

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

**Agenda** for the **Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton to be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1532.

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Item of Business	Page No.
<b>1. 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>	1
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.	
<b>3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>	
<b>a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1531, Tuesday, February 2, 2021</b>	4
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1531, held Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 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>	
None	
<b>8. DELEGATION</b>	
<b>a) Veronica Woodruff, Project Manager, Pemberton Area Economic Development Collaborative - Regional Economic Development Plan - Update</b>	
<b>9. REPORTS</b>	
<b>a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer</b>	
<b>i. UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Flood Mitigation Funding Application</b>	15
<b>Recommendation:</b> THAT Council supports a funding application for an amount up to \$120,000 to UBCM's Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation funding stream to develop and build a framework to prioritize and implement	

specific structural protection measures for the most critical flood prone areas in the Pemberton Valley.

**b) Corporate & Legislative Services**

**i. Lower Mainland Local Government Association – Call for Resolutions**

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**Recommendation: THAT** Council provide direction with respect to resolution submissions to LMLGA.

**10. BYLAWS**

There are no bylaws for consideration.

**11. MAYOR’S Report**

**12. COUNCILLORS’ Reports**

**13. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) For Action**

- i. Correspondence from Clara Greenberg, Executive Director, Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council, dated January 30, 2021, requesting stable annual funding for the Partnership Program, with a contribution of \$1,600 for 2021.**

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**Recommendation: THAT** the request for funding be referred to budget deliberations.

- ii. Correspondence from Tara Teigen, Village resident, dated February 1, 2021, expressing support for additional bylaw enforcement and fenced off-leash dog parks in the wake of the recent attack on the Corey family’s puppy.**

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

**b) For Information**

- i. Copy of correspondence from Diane Langman, Chair, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, dated February 4, 2021, to Premier John Horgan and the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, regarding support for universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan.**

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- ii. Correspondence from Katherine Lawrence, Stewardship Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Sea to Sky Natural Resource District, dated February 8, 2021, forwarding information from the Chief Forester of for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding COVID-19 protocols for the upcoming 2021 tree planting season.**

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- iii. Correspondence from Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated February 10, 2021, announcing the opening of the intake period for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.**

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- iv. **Correspondence from Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated February 10, 2021, announcing the call for proposals for funding under the Sectoral Initiatives Program and noting that the application deadline is March 4, 2021.** 43

**Recommendation:** THAT the correspondence be received.

**14. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

**15. LATE BUSINESS**

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**17. QUESTION PERIOD** 45

**18. IN CAMERA**

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (2) (b) 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.

**19. RISE WITH REPORT**

**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, February 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1531.

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

**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 and Projects  
Robert Grossman, Fire Chief  
Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services  
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant Coordinator  
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

**PUBLIC:** 7

**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 5:30 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. 1530, Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1530, held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 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**

Council Rose with Report from the In Camera Meeting held earlier today, regarding the following items:

#### **a) Airport Lease – Insurance Requirements**

At the In Camera Meeting No. 1529, held December 8, 2020, Council passed a resolution regarding the Insurance requirements in the Airport Lease Agreement, with the following provisions:

- i. The requirement for Environmental Impairment Liability Insurance for Gradual Pollution and Sudden and Accidental is to be removed from the draft lease agreement for non-commercial operations and private hangars used for recreation purposes and from the CYPSS Hangars lease agreement.
- ii. Sudden and Accidental Pollution Insurance is not required for the following leases: Pemberton Soaring Centre, Copperdome and a private Lease holder
- iii. The Village will implement regular inspections of lease properties and should fuel storage be facilitated by a non-commercial operator or in a private hangar Sudden and Accidental Insurance will be required.

#### **b) Airport Lease – Snow Clearing Obligations**

At that same meeting, Council confirmed that the current Airport snow clearing policy respecting the runway and taxiways will remain in place and directed Staff to advise tenants.

#### **c) Bylaw Enforcement Officer Position**

At the In Camera Meeting held earlier today Council supported the establishment of a two-year term Bylaw Enforcement Officer position for 2021 and 2022, the cost of which will be covered by the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for Local Government provided by the Provincial Government.

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

There was no business arising.

## 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION

There were no Committee minutes for receipt.

## 8. DELEGATION

Kevin Clark joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

### a) Kevin Clark, Operations Manager, Pemberton Valley Dyking District

Mr. Clark presented information regarding the Pemberton Valley Dyking District's requests for Council support on two issues: their status as an improvement district; and the provincial Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes that prevent the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) from upgrading the Miller Lillooet Dike.

Mr. Clark explained that, since 2006, the PVDD has been constrained in its ability to fund its projects and operations by the Province's decision to prevent improvement districts from accessing infrastructure grants. The PVDD has a unique role that is best served by the improvement district structure. Thus, the PVDD is requesting Village support for their request to be permitted to apply for grant funding.

The second initiative concerns the need for upgrades a 1.4 km low section of the Miller Lillooet Dike as it currently is at risk of overtopping during a 1 in 50 flood event. The project has been stalled as it is unable to meet the 2014 seismic guidelines due primarily to increased cost. The upgrades are essential to the protection of a densely populated area of Pemberton in the event of a 50-year flood. The PVDD is requesting Village support for relaxation of the seismic guidelines.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare a letter for Mayor Richman's signature expressing the Village's support for the Pemberton Valley Dyking District's request that the Province allow the Pemberton Valley Dyking District to enter the competitive funding stream offered by the federal and provincial governments;

**AND THAT** Staff prepare a letter for Mayor Richman's signature expressing the Village's support of the Pemberton Valley Dyking District's request for relaxation of the Seismic Design Guidelines so that urgently needed upgrades to the Miller Lillooet Dike may be completed.

**CARRIED**

## 9. REPORTS

Vinka Hutchinson, Communications and Grants Coordinator, joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

### a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

#### i. COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream Application – One Mile Lake Park Infrastructure Upgrades

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Pemberton apply to the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream for grant funding, up to an amount of \$614,550, for the infrastructure upgrades to One Mile Lake Park.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Hutchinson left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services, joined the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

### b) Recreation Services Department

#### i. Recreation Services 2020 Fourth Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Recreation Services Department 2020 Fourth Quarter report be received.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Burns left the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

### c) Corporate & Legislative Services

#### i. Regular Council Meeting Outstanding Resolutions Listing - Update

##### Fougberg Park Development Proposal – Rescinding of Resolution:

Moved/Seconded:

**THAT** the following resolution passed at Regular Council Meeting No. 1486, held Tuesday, February 5, 2019, be rescinded:

**THAT** Staff be directed to proceed with the development of the Fougberg Park Parking Lot in conjunction with the Downtown Enhancement Project subject to a positive hydrogeologist report;



**AND THAT** Staff secure construction of the Fougberg Park Parking Lot with RONA by way of a formal Agreement.

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Regular Council Meeting Outstanding Resolutions Listing Update be received.

**CARRIED**

Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services, joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

**d) Development Services**

**i. Development Services 2020 Fourth Quarter Report**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Development Services 2020 Fourth Quarter report be received.

**CARRIED**

Ms. Pedrini left the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Tom Csimas, Manager of Operations/Projects, joined the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

**e) Operations Department**

**i. Operations 2020 Fourth Quarter Report**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Operations Department 2020 Fourth Quarter report be received.

**CARRIED**

Mr. Csimas left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Robert Grossman, Fire Chief, joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**f) Pemberton Fire Rescue Department**

**i. Pemberton Fire Rescue 2020 Fourth Quarter Report**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Pemberton Fire Rescue Department 2020 Fourth Quarter report be received.

**CARRIED**

Fire Chief Grossman left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.



## 11. BYLAWS

There were no bylaws for consideration.

## 12. MAYOR'S Report

Mayor Richman reported on the following meetings and events:

- Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Meeting, January 14<sup>th</sup>, with Councillor Zant:
  - review of budgets with discussion regarding demand for Pemberton Television;
  - review of Pemberton & District Initiative Fund (PDIF) 2021 funding intake, with decision to support funding requests submitted from a number of community groups and specifically to fund Tourism Pemberton, in the amount of \$20,000, with a one-year agreement only, and not including funding of snow clearing at Nairn Falls Parking lot;
  - discussion regarding extension of the Clover Road trail was deferred.
- Met with Denny Schranz and discussed drainage, snow clearing at Nairn Falls, and access to Rock Garden section of the Sea to Sky Trail.
- Telephone conversation with Vice-President of Operations for ScotiaBank. Discussion was unproductive as the ScotiaBank Vice-President was unwilling to reconsider the Pemberton branch closure and Mayor Richman declined to discuss the transition process. There will be a Town Hall meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at which ScotiaBank intends to focus discussion on the transition.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board Meeting, January 27<sup>th</sup>:
  - The Board extended their condolences to the family of Graham Haywood;
  - Application to the 2021 WildSafeBC Program for a WildSafe Coordinator position was approved;
  - Establishment of a cost centre for Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society was approved;
  - Pemberton & District Initiative Fund recommendations from Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services (PVUS) Committee were approved;
  - Transfer Station borrowing bylaw was approved;
  - Short-term vacation rental zoning bylaw amendment was given second reading and a Public Hearing schedule. The Amendment will, establish a temporary use permit process for short-term vacation rentals, along with other requirements such as a good neighbour agreement;
  - The Mt. Currie Landslide Monitoring Update was received. Some work has been delayed. Receiver sites have been identified and equipment has been received;
  - The Feed the Need Foodbank campaign was a success and funds will be provided to the Lillooet Friendship Centre Society;

- The Annual Review of Board Policy 5.3, Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy and Procedures, was received;
- The requested extension for environmental assessment for Garibaldi at Squamish was granted and includes a condition that a major Regional Growth Strategy amendment will be required;
- Village's requests for letters of support were approved;
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - Budget discussions continued, with the largest increase seen in general government; however the impact to the Village will be minimal.
- Mayor's teleconference with Minister Osborne and President of UBCM Brian Frenkel during which discussion focused on COVID-19;
- Meetings with Sea to Sky Mayors and Chairs, Jordan Sturdy, MLA, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky, and Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, where discussion focused on managing the anticipated influx of visitors to the area in the spring;
- Met with Ms. Walker on Thursday to discuss the story walk at One Mile Lake and the Friendship Trail;
- Will participate as a panelist in a discussion with the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country;
- The Lower Mainland Local Government Association will be offering some informative sessions during the 2021 Conference and AGM;

Mayor Richman reminded listeners of the following items:

- The Pemberton Community Centre is currently closed. The Centre will resume regular programming on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Check VOP website for further information.
- Have Your Say on Affordable Housing by completing the survey at [haveyoursay.pemberton.ca](http://haveyoursay.pemberton.ca) and go into a draw to win a \$25 gift certificate to a Pemberton Business of your choice.
- Winter Parking Regulations are in effect. Check signs for details.
- The Public Budget Info Session will take place on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Visit [pemberton.ca](http://pemberton.ca) for more details.

COVID-19 Pandemic:

Mayor Richman spoke of the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that the recent spike in cases in Whistler has brought a sense of alarm to area residents. Mayor Richman acknowledged that residents are feeling COVID fatigue and that many would like more information than is available. Mayor Richman asked residents to remain strong, continue to support each other, follow the recommendations, avoid the temptation to assign blame and most importantly stay calm.

Mayor Richman observed that a new salt product is in use on Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure roads and he requested that staff provide information on this product.

## 12. COUNCILLORS Reports

**Councillor Craddock reported on the following:**

- Attended the Pemberton Valley Dyking District monthly Board meeting where current projects and issues were reviewed.

**Councillor Zant reported on the following:**

- Attended the Pemberton & District Public Library AGM. Board member Maude Ash resigned and Cindy Filipenko was appointed to replace her on the Board. Discussion focused on the recent audit, with concerns raised regarding the cost and the staff time that the audit required. Mayor Richman suggested that discussion regarding the audit be initiated during consideration of the library budget at the upcoming Pemberton Valley & Utilities Committee budget meeting.

**Councillor Noble did not report.**

**Councillor Antonelli did not report.**

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

**a) For Action**

- Correspondence from Diamond Isinger, Provincial Commissioner (BC), Girl Guides of Canada, dated January 12, 2021, requesting support for Guiding Lights Across BC – February 22, 2021 by lighting up outdoor landmarks, bridges, buildings and other illuminated locations in blue lights.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence from Diamond Isinger be received and filed.

**CARRIED**

- ii. **Correspondence from Lindsay Corey, Village resident, dated January 20, 2021, describing an attack by an off-leash dog and requesting additional bylaw presence, more signage, and more fenced off-leash dog parks.**
- iii. **Correspondence from Heather Pierre, Village resident, dated January 21, 2021, regarding the need for more bylaw enforcement, education, and enclosed dog parks to address the issue of off leash dogs.**
- iv. **Correspondence from Aurora Warren, Village resident, dated January 21, 2021, expressing concern regarding off-leash dogs and expressing support for additional bylaw enforcement.**
- v. **Correspondence from Marnie Martin, Village resident, dated January 21, 2021, expressing concern regarding off-leash dogs, and requesting additional bylaw presence and fencing of the off-leash dog park.**
- vi. **Correspondence from Nicole Brink, Village resident, dated January 21, 2021, calling for improved enforcement of the Village's leash bylaw and the addition of a fence at the dg park in the wake of the recent dog attack.**
- vii. **Correspondence from Matthew Olfert, Village resident, dated January 21, 2021, expressing concern regarding uncontrolled dogs and requesting additional signage, another bylaw officer working weekends, and a dog pound.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff be directed to respond to those who submitted correspondence regarding the need for additional bylaw enforcement and requesting fencing of the off-leash dog park, informing them that these items have been discussed by Council during budget deliberations.

**CARRIED**

- viii. **Correspondence from Shannon Storey, Executive Director, Lower Mainland Local Government Association, dated January 27, 2021, calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2021 virtual convention and calling for nominations for executive positions that will be elected at the virtual AGM.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Call for Resolutions be referred to the next Committee of the Whole for discussion.

**CARRIED**



**b) For Information**

- i. **Copy of correspondence from Mayor John Dooley, City of Nelson, to Minister of Health Adrian Dix, dated January 8, 2021, requesting consideration of priority vaccination for essential critical infrastructure municipal employees.**
- ii. **Copy of correspondence from Mayor Linda Buchanan, City of North Vancouver, to Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, George Heyman, dated January 11, 2021, requesting the implementation of a Province-wide ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.**
- iii. **Correspondence from Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky, dated January 29, 2021, announcing the launch of the Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

- iv. **Correspondence from Lee Edwards, Sunstone property owner, dated January 26, 2021, expressing opposition to the granting of a variance to permit the retaining wall on the neighbouring property, and opposing the elimination of restrictions on retaining wall height.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence from Ms. Edwards be forwarded to Staff for consideration during review of zoning bylaw retaining wall provisions.

**CARRIED**

**15. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

There was no late business for consideration.

**16. LATE BUSINESS**

**17. NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was no Notice of Motion.

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

Dan Falloon, Pique Newsmagazine, requested the name of the Vice-President of Operations at ScotiaBank and asked for more details regarding the recent audit of Pemberton & District Public Library.

**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 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 7:45 p.m. Council moved In Camera.

## **20. RISE FROM IN CAMERA**

At 7:46 p.m. Council rose from In Camera and did not report.

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

Moved/Seconded

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

**CARRIED**

At 7:47 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Richman  
Mayor

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Sheena Fraser  
Corporate Officer

**Date:** February 16, 2021

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

**From:** Sarah Toews, Emergency Program Coordinator

**Subject:** UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund - Flood Mitigation Funding Application

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support to apply to UBCM's Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation Planning funding stream to develop and build a framework to prioritize and implement specific structural protection measures for the most critical flood prone areas in the Pemberton Valley.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Lillooet River Floodplain Mapping Report (NHC 2018) highlighted severe flood hazards in the Pemberton Valley and limitations associated with existing diking.

In 2020, a high-level flood mitigation plan for the Pemberton Valley was developed, providing several recommendations for dike upgrades and construction, gravel removals, infrastructure improvements, land use planning/emergency preparation, and additional hydraulic modeling. Following review of recommendations, the Pemberton Valley Emergency Management Committee (PVEMC) confirmed the need to develop specific structural protection measures for the most critical flood prone areas in the Valley. The proposed project is intended to develop and build a framework to prioritize and implement these measures.

### **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

This proposed project will be carried out collaboratively between Lil'wat Nation, the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) and the Village of Pemberton with the scope of the project including identifying and prioritizing areas requiring structural flood protection while also developing flood protection concepts and evaluating them using hydraulic modeling. The proposed project focuses on identifying necessary dike upgrades and new dike construction including set-back diking. In addition, solutions to drainage issues will also be explored. Different potential dike set-back locations will be outlined, and associated advantages and disadvantages will be highlighted based on the hydraulic model results and potential flood damages. The flood protection measures will not be limited to the Lillooet River. The project will also include flood protection measures required along the tributaries.

In addition, a review of vulnerable transportation infrastructure will be completed. Floods in the Lillooet watershed generally occur with little warning, resulting in water levels rising from normal to extreme flood levels within a short time. A reliable road/bridge network is of critical importance and the identification of weakest links preventing transportation, is crucial. This component of the



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project will identify low-lying roads, summarize bridge low- and high-chord elevations and evaluate at what flows the road network may no longer be safe for travel. Access routes to higher ground will be identified for different areas along the Lillooet and its tributaries. The potential for higher-ground road network will also be explored.

An implementation plan will be developed which will address how to implement projects in an order that avoids undue transfer of risk from one area to another, will facilitate long range preparation among project partners and explore funding sources. The implementation plan will consider potential changes in sediment loading, projected changes to peak flows from climate change and the consequence of flood damage occurring during the implementation period, such as from dike overtopping or severe erosion.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There are no communications considerations at this time.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

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

The Office of the Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for emergency management and the submission of funding applications. The development of funding applications and all associated planning can be accommodated in the day-to-day functions of this department.

The proposed project has been estimated to cost up to \$240,000. Lil'wat Nation will be submitting an application for up to \$120,000 and the PVDD will be contributing in-kind project management. The Flood Mitigation funding stream can contribute 100% of the cost of eligible activities to a maximum of \$150,000.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

This initiative does not have an interdepartmental impact.

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

The PVEMC is comprised of the Lil'wat Nation, the Pemerton Valley Dyking District, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Village of Pemberton and together have developed a coordinated approach for the implementation of life-saving flood mitigation projects. This project relates to the regional 2020 Pemberton Valley Integrated Flood Mitigation Project; an inter-dependant mitigation plan that includes flood mitigation upgrades for communities adjacent to the Lillooet River.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** Council supports a funding application for an amount up to \$120,000 to UBCM's Flood Risk Assessment, Mapping and Mitigation funding stream to develop and build a framework to prioritize and implement specific structural protection measures for the most critical flood prone areas in the Pemberton Valley.

Prepared by:	Sarah Toews, Emergency Program Coordinator
CAO Approval by:	Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

**Date:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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

**From:** Sheena Fraser, Manager, Corporate & Legislative Services

**Subject:** Lower Mainland Local Government Association – Call for Resolutions

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to review the resolution submission process for the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Annual Meeting to be held May 12 - 14, 2021.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) is one of five area associations of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). The role of local Area Associations is to act as a conduit between membership of the Association and UBCM policy development. The LMLGA consists of 33 local governments from Pemberton to Hope and three Regional Districts (Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, Metro Vancouver, and Fraser Valley Regional District).

Each February the LMLGA Executive issues a call for resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting, held in May. If a resolution from a member municipality of a local Area Association is endorsed by the Association, it is automatically submitted to UBCM for consideration at the Annual Meeting held in September. The Resolution Notice – Request for Submission information is attached as **Appendix A**.

The UBCM Resolution Process is as follows:

1. Members submit resolutions to their Area Association for debate.
2. The Area Association submits resolutions endorsed at their Annual Convention to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolutions Committee reviews the resolutions for submission to its Convention in September.
4. Resolutions endorsed at the UBCM Convention are submitted to the appropriate level of government for response.
5. UBCM will forward the response to the resolution sponsor (local government) for review.

To date the Village of Pemberton has submitted resolutions to LMLGA respecting the following subjects for debate:

Year	Resolution Title
2018	Implementation of the Cannabis Act (C10)
	Backcountry Tourism (B72)
2019	Request for First Nations participation on Commissions
	Request for First Nations eligibility for emergency preparedness grant funding through UBCM
	Funding for BC Parks Management (B45)
2020	Regional Geo-Hazards (EB13)
	Provincial Funding for Dike Upgrades (EB14)

The detailed resolutions and the outcome are provided in **Appendix B**.

### **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

As a reminder, a resolution should answer the following three (3) questions:

1. What is the problem?
2. What is causing the problem?
3. What is the best way to solve the problem?

Further a resolution must:

- Include a separate backgrounder providing context to the resolution
- Be relevant to other local governments within the Lower Mainland Local Government Association;
- Have at least one “whereas” clause that is one sentence

For details respecting the development of a resolution please refer to **Appendix A**.

At the Regular Council Meeting No. 1520, held July 28, 2020, Council received correspondence from Mr. Ben Pires, requesting that Council pass a resolution for submission to the Provincial Government to change the name, flag and coat of arms for British Columbia. In this regard, the following resolution was passed:

*Moved/Seconded*

***THAT*** the correspondence be brought back for a topic of discussion at a Committee of the Whole Meeting in September 2020.

**CARRIED**

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 208, held October 6, 2020, the Committee further discussed the matter and passed the following resolution:

*Moved/Seconded*

**THAT** the subject of proposed changes to provincial name, flag and coat of arms be brought back to the Committee of the Whole prior to the next Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) conference for consideration of submitting a potential resolution.

**CARRIED**

In this regard, the correspondence from Mr. Pires is attached for reference as **Appendix C**.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

There are no communications considerations at this time.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

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

The research and preparation of draft resolutions for consideration by Council for submission to the LMLGA is a component of the day-to-day operations of Corporate & Legislative Services.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

There is no interdepartmental impact or approval required.

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

A review of this initiative has no impact on other jurisdictions.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options for consideration at this time.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** Council provide direction with respect to resolution submissions to LMLGA.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Appendix A:** LMLGA Resolution Notice – Request for Submissions

**Appendix B:** LMLGA-UBCM Resolutions Submitted by the Village of Pemberton

**Appendix C:** Correspondence from Mr. Ben Pires, dated July 20, 2020, requesting support to change the name, flag and coat of arms of British Columbia

Submitted by:	Sheena Fraser, Manager, Corporate & Legislative Services
CAO Approval by:	Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

## APPENDIX A

**From:** Shannon Story <[sstory@lmlga.ca](mailto:sstory@lmlga.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lower Mainland LGA Call for Resolutions and Nominations

# CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

**PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL AND ATTACHMENTS TO ELECTED  
OFFICIALS IN YOUR COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING PACKAGE**

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive has made the difficult decision that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the roll out schedule of vaccinations, that the 2021 Conference and AGM will be held virtually from May 12-14, 2021. More details will come soon in regards to the program and registration.

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive is calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2021 virtual convention. Lower Mainland LGA member local governments may now submit board or council endorsed resolutions following the requirements outlined in the attached call for resolutions. Resolutions will be accepted until **March 26, 2021**. The resolutions process will take place virtually with more details to come. No late resolutions or resolutions from the floor will be accepted. **Due to the online format, we request that our members streamline their resolutions process and only submit timely resolutions of high importance to all Lower Mainland LGA members. Please see the attached Resolutions Notice.**

Please also see the attached Call for Nominations for our Executive Positions that will be elected at our virtual AGM. Nominations are due by Thursday, **April 1, 2021**.

Shannon Story  
Executive Director  
Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
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**LOWER MAINLAND**  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# 2021 VIRTUAL AGM & CONVENTION

## RESOLUTIONS NOTICE REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Lower Mainland LGA Executive is calling for resolutions to be considered at the 2021 virtual convention. The virtual conference will be held from May 12-14, 2021. The resolutions process will also take place in a virtual format. Pending finalization of the procedures, members are now asked to submit resolutions with the requirements outlined in the following pages.

### **DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS**

All resolutions must be received in the Lower Mainland LGA office by **Friday, March 26, 2021**.

Late resolutions or off-the-floor resolutions will not be accepted this year. Resolutions that emerge after Friday, March 26, 2021 need to be submitted directly to UBCM.

### **IMPORTANT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To submit a resolution to the Lower Mainland LGA for consideration please send:

1. A Word document by email to [ssory@lmlga.ca](mailto:ssory@lmlga.ca) by the deadline.
2. Title the email "Resolution-title of resolution" or in the case of multiple resolutions subject header "Resolutions-X number enclosed".
3. Include a cover letter as an attachment outlining how many resolutions that have been sent and list the title of each resolution.

Detailed guidelines for preparing a resolution follow, but the basic requirements are:

- Members are responsible for submitting accurate resolutions. Lower Mainland LGA recommends that local government staff assist in drafting the resolutions, check the accuracy of legislative references, and be able to answer questions from the Lower Mainland LGA and UBCM about each resolution.
- Each resolution **must include a separate backgrounder** that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders for multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.
- Resolutions must be relevant to other local governments within the Lower Mainland LGA rather than specific to a single member government.
- The resolution must have at least one "whereas" clause and should not contain more than two "whereas" clauses. Each whereas clause must only have **one sentence**.



## **UBCM RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

UBCM urges members to submit resolutions to Area Associations for consideration. Resolutions endorsed at Area Association annual meetings are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration and do not need to be re-submitted to UBCM by the sponsor.

UBCM and its member local governments have observed that submitting resolutions first to Area Associations results in better quality resolutions overall. If absolutely necessary, however, local governments may submit council or board endorsed resolutions directly to UBCM prior to June 30. Should this be necessary, detailed instructions are available on the UBCM website.

## **UBCM RESOLUTIONS PROCESS**

1. Members submit resolutions to their Area Association for debate.
2. The Area Association submits resolutions endorsed at its Convention to UBCM.
3. The UBCM Resolutions Committee reviews the resolutions for submission to its Convention.
4. Resolutions endorsed at the UBCM Convention are submitted to the appropriate level of government for response.
5. UBCM will forward the response to the resolution sponsor for review.

## **UBCM RESOLUTIONS GUIDELINES**

### **The Construction of a Resolution:**

All resolutions contain a preamble – whereas clause(s) – and an enactment clause. The preamble describes *the issue*, and the enactment clause outlines *the action being* requested of UBCM. A resolution should answer the following three questions:

- a) **What is the problem?**
- b) **What is causing the problem?**
- c) **What is the best way to solve the problem?**

### **Preamble:**

The preamble begins with "WHEREAS" and is a concise paragraph about the nature of the problem or the reason for the request. It answers questions (a) and (b) above, stating the problem and its cause, and should explain, clearly and briefly, the reasons for the resolution.

The preamble should contain no more than two "WHEREAS" clauses. Supporting background documents can describe the problem more fully if necessary. Do not add extra clauses.

Only one sentence per WHEREAS clause.

### **Enactment Clause:**

The enactment clause begins with the phrase "Therefore be it resolved" and is a concise sentence that answers question (c) above, suggesting the best way to solve the problem. **The enactment should propose a specific action by UBCM.**

Keep the enactment clause as short as possible, and clearly describe the action being requested. The wording should leave no doubt about the proposed action.

## **HOW TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION**

### **1. Address one specific subject in the text of the resolution.**

Since your community seeks to influence attitudes and inspire action, limit the scope of a resolution to one specific subject or issue. Delegates will not support a resolution if it is unclear or too complex for them to understand quickly. If there are multiple topics in a resolution, the resolution may be sent back to the sponsor to rework and resubmit.

### **2. For resolutions to be debated at UBCM, focus on issues that are province wide.**

The issue identified in the resolution should be relevant to other local governments across BC. This will support productive debate and assist UBCM to represent your concern effectively to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional districts. Regionally specific resolutions may be referred back to the Lower Mainland LGA and may not be entered for debate during the UBCM Convention.

### **3. Use simple, action-oriented language and avoid ambiguous terms.**

Explain the background briefly and state the desired action clearly. Delegates can then debate the resolution without having to try to interpret complicated text or vague concepts.

#### **4. Check legislative references for accuracy.**

Research the legislation on the subject so the resolution is accurate. Where necessary, identify:

- the correct jurisdictional responsibility (responsible ministry or department, and whether provincial or federal government); and
- the correct legislation, including the title of the act or regulation.

#### **5. Provide factual background information.**

Even a carefully written resolution may not be able to convey the full scope of the problem or the action being requested. Provide factual background information to ensure that the resolution is understood fully so that members understand what they are debating and UBCM can advocate effectively with other levels of government and agencies.

Each resolution **must include a separate backgrounder** that is a maximum of 3 pages and specific to a single resolution. Do not submit backgrounders that relate to multiple resolutions. The backgrounder may include links to other information sources and reports.

The backgrounder should outline what led to the presentation and adoption of the resolution by the local government and can link to the report presented to the council or board along with the resolution. Resolutions submitted without background information **will not be considered** until the sponsor has provided adequate background information. This could result in the resolution being returned or having to be submitted directly to UBCM.

#### **6. Construct a brief, descriptive title.**

A title identifies the intent of the resolution and helps eliminate the possibility of misinterpretation. It is usually drawn from the "enactment clause" of the resolution. For ease of printing in the Annual Report and Resolutions Book and for clarity, a title should be no more than three or four words.

#### **7. Avoid repeat resolutions.**

In the past, resolutions have come back year after year on the same topic. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to search the UBCM Resolutions database available through their website at [www.ubcm.ca](http://www.ubcm.ca) Click on the "Resolutions and Policy" tab at the top of the page. It will be possible to locate any resolutions on the same topic that have been considered in the past and what the responses have been.

## TEMPLATE FOR A RESOLUTION

Whereas << *this is the area to include an issue statement that outlines the nature of the problem or the reason for the request* >>.

And whereas << *if more information is useful to answer the questions - what is the problem? what is causing the problem?>>:*

Therefore be it resolved that the Lower Mainland LGA & UBCM << *specify here the action(s) that the **Lower Mainland LGA & UBCM** are being asked to take on, and what government agency the associations should be contacting to solve the problem identified in the whereas clauses* >>.

*If absolutely necessary, there can be a second enactment clause (the “therefore” clause that specifies the action requested) with the following format:*

And be it further resolved that << *specify any additional actions needed to address the problem identified in the whereas clauses* >>.

