

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES-**

Minutes for the **Committee of the Whole** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at **1:00 p.m.** in Council Chamber, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 207.

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

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Jill Brooksbank, Sr. Community Partnerships & Communications
Coordinator
Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 3

MEDIA: 1

Please Note: This meeting was held electronically, and all members of Council, Staff and Public attended through electronic means.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:01 p.m. Mayor Richman called the September 15, 2020, Committee of Whole meeting to order.

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded
THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 206, Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Moved/Seconded
THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 206, held Tuesday, September 1, 2020, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

4. DELEGATION

a) MLA Jordan Sturdy - Update on Provincial Initiatives

MLA Sturdy drew attention to various initiatives at the Provincial level as they relate to Pemberton and the Sea to Sky Corridor. The following were some topics of discussion:

- Meetings with political representatives along the Sea to Sky Corridor are ongoing and are a useful forum for information-sharing and support.
- COVID-19 update:
 - The Province is currently in Phase 3 of re-opening; progression to Phase 4 will be contingent on a vaccine or reliable treatment for the virus.
 - Recommendations from the Provincial Health Officer are to focus on limiting social bubbles, avoid group gatherings, and remain safe.
 - BCCDC Dashboard provides updates on COVID-19; statistics indicate increasing COVID-19 cases along with increased testing.
 - Business should continue working with Vancouver Coastal Health and Provincial Health Officer's recommendations to maintain safe operations.
- The legislative session was shortened this year due to the pandemic, however is expected to return for the Fall session in October.
- Parks:
 - Advocating to BC Parks to reconsider access constraints in user-managed Provincial Parks to open to more visitors.
 - Resources needed for an overarching visitor use management plan across all parks.
- The increased in tourism in recent months highlights the need for a diversified economy in the valley.
- Recent changes to the Province's Land & Resource Management Plan to facilitate enforcement of non-mechanized access on Crown Land.
- Along with Ministry of Health, worked with Stewardship Pemberton to ensure Nature Camp programming met requirements of care.
- Commented on the sediment removal required near the wastewater treatment plant outfall and the need for ongoing sediment issues on the Lillooet River as a result of the Meager landslide.

- Attended a meeting with Minister Donaldson to discuss the need for monitoring of Mt. Meager & Mt. Currie, movement of sediment, and a long-term strategy for remediation of sediment movement.
- Upcoming meeting with the Pemberton Valley Dyking District to discuss acute sediment issues & potential long-term strategies.

The following were some topics Council raised for discussion:

- Childcare needs in Pemberton:
 - Recent BC Childcare New Spaces grant application unsuccessful & possibility of advocating for reconsideration;
 - Licensed vs. unlicensed spaces & requirements of each;
 - Recognition that “one size fits all” approach is not always appropriate when evaluating the cost per childcare space in different communities;
 - Wages for daycare workers - comparison to average provincial wage & possibility of merging with the current education system.
- Road conditions:
 - Lillooet River Bridge requires maintenance;
 - Condition of railroad crossing at the Green River access road and need for road repairs;
 - Fluctuating speed limit along Highway 99 between One Mile Lake and Mt. Currie is creating safety concerns.
- Fall election and tax/budget implications.

5. CHILDCARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT REVIEW

The Committee reviewed some of the deliverables identified in the Childcare Needs Assessment and preliminary steps. Some of the actions which have already been initiated by the Village include preliminary conversations around providing local training programs for Early Childhood Education (ECE) certification and submission of a grant application to the BC Childcare New Spaces Fund, which was unfortunately unsuccessful. CAO Gilmore advised the Village will continue to seek funding opportunities, however high construction costs associated with this area present a hurdle.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer