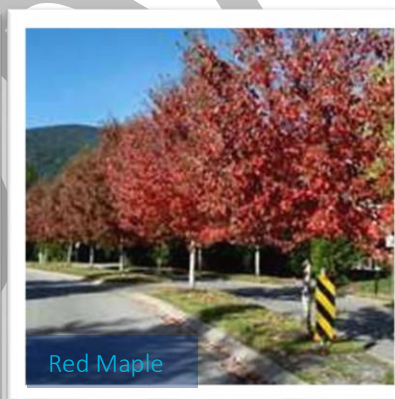
Mountain Hemlock



## Deciduous Trees

While there are a great variety of suitable deciduous trees, the selection is meant to focus on native trees, growth character, and native-like appearance.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Acer circinatum</i>	Vine Maple	
<i>Acer glabrum</i>	Douglas Maple	Native - Small Tree
<i>Acer macrophyllum</i>	Big Leaf Maple	
<i>Acer rubra</i>	Red Alder	
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Japanese Maple	Small Tree
<i>Betula papyrifera</i> (Triple/Single Stems)	Paper Birch	Native
<i>Betula jacquemontii</i>	Himalayan Birch	
<i>Cornus nuttallii</i>	Pacific Dogwood	Native
<i>Gleditsia tricanthos var. inermis</i>	Thornless Honeylocust	
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Trembling Aspen	Native
<i>Prunus x yedoensis akebono</i>	Ornamental Flowering Cherry/White	Small Tree
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Lilac Tree	Small Tree
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Littleleaf Linden	Medium Size Tree



## Shrubs

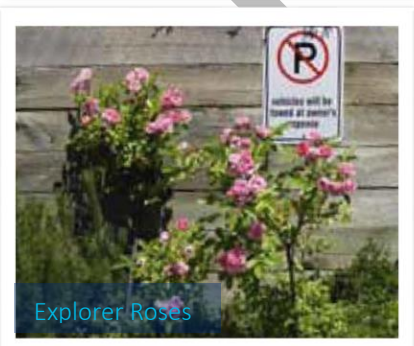
The following Shrubs are selected emphasizing a variety of size, shape and colour and hardiness. The list focusses on native plants.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple	
<i>Alnus Sinuate</i>	Sitka Alder	Native
<i>Azalea 'Pink Lights' or 'White Lights'</i>	Azalea	
<i>Ceanothus velutinous</i>	Snowbrush	Native
<i>Cornus alba elegantissima</i>	Variegated Dogwood	
<i>Cornus sericea flaviramea</i>	Yellowtwig Dogwood	
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	'Midwinter Fire' Dogwood	Winter Colour
<i>Euonymus japonicus</i>	Golden Euonymus	
<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>	Oceanspray	Native
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	'Annabelle' Hydrangea	
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	Native
<i>Mensuesia ferruginea</i>	False Azalea	Native
<i>Pachistima myrsinites</i>	False Box	Native & Evergreen
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	Mock Orange	Native
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark	
<i>Pieris floribunda</i>	Mountain Pieris	Broadleaf Evergreen
<i>Pinus mugo pumilo</i>	Mugo Pine	Low Conifer
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka Rose	Low bear attractant
<i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Wood's Rose	
<i>Rhus glabra</i>	Smooth Sumac	Native
<i>Explorer Roses</i>		
<i>Rosa Baffin</i>	Baffin Rose	
<i>Rosa 'Morden Snow Beauty'</i>	Morden's Snow Beauty	
<i>Rosa explorer 'Champlain'</i>	Champlain Rose (Red)	
<i>Rosa 'Martin Frobisher'</i>	Martin Frobisher Rose (light pink)	
<i>Rosa explorer 'Frontenac'</i>	Frontenac Rose (deep pink)	
<i>Rosa explorer 'Simon Fraser'</i>	Simon Fraser Rose (med pink)	
<i>Rosa rugosa 'Jens Munk'</i>	Jens Munk Rugosa Rose (Med Pink)	
<i>Rhododendron</i>		Evergreen

*Rhododendron impeditum*  
*Rhododendron keleticum*  
*Rhododendron maximum*  
*Rhododendron PJM*  
*Rhododendron ramapo*  
*Salix purpurea 'nana'*  
*Spiraea betulifolia*  
*Spiraea douglasii*  
*Symphoricarose albus*  
*Taxus Cuspidata*

Rhododendron  
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 Rosebay Rhododendron  
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 Rhododendron  
 Arctic Willow  
 Birch Leafed Spirera  
 Hardhack  
 Common Snowberry  
 Spreading Yew