## APPENDIX B

### LMLGA AND UBCM RESOLUTIONS

Year	Resolution	LMLGA Response	UBCM Response
2018	<p><b>Implementation of the Cannabis Act (C10)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> there has been a lack of communication to local governments regarding how the proposed Cannabis Act, once implemented, will directly impact local government's resources such as bylaw enforcement, policing costs, fire services, public health, licensing, and municipal planning.</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> in order to offset costs, local governments need to be included in the distribution of tax revenues that will be generated as a result of legalization of Cannabis through the proposed Cannabis Act.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Provincial government be requested to consider a <b>at least</b> 50/50 tax share with local government.</p> <p><b>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that Federal and Provincial governments engage in direct consultation with local governments to form a tax distribution framework</p>	Endorsed by LMLGA as amended	Not Endorsed as similar resolutions were submitted by other local governments.
2018	<p><b>Backcountry Tourism (B72)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the rapidly increasing popularity of adventure tourism is having adverse impacts to the natural environment, such as increased human/wildlife conflicts, the closures of popular destinations to unmanageable volume, garbage, and an increased risk of wildfire in remote areas.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the Province be requested to match the investment made in their Tourism Marketing with a commensurate investment in infrastructure, maintenance, enforcement, and staffing to assist in mitigating the resulting challenges of increased visitor volumes at local Provincial parks and other backcountry areas.</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> that a trail booking and reservation system fee structure be developed to mitigate day-to-day impacts to the natural environment.</p>	Endorsed by LMLGA	Endorsed by UBCM

2019	<p><b>Request for First Nations participation on Commissions</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Village of Pemberton, in partnership with the regional district, other local governments, and First Nations in the Sea to Sky area are working collaboratively to develop a regional transit commission to establish a regional transit system to connect Mt. Currie to Metro Vancouver;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the current provincial transit commission model does not allow for representation from First Nations which does not allow for an equal representation or an equitable decision making platform process;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Province of British Columbia amend the legislation respecting the representation on commissions to include First Nations.</p>	Endorsed by LMLGA	The resolution is not noted in the UBCM Resolution Book
2019	<p><b>Request for First Nations eligibility for emergency preparedness grant funding through UBCM</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Village of Pemberton, in partnership with the regional district, and First Nation in the Pemberton Area are working collaboratively on emergency preparedness and response initiatives;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> in order to identify and prepare response and put in place mitigation measures, significant costs are associated with the work;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> UBCM offers grant funding through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for such initiatives that are available to local governments, but not to First Nations;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> UBCM [or the Province of BC or both] amend the eligible applicants to include First Nations.</p>	Endorsed by LMLGA	The resolution is not noted in the UBCM Resolution Book
	<p><b>Funding for BC Parks Management (B45)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the negative impacts to lower mainland Provincial parks and Crown Land recreation areas continue to occur due to increasing tourism and limited funding;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that that the Province be requested to allocate additional funding to managing BC Parks, specifically Joffre Lakes Provincial</p>	Endorsed by LMLGA	Endorsed by UBCM

	Park, and Crown Land recreation areas in the Sea to Sky Corridor and Lower Mainland.		
2020	<p><b>Regional Geo-Hazards (EB13)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the landscape of many rugged outdoor areas of BC face exposure to multiple hazards with potential for natural disaster, such as forest fires, landslides and flooding which impact residents as well as the traveling public;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the majority of Provincial funding that is available is for response-related activities after an event has occurred;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that UBCM request that the Province be requested to allocate funding to support more pro-active measures for risk management of regional geohazards through the establishment of consistent and regular monitoring.</p>	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the LMLGA Conference was cancelled. Resolutions were not debated or endorsed but sent directly to UBCM.	Endorsed, following Resolutions Committee scrutiny the resolution was reassigned and referred to other resolutions respecting dikes.
2020	<p><b>Provincial Funding for Dike Upgrades (EB14)</b></p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b> the Diking infrastructure is crucial to flood mitigation for the protection of residents and the general public;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> the Provincial government will only allocate funding for dike upgrades which meet high-cost seismic standards;</p> <p><b>AND WHEREAS</b> neglecting dike upgrades while trying to facilitate designs that are to seismic standards could leave residents vulnerable to flooding disasters and exposed to massive and inevitable response costs in the interim;</p> <p><b>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that UBCM request that the Provincial government consider applications for funding for dike upgrades which may not meet seismic standards, but would allow for essential and cost-effective minor upgrades.</p>	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the LMLGA Conference was cancelled. Resolutions were not debated or endorsed but sent directly to UBCM.	Endorsed, following Resolutions Committee scrutiny the resolution was reassigned and referred to other resolutions respecting dikes.



## APPENDIX C

**From:** test [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:26 PM  
**To:** VoP Admin <[admin@pemberton.ca](mailto:admin@pemberton.ca)>  
**Subject:** Colonial name of our province

Dear Mayor and Council:

I would like to request council to urge the provincial government, through a council resolution, to proclaim a new INCLUSIVE name for our province and adopt a new flag and coat-of-arms on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the province's entry into the Canadian confederation on July 20, 2021.

The intent is not to revise our history but to greatly expand its limited focus under the province's current name and symbols. It will create new economic activity, post COVID-19, and will generate world-wide attention [new world maps, atlases] and recognition that our province is inclusive of all its peoples. It will be a boon to tourism, particularly in an interest in our indigenous cultures.

The government should consult with our indigenous communities on a new name that will reflect the province's more than 10,000 years of indigenous history, its awesome grandeur, diverse bio-geoclimatic zones and mosaic of multi cultures.

The new name should be short and easily pronounceable and spelled.

Today, it has become a practice, before a public event, to have an indigenous land acknowledgement. Is this mere tokenism, under the guise of Truth and Reconciliation, even when our province continues to have a COLONIAL name, flag and coat-of-arms?

Queen Victoria, a monarch who never set foot in these parts, chose the name "British Columbia" on July 24, 1858, by. Her decision, though said to be hesitant, was unilateral. She did not consult with the mostly indigenous people who lived here.

Vancouver Island was a British colony for just 22 years. The mainland was a colony for 13 years. British rule ended in 1871. Yet we cling to the "British" moniker while ignoring [a] the more than 10,000 years that indigenous communities inhabited these lands, and [b] our 149 years in the Canadian confederation.

Some will argue that a name change will dishonour British roots and heritage, and, oh yes, tradition. They conveniently forget the roots, heritage and traditions of our

indigenous communities, who have lived here for more than 10,000 years, and those of us who are not of British [today a minority] ancestry.

We are not British. And Columbus never came here. It is meaningless name, particularly when abbreviated to BC, and confusing [there is a Colombia country and BC is mostly commonly interpreted as ‘Before Christ’ or, tongue in cheek, “British Colonists”]. We have laboured under this colonial pretension for too long.

