

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1530.

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

**ABSENT:** Councillor Amica Antonelli

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE\*:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services  
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services  
Cameron Chalmers, Contract Planner  
Emily White, Executive Assistant/HR  
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator  
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant Coordinator  
Joanna Rees, Planner  
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Building & Planning Clerk

**PUBLIC:** 5

**MEDIA:** 1

***\*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 5:33 p.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. 1529, Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1529, held Tuesday, December 8, 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 FROM IN CAMERA**

There was no rise with report.

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

There was no business arising from the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting as that was done at the December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

There were no Committee minutes for receipt.

### **8. DELEGATION**

There were no delegation presentations.

### **9. REPORTS**

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

##### **i. Introduction of New Staff**

Nikki Gilmore, CAO, introduced the following new staff members:

Vinka Hutchinson, Communications and Grant Coordinator

Laura Murphy, Project and Research Coordinator

Emily White, Executive Assistant and Human Resources Coordinator

Ms. Gilmore noted that Elena Aranguren, new Reception/Administrative Assistant, was unable to attend the meeting and will be introduced at a future meeting.

**ii. Bang the Table - Verbal Report**

Nikki Gilmore, CAO, provided an overview of the new engagement program the Village will be using called Bang the Table. Development Services Staff have been setting up the platform for use with the Affordable Housing Action Plan, Community Climate Action Plan, and Official Community Plan Review and the program will launch shortly. This is a great opportunity to enhance the Village's capacity for gathering public input on important issues.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the verbal report be received.

**CARRIED**

At 5:42 p.m. Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services, and Cameron Chalmers, Village Planning Consultant, joined the meeting.

**11. BYLAWS**

**a) First and Second Readings**

**i. Village of Pemberton Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018, Amendment (Retaining Wall Regulations) Bylaw No. 892, 2021**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Zoning Bylaw Amendment (Retaining Wall Regulations) Bylaw No. 892, 2021, be referred back to Staff to examine options for retaining wall height restrictions;

**AND THAT** a report be prepared for presentation and discussion at a future meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED**

At 6:13 p.m. Ms. Pedrini and Mr. Cameron left the meeting.

**12. MAYOR'S Report**

**a) Mayor Richman expressed sadness at the loss of Graham Heywood, a well-respected and loved member of the community, and extended condolences to Mr. Heywood's family.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** send a card expressing the Village's condolences to Mr. Heywood's family.

**CARRIED**

**b) Mayor Richman reported on the following:**

- Attended the Pemberton Valley Emergency Management Committee meeting and received an update on projects including the Arn Canal outlets and culverts, the Pole Yard Dike, seismic testing of Miller and Lillooet dikes, and the Grandmother Slough study. Discussion focused on the need for more planning to access federal grant funding.
- Attended the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board meeting on December 16, 2020 where the following items were discussed:
  - long service awards were presented;
  - a development proposal for Lil'wat Main Street was considered;
  - zoning bylaw amendments in support of affordable housing through gentle densification received first and second readings;
  - short-term vacation rentals were discussed;
  - waste transfer station survey results were presented; and
  - a delegation from the Squamish Food Policy Council presented an update on the Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan.
- Attended the Sea to Sky Regional District Hospital meeting where plans and funding requests were considered, and a presentation from Vancouver Coastal Health regarding capital investments to replace aging infrastructure was received.
- Attended the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole meeting where a delegation from Climate Impact Consortium was heard and the budget was presented for first review.
- Attended Sea to Sky Mayors' meetings.
- Met with the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs.
- Was approached by a committee formed to address the issue of the use of the CN Rail bridge over the Lillooet River for access to trails.
- Encouraged Councillors and Staff to review the Ministers' mandate letters that have been distributed recently.

**c) Pemberton Scotiabank Closure – Discussion**

Mayor Richman reported that Scotiabank has decided to close the Pemberton branch and noted that the closure will have a negative impact on the community. Community members have written letters and circulated a petition that has gathered approximately 2000 signatures. Mayor Richman invited Councillors to comment. Discussion focused on the loss of jobs, the loss of the branch's contribution to the community, and the reliance of residents of Pemberton and the surrounding region on the bank's services.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare a letter to Mr. Brian Porter, Scotiabank Chief Executive Officer, for Mayor Richman's signature, expressing Council's dismay over the decision to close the branch.