Native  
 Native  
 Low bear attractant  
 Deer Resistant



## Perennials

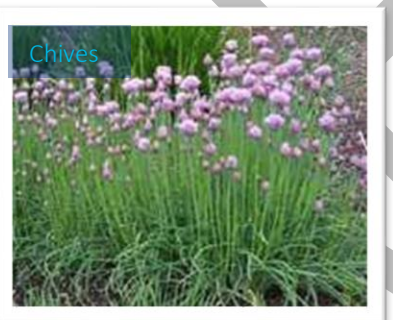
There are many suitable perennial varieties available for Pemberton. The purpose of this selection is to achieve a native-like look with plants that grow well in landscapes in this area.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Alchemilla mollis</i>	Lady's Mantle	
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>	Chives	
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	Red columbine	Native
<i>Artemisia 'Silver Mound'</i>	Silver Mound Sage	
<i>Astilbe chinensis Pumila</i>	Chinese Astilbe	
<i>Astilbe x ardensii</i>	'Elizabeth Bloom' Astilbe	
<i>Astilbe x ardensii</i>	'Peach Blossom' Astilbe	
<i>Astilbe x ardensii</i>	'Snowdrift' Astilbe	
<i>Astilbe simplicifolia x 'Sprite'</i>	Sprite Astilbe	
<i>Camassia quamash</i>	Camassia	Native
<i>Chrysanthemum x superbum 'Alaska'</i>	Alaska Shasta Daisy	
<i>Chrysanthemum x superbum 'Sedgewick'</i>	Sedgewick Shasta Daisy	
<i>Coreopsis verticillata 'Golden Showers'</i>	Golden Showers Tickseed	
<i>Coreopsis verticillata 'Moonbeam'</i>	Moonbeam Tickseed	
<i>Delphinium x Belladonna</i>	Belladonna Larkspur	
<i>Delphinium grandiflorum</i>	Blue Elf Larkspur	
<i>Digitalis grandiflora</i>	Yellow Foxglove	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	
<i>Echinacea purpurea 'Talent White'</i>	White Coneflower	
<i>Echinops ritro 'Taplow Blue'</i>	Taplow Blue Globe Thistle	
<i>Gallardia x grandiflora 'Monarch Strain'</i>	Blanket Flower	
<i>Hermerocallis 'Black-eyed Stella'</i>	Black Eyed Stella Daylily	
<i>Hermerocallis 'Happy Returns'</i>	Happy Returns Daylily	
<i>Hosta 'Ginko Craig'</i>	Ginko Craig Hosta	Shade Tolerant
<i>Hosta 'Patriot'</i>	Patriot Hosta	Shade Tolerant
<i>Iberis sempervirens 'snowflake'</i>	Candytuft	
<i>Iris pallida 'Aureo-variegata'</i>	Sweet Iris (Variegated)	
<i>Iris pallida 'Variegata'</i>	Sweet Iris (Variegated)	

<i>Liatrix spicata</i> 'Kobold'	Blazing Star	
<i>Ligularia stocephala</i>	Rocket	
<i>Lilium columbianum</i>	Tiger Lily	Native
<i>Monarda didyma</i> 'Gardenview Scarlet'	Bee-Balm	
<i>Nepeta x 'Dropmore Blue'</i>	Dropmore Blue Catmint	
<i>Penstemon fruiticosa</i> 'Purple Haze'	Beard-Tongue	Native
<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> 'Goldsturm'	Goldsturm Cone Flower	
<i>Rudbeckia nitida</i> 'Herbstonne'	Herbstonne Rudbeckia	
<i>Salvia x superba</i> 'Miss Indigo'	Miss Indigo Sage	
<i>Sedum spectabilis</i> 'Autumn Joy'	Autumn Joy Stonecrop	
<i>Smilacena racemosa</i>	False Solomon's Seal	Native
<i>Smilacena stellata</i>	Star Flowered Solomon's Seal	Native



Silver Mound Sage



Chives



Lady's Mantle



Astilbe



Camassia



Shasta Daisy



Yellow Foxglove



Blanket Flower

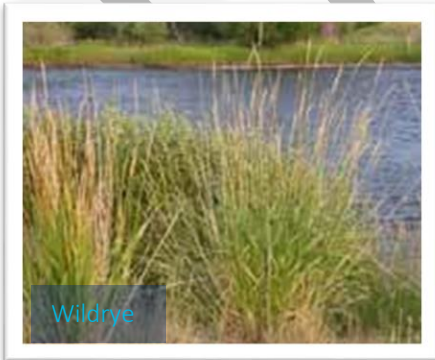
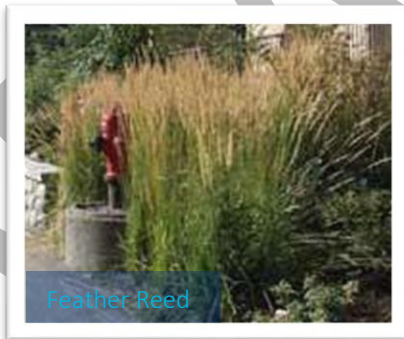


Hosta

## Ornamental Grasses

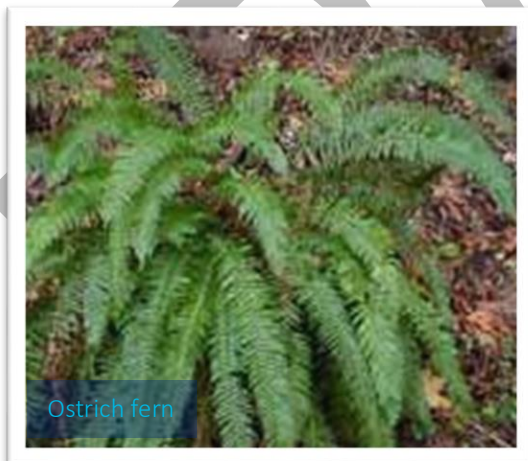
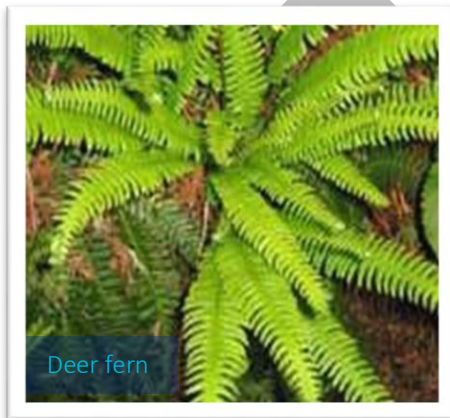
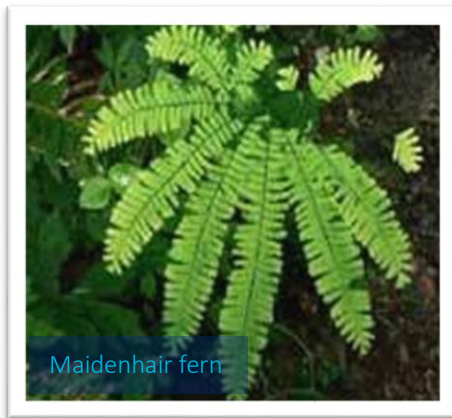
Ornamental grasses, ferns, groundcovers and climbers are highlighted on this list for texture, winter hardiness and variety of colour and size.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Calamagrostis x acutifolia</i>	Karl Foerster/ Feather Reed Grass	
<i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i>	Fairy's Joke / Tufted Hair Grass	Native
<i>Elymus cinera</i>	Wildrye	Native
<i>Festuca ovina 'Elijah Blue' Elijah</i>	Blue Fescue	
<i>Helictotrichon sempervirens</i>	Blue Oat Grass	
<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	June Grass	
<i>Miscanthus sinensis purpurascens</i>	Flame Grass	(Interior Grown)
<i>Molinia caerulea 'Variegata'</i>	Moor Grass	
<i>Pennisetum alopecuroides</i>	Fountain Grass	(Interior Grown)



## Ferns

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	Maidenhair Fern	Shade Tolerant
<i>Blechnum spicant</i>	Deer Fern	Shade Tolerant
<i>Dryopteris carthusiana</i>	Wood Fern	Shade Tolerant
<i>Matteucia struthiopteris</i>	Ostrich Fern	Shade Tolerant
<i>Polystichum munitum</i>	Sword Fern	Shade Tolerant



## Ground Covers

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry	
<i>Rosa explorer 'Charles Albanel'</i>	Charles Albanel Rose	
<i>Thymus pseudolanuginosus</i>	Woolly Thyme	
<i>Thymus serpyllum</i>	Elfin Thyme	



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## Vines &amp; Creepers

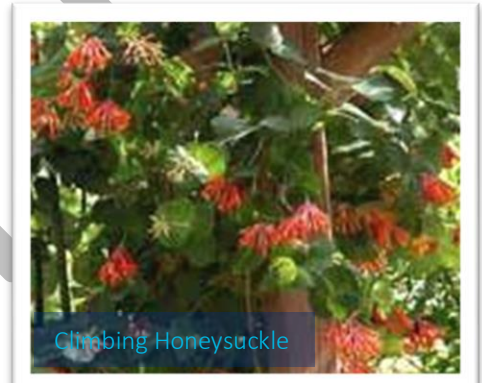
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	NOTE
<i>Clematis</i>	Several Varieties	
<i>Hydrangia petiolaris</i>	Climbing Hydrangea	
<i>Lonicera ciiosa</i>	Western Honeysuckle	Native
<i>Lonicera "dropmore Scarlet"</i>	Climbing Honeysuckle	
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> 'Engelmanni'	Virginia Creeper	Fall Colour
<i>Rosa explorer 'Louis Jolliet'</i>	William Baffin Climbing Rose	(med pink)
<i>Rosa explorer 'William Baffin'</i>	William Baffin Climbing Rose	(red)