There were many Canadians who had their knickers in a knot when Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson proposed a new flag on June 15, 1964, that was inaugurated on February 15, 1965, a mere eight months later. Was this a mistake? Should we have kept the old Canadian Red Ensign with the Union Jack and coat of arms on a red background so that we could continue to show our gratitude to the British?

Today the Maple Leaf is the pride of all Canadians.

When can we take pride in our province’s name, flag and coat-of-arms?

A new name, flag and coat of arms would be in accordance with Premier John Horgan’s recent challenge of “thinking outside the box” in the “new normal” after the COVID-19 pandemic.

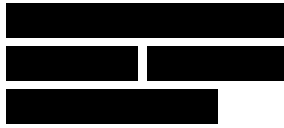
It will demonstrate solid confidence in our selves as a province that is inclusive of all its residents, rather than clinging to coattails of British colonists.

The name, of course, cannot be fully changed overnight because it is a complex matter. However, many countries had the fortitude to make a start and go through a liberating process of choosing a new name [i.e. Ghana, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Zambia, Mali, etc.] and implementing it fast.

If we keep the status quo, we are only confirming that many in our midst still have the “colonizers’ supremacy culture” and all their talk about reconciliation with our indigenous peoples and being a multicultural province is only tokenism and not full and respectful inclusion.

Sincerely

Ben Pires



My take on our province's flag:

It is a **COLONIAL** flag.

The top depicts the Royal Union Flag  
with a crown in the centre.

This only reflects **22** years of Vancouver  
Island and **13** years of the Mainland  
as British colonies.

It **IGNORES 149** years of the province  
in the Canadian Confederation  
and the more than **10,000** years of  
indigenous communities on these lands.



**Ben Pires, Victoria**



# Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council

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Saturday, January 30, 2021

To:

Village of Pemberton

c/o Sheena Fraser

[sfraser@pemberton.ca](mailto:sfraser@pemberton.ca)

## RE: Request for Invasive Species Management Funding for 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you to request funding for 2021 for our invasive species local government partnership program. We are grateful for the funding you provided to us in previous years, as it allowed us to help protect environmental and agricultural assets in Pemberton, and hope you can continue to support our work into 2021 and beyond.

As a charitable organization, our programs are funded by a combination of contributions from our Local Government Partnership Program participants, our fee-for-service programs (training and field crew hire programs), and also through grants from government, industry and private foundations. Whilst we have been lucky in the past, we cannot rely on grants to support our work.

For this reason, we request annual funds from all local, regional and first nations governments in the corridor, as these communities directly benefit from the services we provide. The Village of Pemberton contributed \$1,600 last year, which we are very grateful for, as it contributed to our pooled funding model, which allowed us to deliver services to communities in the region, including Pemberton. Details about what we achieved in 2020 can be found in our 2020 Annual Report [here](#).

**We ask that the Village of Pemberton join the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the District of Squamish, the Village of Lions Bay, and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District in continuing to provide stable annual funding for our Partnership Program, with a contribution of \$1,600 for 2021.**

This stable, yearly funding is being requested from all local governments in the region to support SSISC's coordination, education and outreach programs. Examples of the kind of services that Partnership Program participants receive include:

- support and advice to staff and residents regarding invasive species identification and recommendations for control and monitoring;
- communication with community members about invasive species;
- access to Species Fact Sheets and electronic resources;
- sharing of knowledge and resources;
- maintenance of invasive species inventory and control maps;
- municipal staff training;
- consultation services with Village of Pemberton staff for the development of disposal recommendations, bylaws, policies and/or planting lists;
- hosting a community weed pull (if possible cue to COVID); and
- other services mutually agreed upon.

For a relatively small investment, we can provide these much-needed services. The idea being, that we can achieve much more through a united collaborative effort, than if each municipality and or regional district tries to go it alone. Some of our partners think of it as cost sharing for the services and resources that their staff would otherwise have to provide.

We hope you see value and merit in our work, and that you will consider the request for funding in your budget planning process. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime.

Warm regards,



Clare Greenberg  
Executive Director  
Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council

February 1, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

Considering the random, terrifying, and unnecessary death of the Corey family's puppy, Holly, on January 18, I am writing to be another voice in support of increasing the "opportunities" within our village for owners to be responsible for their dogs.

Dog ownership should - and does - come with responsibilities, but it feels like there is generally a very lax attitude about it in Pemberton. Of course, there are many dog owners who show great respect for their pets, their neighborhoods, and their community but there is also a lot of slack.

By 'increasing the opportunities' I would be happy to see more bylaw enforcement (warnings/fines) for off-leash dogs, not picking up after pets, and picking up OF pets that appear to be not with their human. I understand that there is quite a cost to fencing an off-leash dog park space where pets could roam freely, run, bark, play, chase balls, be social, etc. but it feels like this would be a prime time to put some resources into that infrastructure. It would also help with enforcement, I believe, as there would be a determined place (two would be even better if we were going to think big within our ever-growing village!!) to remind people that they could be with their running-free four-legged friend and sorry, but "here's your fine for not paying attention any/everywhere else".

I have lived in Pemberton for nearly 14 years and have always been in awe of the dog-to-human ratio that exists here, but it seems even more now! And in fact, we have joined the masses... We have had a dog for almost a year now ourselves. Our dog is never off-leash herself as, being a terrier, her recall is not great should she get the scent of a squirrel. My kids (12 and 10) walk her regularly and after Holly's attack it makes me nervous to send her out with them on their own. I do not want them to ever have to experience what Avi and Kade went through nor have to even consider that something like that might happen. I do not want any person to have to experience that, regardless of their age!

While I understand that the events of January 18 might not have been prevented despite any changes that might happen, I fully support the steps the Village of Pemberton would need to take to help our community members that have pets, especially dogs, step up their responsibility for their animals, whether that is through increased bylaw enforcement (additional officer/hours?), more signage, more fenced areas, other ways that I am not aware of, and I will look forward to hearing of any forward movement in that direction. In the meantime, I will continue to be a responsible owner myself.

Thank you for your time and attention to this subject. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tara Teigen

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February 4, 2021

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**Re: Letter of Support for The Corporation of The City of Vernon**

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, at their Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**05-21**

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

THAT the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Board of Directors write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

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

Carried."