**CARRIED**

Staff will seek to arrange for a telephone call between Mayor Richman and Mr. Porter.

d) Mayor Richman also reported on the following:

- Reminded residents that business licence and pet licence renewals are due by January 31st.
- Advised that the Village is hiring and that job postings may be viewed on our website.
- Reminded residents that winter parking regulations are in effect. Check signs for details.
- The Pemberton Community Centre is open and offering fitness programs that meet the PHO's – check out the website for details.

### 13. COUNCILLORS Reports

**Councillor Zant reported on the following:**

- Attended the Library Board Meeting and noted that the library has been working hard to ensure community members continue to have access to services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Library Board AGM is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Councillor Craddock did not report.**

**Councillor Noble did not report.**

**Councillor Antonelli was absent from the meeting and did not report.**

### 14. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Action

- i. **Correspondence from Mr. Andrew Elliot, Co-Founder, Coast Mountain Cannabis, dated December 10, 2020, requesting review of the Business Licence Fees for Cannabis related businesses**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** correspondence be sent advising that the Village will be reviewing the Business Licence Fees for cannabis related business in 2021.

**CARRIED**

- ii. **Correspondence from Ken Christian, Mayor, City of Kamloops, dated December 18, 2020, seeking support for a resolution to be sent to the Government of Canada calling for an Overdose Action Plan to address the Overdose Crisis.**

Moved/Seconded

**WHEREAS** the opioid crisis is one of the largest public health emergencies of our lifetime, with a death about every two hours on average and death toll of over 16,360 since 2016 (January 2016 to March 2020);

**AND WHEREAS** other countries have significantly reduced drug-related fatalities with reforms such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply and decriminalization for personal use;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government has indicated it is premature to discuss these measures until there are comprehensive supports for people to get well;

**AND WHEREAS** supports are needed, but measures that save lives are essential if people are to survive and access supports;

**AND WHEREAS** the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs has stated that they agree the evidence suggests “decriminalization for simple possession is an effective way to reduce the public health and public safety harms associated with substance use”, causing the Federal Health Minister to indicate the government is now “deliberating” over decriminalization;

**AND WHEREAS** the overdose crisis rages, showing few signs of abating;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the resolution regarding the Overdose Crisis and the Call for an Overdose Action Plan passed by the City of Kamloops Council and requests that the Government of Canada:

- a. Declare the overdose crisis a national public health emergency so that it is taken seriously and funded appropriately; and
- b. Immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan, which includes comprehensive supports and full consideration of reforms that other countries have used to significantly reduce drug-related fatalities and stigma, such as legal regulation of illicit drugs to ensure safe supply of pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street drugs, and decriminalization of personal use.

**CARRIED**

- iii. **Correspondence from Karen and Miles Dyczkowski, dated January 7, 2021, requesting that the one-year time limit to reapply for a Development Variance Permit be waived.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the request to have the one-year time limit waived for re-application of a development variance permit for 1368 Fernwood Drive be approved;

**AND THAT** the applicants be advised they may re-apply at any time.  
**CARRIED**

- iv. **Correspondence from the BC Softball Association, dated January 8, 2021, requesting financial support to send BC Softball Teams to the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Ontario.**

**THAT** the correspondence be received.  
**CARRIED**

**b) For Information**

- i. **Correspondence from Tony Geheran Executive Vice-President and Chief Customer Officer and Ned Hodaly, General Manager, TLUS Corporation, dated December 15, 2020, expressing seasons greetings.**
- ii. **Correspondence from Mayor Cathy Moore, City of Rossland, dated December 17, 2020, in support of universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception.**
- iii. **Correspondence from Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine-Sea to Sky, advising the Canada Summer Job 2021 program is accepting applications from business operators from December 21, 2020 until January 29, 2021.**
- iv. **Correspondence from Margo Wagner, Chair, Cariboo Regional District and Gabe Fourchalk, Mayor, District of Wells, dated December 18, 2020, regarding BC Hydro Streetlighting Rate Increase and Termination of Private Lighting Systems.**

Moved/Seconded  
**THAT** the correspondence be received.  
**CARRIED**

**15. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

There was no late business.

**16. LATE BUSINESS**

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was no Notice of Motion.

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

At 6:52 p.m. the Regular meeting was recessed.  
At 6:57 p.m. the Regular meeting was reconvened.

## **19. IN CAMERA**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (c ) Employee Relations and (k) Negotiations, and related discussions that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

**CARRIED**

At 7:58 p.m. Council moved In Camera.

At 7:53 p.m. Council rose without report.

## **20. RISE WITH REPORT**

## **21. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Moved/Seconded

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

**CARRIED**

At 7:54 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Richman  
Mayor

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Sheena Fraser  
Corporate Officer