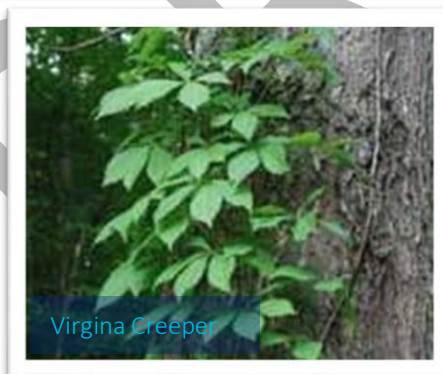
Clematis



Climbing Hydrangea



Climbing Honeysuckle



Virginia Creeper



Explorer Roses

## Invasive Plants to Avoid

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME
<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>	Garlic Mustard
<i>Anchusa oddicalis</i>	Common Bugloss
<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Bur Chervil
<i>Anthriscus sylvestris (L.) Hoffm.</i>	Wild Chervil
<i>Arctium minus</i>	Burdock
<i>Berteroa incana</i>	Hoary Alyssum
<i>Buddleja davidii</i>	Butterfly Bush
<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	Flowering Rush
<i>Cardaria draba</i>	Hoary Cress
<i>Carum carvi</i>	Wild Caraway
<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i>	Spotted Knapweeds
<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>	Bachelor's Button
<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	Diffuse Knapweeds
<i>Centaurea montana</i>	Mountain Bluet
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	Rush Skeletonweed
<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	Canada Thistle
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	Marsh Plume Thistle
<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	Hound's-Tongue
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	Scotch Broom
<i>Daphne Laureola</i>	Daphne
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Queen Anne's Lace
<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>	Teasel – "Alert" Species
<i>Echium vulgare</i>	Blueweed
<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>	Russian Olive
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	Leafy Spurge
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>	Baby's Breath
<i>Hendra helix L.</i>	English Ivy
<i>Heracleum mantegassianum</i>	Giant Hogweed
<i>Hieracium spp.</i>	Hawkweeds
<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>	St. John's Wort
<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Hair Cat's Ear
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	English Holly
<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	Himalayan balsam
<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>	Yellow Flag-Iris



<i>Knautia arvensis</i>	Field Scabious
<i>Lamiaeum galeobdolon</i>	Yellow Archangel
<i>Lepidium Latifolium</i>	Perennial Pepperweed
<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	Oxeye Daisy
<i>Linaria genistifolia</i>	Dalmatian Toadflax
<i>Linaria vulgairs</i>	Yellow Toadflax
<i>Lysimachia punctata</i>	Yellow Loosestrife
<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife
<i>Matricaria maritime</i>	Scentless Chamomile
<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	Eurasian Watermilfoil
<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	Scotch Thistle
<i>Polygonum Spp.</i>	Knotweeds
<i>Potentilla recta</i>	Sulphur Cinquefoil
<i>Rubus discolor</i>	Himalayan Blackberry
<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Tansy Ragwort
<i>Tamarix chinensis</i>	Tamarisk
<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>	Common Tansy
<i>Ulex europaeus</i>	Gorse
<i>Vinca minor</i>	Common Periwinkle

## Bear Attractants

There are several factors that need to be addressed when determining the attractiveness of landscaping to bears:

- **Ripening season.** Berries that ripen during a season when other wild foods are plentiful are of less concern.
- **Crop abundance.** The more abundant the production of berries, the more attractive the plant is to bears. Clumped berries are far more attractive than those that are widely spread over the branches.
- **Planting density.** If planted alone, bushes like red-osier dogwood are not that attractive to bears. However, if they are planted in high densities, such as a hedge, they will be much more attractive.
- **Location of plant.** The quieter the area and less human use of the space, the more likely a bear will investigate.

The following plant list identifies bear food plants that are ranked from highest to lowest, with additional plants that should be avoided. The list is not exhaustive; there may be other plants that bears will opportunistically find attractive. Plants rated medium to very high are not recommended to be planted. Plants included in the recommended Plant List that are rated low **may be planted, but users** should be mindful of ripening season, crop abundance, planting density and plant location.

BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Attractant Rating
<i>Sorbus spp</i>	Mountain-ash	Very High
<i>Vaccinium spp</i>	Blueberry/Huckleberry	Very High
	Clover, alfalfa, dandelion	High
<i>Cornus stolonifera</i>	Red-osier dogwood	High
<i>Amelanchier spp</i>	Saskatoon berry, Service berry	High
<i>Oplopanex horridus</i>	Devils' club	High
<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	Salmonberry	High
<i>Gaultheria shallon</i>	Salal	High
<i>Rosa pisocarpa</i>	Wild rose	High
<i>Shepherdia canadensis</i>	Soopollalie, soapberry	High
<i>All species</i>	Domestic fruit trees	High
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black chokeberry	High
<i>Rubus discolor</i>	Himalayan blackberry	High
<i>Viburnum edule</i>	Highbush-cranberry	Medium

<i>Ribes bracteosum</i>	Stink currant	Medium
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Black/swamp gooseberry	Medium
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>	Red-flowering currant	Medium
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke cherry	Medium
<i>Rubus idaeus</i>	Red raspberry	Medium
<i>Lonicera involucrate</i>	Black twinberry	Medium
<i>Sambucus racemosa</i>	Red elderberry	Medium
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	Bitter cherry	Medium
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	Trailing blackberry	Medium
<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	Thimbleberry	Medium
<i>Malus fusca</i>	Pacific crab apple	Medium
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	Crowberry	Medium
<i>Oemleria cerasiformis</i>	Indian plum	Medium
<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	Black hawthorn	Medium
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Kinnickinnick	Medium
<i>Rubus leucodermis</i>	Black raspberry	Low
<i>Oxycoccus</i>	Bog cranberry	Low
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked hazelnut	Low
<i>Mahonia nervosa</i>	Dull Oregon-grape	Low
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Tall Oregon grape	Low
<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Oregon grape	Low
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild strawberry	Low
<i>Rosa nutkana</i>	Nootka rose	Low
<i>Rosa gymnocarpa</i>	Baldhip rose	Low
<i>Symphoricarpos alba</i>	Common snowberry	Low
<i>Rubus pedatus</i>	Five-leaved bramble	Low
<i>Lysichiton americanum</i>	Skunk cabbage	Low
<i>Prunus padus</i>	European bird cherry	Unknown - avoid
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>	Japanese barberry	Unknown - avoid
<i>Ribes alpinum</i>	Alpine currant	Unknown - avoid
<i>Rosa medilland</i>	Medilland rose	Unknown - avoid
<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Pavement rose	Unknown - avoid
<i>Viburnum burkwoodii</i>	Burkwood	Unknown - avoid
<i>Mahonia x media</i>	Holly grape	Unknown - avoid



## Additional Resources

Bear Smart Society: [www.bearsmart.com](http://www.bearsmart.com)

Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council: [ssisc.ca](http://ssisc.ca)

BC Species and Ecosystem Explorer: <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp/>

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July 2, 2020

Ref: 255149

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

In this unprecedented time, I believe it is more important than ever that we continue to connect and work together. I have deeply appreciated our calls throughout the pandemic and hearing directly from you about how you are supporting your communities, and how we can support you. Your feedback has been invaluable and has informed our government's responses to COVID-19 as we all work together to keep the people of British Columbia safe.

While this year's UBCM Convention will be different in many ways, I am looking forward to the opportunity for all of us to come together and to spend time discussing the needs of your community.

I am writing to provide you with some initial information regarding the process for requesting a meeting with me during the UBCM Convention, taking place this year from September 22 to 24, 2020.

As the UBCM Convention for 2020 will be held in a virtual and abbreviated format, Provincial Government meetings will be held by conference call and will likely occur outside of the shortened program to allow delegates to fully focus and participate in the Convention.

You will receive a separate letter from the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, containing information about the online process for requesting a meeting with the Premier or other Cabinet Ministers.

If you would like to indicate your interest in meeting with me around Convention time, please complete the online request form at: [MAH Minister's Meeting](#) and submit it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing before **August 4, 2020**. Meeting times and dates will be confirmed by early September. In the event that I am unable to meet with you, arrangements may be made for a meeting post-Convention.

To get the most out of your delegation's meeting with me, it continues to be helpful for you to provide as much detail as possible on the topic you wish to discuss in the online form. Providing this information in advance gives me a better understanding of your delegation's interests and helps us to make progress on delivering for the people of your community.

Regarding staff meetings, ministry staff will email you shortly with the Provincial Appointment Book. This document lists all government, agency, commission and corporation staff expected to be available to meet with delegates around Convention time, as well as details on how to submit an online staff meeting request.

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This year's UBCM will be my fourth Convention as Minister responsible for local government, after four years attending as the opposition spokesperson for local government and four years of attending as a City Councillor, and I believe this will be the most important Convention yet. The pandemic has shown how important governments are in keeping people healthy and safe, and all of the work that local governments do for the benefit of British Columbians. As we move forward with restarting B.C., I am looking forward to hearing more about your communities and exploring ways we can continue to work together to make life better for British Columbians, now and for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Selina Robinson

Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier  
Her Worship Mayor Maja Tait, President, Union of BC Municipalities





July 2, 2020

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

My caucus colleagues and I are looking forward to connecting with you all again at this year’s Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, being held virtually from September 22-24.

UBCM provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to one another, share ideas, and find new approaches to ensure our communities thrive. With local, provincial, federal, and First Nations governments working together, we can continue to build a better BC.

If you would like to request a meeting with a Cabinet Minister or with me as part of the convention, please note that due to the abbreviated format this year, these meetings will likely be scheduled outside of the regular program dates. To make your request, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca/> (live, as of today). Please note that this year’s invitation code is **MeetingRequest2020** and it is case sensitive. If you have any questions, please contact [UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca](mailto:UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca) or phone 250-213-3856.

I look forward to being part of your convention, meeting with many of you, and exploring ways that we can partner together to address common issues.

Sincerely,

John Horgan  
Premier



Jonathan X. Côté  
Mayor

July 6, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor and Council:

**Re: Disaggregated COVID-19 Data Collection**

I am writing to seek your support for calling on the Provincial and Federal governments to collect disaggregated COVID-19 data. At a meeting on June 22, 2020, New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

*WHEREAS it is clear from other jurisdictions, including the United States, that the COVID-19 pandemic and other health concerns disproportionately impact racialized community members and those with who experience systemic, marginalizing barriers to healthcare access as well as precarious work; and*

*WHEREAS BC and Canada do not capture race-based or socioeconomic data, which effectively buries the impact of illness and disease on disproportionately impacted groups within the larger aggregated data, erasing opportunities to address health inequities; and*

*WHEREAS BC has experienced a lower than average illness and causality rate primarily because of evidence based data; and*

*WHEREAS racialized communities and advocates have been requesting that the province collect disaggregated data;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of New Westminster write to the provincial and federal Ministers of Health requesting that they collect disaggregated data including race, socioeconomic class,*

*and disability that will allow for evidence-based health care and social program interventions; and*

*THAT the data are analyzed and interpreted with community leadership and input; and*

*THAT the data are collected with the intention of being understood as indicators of systemic and structural oppression to identify root causes of disparity; and*

*THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.*

We appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,



Jonathan X. Cote  
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health  
The Honourable Adrian Dix, British Columbia Minister of Health

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**Cc:** Laureen Whyte <[Laureen.whyte@cleanenergybc.org](mailto:Laureen.whyte@cleanenergybc.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Clean Energy BC - Bill 17 proposed amendments to Clean Energy Act

Hello,

This is a follow up to a media backgrounder provided about Bill 17 on June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.

If the amendments proposed in Bill 17 to remove self-sufficiency are also concerning to your community then we encourage you to submit a letter to your MLA regarding this issue. Please see an example template attached above.

Clean Energy BC's Executive Director, Laureen Whyte is available if you have any further questions. Please let me know if you would like to arrange a call.

Thank you,  
Anitra Paris  
Operations & Policy Manager



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**Subject:** Clean Energy BC - Bill 17 proposed amendments to Clean Energy Act

Hello,

We are reaching out to you regarding the introduction to the BC legislature last week of Bill 17. Of concern, is the proposal to repeal the self-sufficiency requirement of the Clean Energy Act, which would have significant detrimental effects on independent power production (IPP) in BC. The Bill proposes to enable BC Hydro to purchase imported electricity from the US, instead of continuing to rely mostly on renewable power projects in this province.

This will also impact Indigenous owned, partnered and participating IPPs.

Importantly as we begin to consider economic recovery from the Covid 19 pandemic, we believe this is a bad time to stop the clean, sustainable economic development – jobs, local purchase, and taxes - throughout BC that the IPP industry provides.

Please find attached a backgrounder explaining the issues we believe are important. We want to ensure that communities throughout the province are aware of the potential impacts.

Please contact our Executive Director Laureen Whyte ([laureen.whyte@cleanenergybc.org](mailto:laureen.whyte@cleanenergybc.org)) or myself if you would like to discuss this issue.

Thank you,  
Anitra Paris  
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## MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

### Bill 17 - 2020 Clean Energy Amendment Act, 2020

Created in 1961, BC Hydro (BCH) has enjoyed a near monopoly of the generation and distribution of power in the province. Like crown corporation utilities in other provinces, BCH takes seriously its mandate to deliver inexpensive, reliable electricity to ratepayers. Historically, that has meant big hydro megaprojects. Those legacy assets are considered the crown jewel of BC's power system and hydropower is BCH's preferred method of generating power.

The provincial government decided in 2007 to support the wind and solar in addition to small hydro. The new guiding principle was "self-sufficiency," the requirement that there always be enough power generated within BC to meet provincial needs, at a predictable cost. Imported electricity prices were very high, and at 18% of its portfolio, BCH deemed import levels were too high. BCH created the Standing Offer Program and entered into energy purchase agreements (EPAs) with Clean Energy BC members, the independent power producers. The utility was forecasting steady demand growth and welcomed the new supply, even though its pricing reflected the earlier phase of technology development.

Then the global financial system collapsed in 2008. The subsequent Great Recession reduced demand for electricity and consumption did not return to former levels until 2017. Suddenly, BCH had too much electricity.

Two years ago, BCH began terminating "mom and pop" small hydro projects that had supplied clean electricity for decades. Last year the Standing Offer Program was suspended. Then, the 2019 *Zapped* report alleged that BCH had bought too much electricity at excessive prices, leading to suspicions that the contracts were "sweetheart deals" for friends of the government. Although Clean Energy BC used BCH and BC Utilities Commission data to credibly refute *Zapped's* data and conclusions shortly after it was published, the public relations damage was done.

Now the BC government wants to end self-sufficiency, effectively putting independent power producers out of business even if that means stranded assets and in some cases, bankruptcy. Without self-sufficiency, if BCH needs extra electricity, it would revert back to buying it on the Mid C spot market.

Clean Energy BC applauds the government for requiring that power to be certified as clean. That's the part the government got right. The rest of the strategy that underpins Bill 17 is a poorly conceived mess.

By trying to fix problems created by previous governments, Victoria is instead making a bad situation much, much worse.

## Where BC went wrong

The problem started with the government's 2007 decision to shift the cost of developing a renewable energy sector to BCH, essentially hiding that cost on the utility's balance sheet rather than the Province's.

This is not how other jurisdictions have stimulated renewables development. The most common tool is some form of a feed-in tariff. These are long-term contracts based upon the cost to produce power from nascent energy technologies. They often include the option to lower the price paid as those technologies mature and produce ever cheaper electricity.

Texas, for example, implemented renewable energy portfolios under Gov. George W. Bush in the late 1990s and now gets 17 per cent of its electricity from wind and a growing percentage from solar. Germany, Denmark, California, Ontario - the list is a long one of national and sub-national governments that paid more for renewable energy in order to kick start the technology and the industry.

One of the advantages of feed-in tariffs is that the financial support is provided by governments - not directly by ratepayers - and acknowledged as a subsidy. And reporting in public budgets is transparent. Had the BC government taken this approach and not shifted financial responsibility for EPAs to BCH, the British Columbia IPP narrative would likely be very different.

As it stands now, in part because of the disputed analysis in *Zapped*, IPPs are viewed by the government as a costly and unnecessary burden, contracts that must be shed to help BCH reduce costs and repair its damaged balance sheet. In fact, this is probably the dominant narrative within the province.

Judging by Friday's story in *Victoria Now*, this is already Minister Bruce Ralston's narrative: "It will give a certain flexibility to the utility so that it will be able to import, particularly from jurisdictions where there is a 100-per-cent clean standard, rather than the self-sufficiency requirement, which was basically designed to make sure that private power companies were able to prosper," Ralston said.

Another wrinkle to the existing narrative is the preference for public ownership by many members of the BC NDP caucus.

From Clean Energy BC's point of view, Bill 17 damages far more than it repairs. Below are four arguments for scrapping the legislation and embracing IPPs as partners, not adversaries.

## **Undermining BC's energy security**

Minister Ralston argues that BC can import power any time it needs to. Will that always be true in the future?

British Columbia isn't the only jurisdiction electrifying its economy in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. US states like Washington and California, from which Powerex imports electricity, are preparing to aggressively shift transportation, industry, and buildings off fossil fuels. Just like BC.

Will those jurisdictions have enough inexpensive, clean power generation to electrify their economies and surplus for British Columbia? The BC government is gambling that they will and that cheap power will continue for decades, conveniently forgetting other times - such as the early 2000s - when prices spiked as high as \$250/MWh.

What if electricity demand in those states outstrips supply and prices rise? What if climate change continues to exacerbate California wildfires, increasing the threat of taking the state's power supply offline? What about when drought inevitably returns to the Western United States, reducing hydro generation and raising prices?

Increasing dependence upon the Mid C spot market just as regional jurisdictions begin to electrify their economies in response to the climate crisis is a short-sighted strategy that could easily backfire, leading to decreased energy security and higher rates for BC ratepayers.

## **Wind and solar are lowest cost power generation options**

Feed-in tariffs in other jurisdictions provided important support that allowed wind costs to decline from \$101/MWh in 2009 to \$28/MWh in 2019; the drop in costs is even more dramatic for solar, which fell from \$323/MWh to \$32/MWh, according to Lazard's levelized cost of energy study. Compare those numbers to new natural gas combined cycle at \$44 and new coal at \$66.

Last year, an Alberta government renewables auction saw a record low price of \$37/MWh for wind power.

Please note that these costs are unsubsidized and do not include the effect of carbon taxes, which would further favour wind and solar. Furthermore, a recent Wood Mackenzie study estimates that wind costs will fall another 17% by 2025. Factor in the rapidly falling cost of battery storage and there is no doubt renewables are the least cost option for British Columbia.

British Columbia's approach to building out IPPs may not have been as effective as other jurisdictions, but the province now boasts a robust IPP industry just as wind and solar have



become the world's lowest-cost form of power generation. By comparison, power from Site C is estimated to cost as much as \$83/MWh - or even higher if billion dollar cost overruns continue.

The BC government is sabotaging the potential for abundant cheap electricity in favour of some of the highest cost power in the world. It doesn't have to be like this.

Clean Energy BC members are ready and willing to help the BC Government and BCH achieve the ambitious electrification strategy set out in CleanBC while keeping electricity prices low for ratepayers.

In fact, IPPs are the BC government's only chance of producing enough power to electrify the provincial economy over the next 30 years.

### **Meeting CleanBC targets impossible without wind, solar**

*"Will BC have enough electricity to support electric vehicles? The answer was no. Mungall asserted BC will need the equivalent of five Site C dams to power the transition from fossil fuels that is envisioned in CleanBC. Heyman said BC has enough electricity for 5-10 years but will need to work now to develop offshore wind power, geothermal and solar resources as well as developing better battery storage technology." - Kathy Hartman, The Valley Voice, November 21, 2019.*

The ministers may be optimistic about needing just five Site C dams. Site C will produce 5,100 GWh of electricity per year, roughly 10 per cent of BC's current requirements. In a 2017 submission to the BC Utilities Commission, energy consultant Davis Swan estimated that converting provincial consumption of gasoline (diesel was not included) and natural gas would require just over 90,000 GWh of generation capacity, or roughly 18 Site C dams.

Whether it's the equivalent of five or 18 Site C dams, CEBC agrees with Minister Heyman that BC has a very short runway to begin building a tremendous amount of renewable energy capacity if CleanBC goals are to be achieved.

To the best of CEBC's knowledge, an actual plan to electrify the BC economy as called for by CleanBC has never been developed. But the comments from Ministers Mungall and Heyman suggest the BC government has done at least some preliminary analysis that concluded non-BCH power generation of renewable energy will be required.

There are only two ways to acquire the necessary amount of electricity: import risky electricity from the United States as contemplated by Bill 17 or build the generating capacity in BC.

Clean Energy BC members have already invested \$9 billion and are ideally positioned to further invest in new capacity. In fact, the culmination of the IPP program begun in 2007 has perfectly

positioned British Columbia to create a strong working partnership between the provincial crown utility and the small private power producers.

If the BC government chooses not to take this route, how will the CleanBC electrification objectives be met? The only sensible answer is that they most likely will not be achieved.

### **First Nation and community economic development opportunities**

First Nations are leading developers of renewable energy in British Columbia. Feedback in 2017 from 102 BC First Nations and three tribal councils identified 78 operational projects with a total generation of 1,836 MW, while two-thirds of respondents had 48 projects in planning or construction. Overall, 98% of respondents indicated existing involvement or a desire to be involved with the renewable energy industry.

The business and job opportunities in First Nations and remote communities are invaluable. Local power generation displaces expensive, polluting diesel generators.

Clean power is aligned with Indigenous ways and the desire to live in harmony with fragile ecosystems. Now that British Columbia has formally adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, enabling First Nations to continue investing in renewable energy projects is an important component of reconciliation. The BC Utilities Commission recently recommended that BC amend the Utilities Commission Act to align with UNDRIP.

First Nations investment in renewable energy is an opportunity that British Columbia cannot afford to miss.

### **Conclusion**

Last year, highly respected Canadian think tank Pembina Institute convened a forum of key stakeholders to discuss how CleanBC should be implemented. The subsequent report contains three key recommendations. The third recognizes “the need for a diversity of clean energy solutions to reduce fossil fuel dependence across B.C.’s economy.”

Ministers Heyman and Mungall publicly acknowledge BC needs renewable energy equivalent to at least five Site C dams to meet CleanBC goals. At the same time, Minister Ralston is pushing Bill 17 to kneecap independent power producers, the only sector that has the capacity to build the required renewable capacity. The government’s own cabinet ministers are sending mixed messages to British Columbians.

That confusion is reflected in the interim report of the Phase 2 review of BC Hydro. The review was expected to provide a roadmap for implementing CleanBC, especially addressing how electrification goals would be achieved. Instead, it “bogs down in vague discussions of secondary issues, makes several oddball proposals and invites a further round of public input

on a list of largely rhetorical questions,” as the BC Sustainable Energy Association aptly describes the report.

The government’s strategy for power generation and distribution is a mess. One thing, however, is clear: Clean Energy BC members represent the future of the global energy system. Across the planet, hundreds of billions are being invested in wind and solar farms. Wind/solar + storage + legacy systems like natural gas and hydro = the 21st century electricity model.

The low cost of renewable energy tells the story: BCH is building Site C at a cost of \$83/MWh while ignoring wind at \$28/MWh and solar at \$32/MWh.

Why are the BC government and BCH stuck in the 20th century?

Dear [MLA]:

Although there are some positive aspects to Bill 17, we are concerned about the negative implications of removing self-sufficiency from the Clean Energy Act.

We urge that Bill 17 be amended to remove the provision to repeal self-sufficiency from the Clean Energy Act.

Repealing self-sufficiency in Bill 17, would lead to more reliance by BC Hydro and Powerex on the spot market to meet BC's future electricity demand, exposing BC ratepayers to the uncertain supply and prices that led to the policy of self-sufficiency in the first place. Although there is currently availability and the price of excess electricity from the US is low, that could change with weather and drought conditions, or more wildfires. Further, the transmission system in the US is constrained.

In no industry does government argue for importing rather than generating goods and services right here in BC. BC should be fostering local renewable energy, encouraging investment in BC's economy, and the economic benefits that independent power projects deliver - not relying on more subsidized imports from the US.

Independent power projects offer much-needed investment in our economy, family-supporting jobs, business for local goods and services, taxes and fees, and a stream of revenue for communities and First Nations that own, invest or share in revenue from their operation. Renewable energy projects are viewed globally as a valuable part of a resilient and green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. At a time when we are preparing for economic recovery, energy investments should benefit British Columbians.

Sincerely,

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cc.

Premier John Horgan  
Minister Bruce Ralston, Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources  
Adam Olsen, Leader, BC Green Party  
Greg Kylo, Energy Critic, Liberal Party of BC  
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# Website Submission: Customer Service Request - pemberton.ca

## Form Submission Info

**First Name:** Kaylah

**Last Name:** Hale

**Street Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town/City:** Pemberton

**Province:** Bc

**Postal Code:** V0N2L0

**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Customer Follow-up Required:** no

**Nature of Request:** Comment of Appreciation:

Thanks for making one mile lake trail a set direction. Inspired by COVID, but actually fantastic for the many folks such as myself Juggling with strollers, toys, and/or pets. A much more enjoyable experience. I'd love to see this continue long after the pandemic.

Keep up the great work making our little village an amazing space for everyone.

**Photo (if applicable):**

Village of Pemberton

## OPEN QUESTION PERIOD POLICY

**THAT** the following guidelines for the Open Question Period held at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meetings:

- 1) The Open Question Period will commence after the adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting;
- 2) A maximum of 15 minutes for the questions from the Press and Public will be permitted, subject to curtailment at the discretion of the Chair if other business necessitates;
- 3) Only questions directly related to business discussed during the Council Meeting are allowed;
- 4) Questions may be asked of any Council Member;
- 5) Questions must be truly questions and not statements of opinions or policy by the questioner;
- 6) Not more than two (2) separate subjects per questioner will be allowed;
- 7) Questions from each member of the attending Press will be allowed preference prior to proceeding to the public;
- 8) The Chair will recognize the questioner and will direct questions to the Councillor whom he/she feels is best able to reply;
- 9) More than one Councillor may reply if he/she feels there is something to contribute.

*Approved by Council at Meeting No. 920  
Held November 2, 1999*

*Amended by Council at Meeting No. 1405  
Held September 15, 2015*