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



Diane Langman, Chair

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November 30, 2020



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Council, at their Regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, passed the following resolution:

*"WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and*

*WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and*

*WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*

*THAT the City of Vernon write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and*

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

**CARRIED."**

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

Victor I. Cumming  
Mayor

Copy: Mayor & Council  
W. Pearce, CAO  
BC Municipalities

**From:** Wolfe, Kathy P FLNR:EX <[Kathy.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kathy.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** February 8, 2021 3:05 PM  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Katherine E FLNR:EX <[Katherine.Lawrence@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katherine.Lawrence@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** The Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols

Dear Mayors and Council and Regional District Chair and Board,

I am forwarding communication from the Chief Forester for the Ministry of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding COVID-19 protocols for the upcoming 2021 tree planting season (attachment). These protocols have been established to protect both silviculture workers and the communities the workers may interact with.

I wish to provide you with my contact information should you have any questions or concerns related to tree planting and associated silvicultural activities. I am happy to discuss specifics concerning activities planned near your community if you wish. I can also help connect you with various specialists if your questions are outside my span of knowledge. I look forward to connecting with you, a member of your council, board or staff should you choose.

Links to related Covid-19 information:

PHO orders, notices and guidance: [www.gov.bc.ca/phoguidance](http://www.gov.bc.ca/phoguidance)

For the latest medical updates, including case counts, prevention, risks and testing:  
<http://www.bccdc.ca/>

For non-medical information, visit [www.gov.bc.ca/COVID19](http://www.gov.bc.ca/COVID19), email [servicebc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:servicebc@gov.bc.ca) or call 1-888 COVID-19.

Kind regards,

**Katherine Lawrence, RPF**

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## **The Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols**

Dear Mayor / Chief and Council

It was my intent to reach out to the municipalities, indigenous communities, forest licensees and the planting contract community prior to the start of the 2021 planting season. The past year has been filled with new and challenging business processes focused on keeping workers and communities safe as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the province. As you'll remember, last spring's planting season began as our knowledge of the pandemic started to unfold, and through an unprecedented season of collaboration by all sectors, we successfully planted over 300 million trees with close to 6000 tree planters and without a single confirmed case of the COVID-19 virus in our workforce.

The combination of Public Health Office orders and operating guidelines, along with the forest sector working collaboratively with government and local communities, was paramount in helping make the 2020 planting season successful. The forestry sector is currently preparing for the 2021 tree planting season again, to ensure community and worker safety with respect to COVID-19. Forest activities, including tree planting, continue to be designated an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an important part of the provincial economy and for environmental sustainability, every year the forest sector in BC engages in Canada's largest tree planting program to ensure that areas harvested or destroyed by insects and wildfire are replanted. The 2021 planting season will be equally significant to last year, with about 300 million seedlings scheduled to be planted.

The 2021 planting program will begin on BC's coast at the end of February and in the interior in about mid-April. Learning from our experiences last year, the forest sector response and safe delivery of the 2020 tree planting program, preparations began last fall and will continue through the tree planting season to ensure that the safety of our workers and the surrounding communities are our highest priority.

For the 2021 tree planting season our goals are once again to:

- Prevent the transmission of any potential infection from the silviculture workers to communities around the province; and
- Ensure that the planters are kept safe and healthy so they can complete another planting season successfully.

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- Keep municipalities and indigenous community leaders informed of the planting as it moves with the spring openings.

To ensure that we can achieve our goals, as we did in 2020, please be aware of the following:

- Those working in the silviculture industry in the north of the province must follow the requirements of the new Provincial Health Officer (PHO) order, *Resource Sector Worksites and Industrial Camps in the Region of the Northern Health Authority* published as of January 12, 2021, <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-industrial-camps-northern-health.pdf> while the rest of the province is required to follow the pre-existing order *Industrial Camps – July 2, 2020*. [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/archived-docs/pho\\_order\\_industrial\\_camps\\_april\\_23\\_2020.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/archived-docs/pho_order_industrial_camps_april_23_2020.pdf) All workers will be required to follow the PHO orders as they are amended to address changing conditions.
- Along with PHO orders, there are a number of guidance documents available to the planting contractors, both from the Ministry of Health and the Western Forestry Contractors Association (WFCA).
- A key success factor in 2020, which will continue for 2021, is the commitment for government and industry to align and collaborate on delivery of the planting program. A critical piece of that commitment includes frequent and clear communication.

An essential part of that commitment to communication is to identify and resolve issues both within the planting programs and also, most importantly, to provide information to communities about what is happening as the tree planting season progresses. As with all good communication, it will also provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and provide details about local issues.

Outreach and communication will begin over the next few weeks as we approach the planting season in your area.

I have asked the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development District Managers to be the point of contact for tree planting information for communities following on the success and effectiveness of the role they played in 2020.

In the interim, if you have specific questions please direct them to Shane Berg, Deputy Chief Forester at [Shane.Berg@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shane.Berg@gov.bc.ca). With your assistance, I am confident we will accomplish similar successes in 2021.

Yours truly,



Diane Nicholls, RPF  
ADM, Chief Forester  
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pc: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister  
Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer





*Patrick Weiler*

Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

February 10, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Healthy communities are places where Canadians have equal opportunities to be active, engaged and connected. In this extraordinary pandemic, Canadians are discovering new ways to keep residents safe and healthy and to support our economic recovery.

Last summer, our Government announced the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) to help local governments and community partners as they adapt to local economic, health and social challenges. Yesterday, Minister Catherine McKenna announced the opening of the intake period for the CHCI.

The CHCI provides up to \$31 million in federal funding to support community-led solutions that respond to immediate and ongoing needs arising from COVID-19 over the next two years. The Initiative funds smaller-scale local projects under three main themes: (1) creating safe and vibrant public spaces, (2) improving mobility options, and (3) digital solutions. The goal is to fund projects that quickly help communities adapt to the new reality of COVID-19.

Potential projects could include: expanding outdoor seating on our main streets, remodeling a playground to allow for proper physical distancing, building multi-modal paths that would allow bikes, scooters, and personal mobility devices to share space with pedestrians and cars, or creating digital apps to allow residents to access municipal services remotely. The possibilities are as varied as the spirit, imagination and unique needs of Canada's communities in this extraordinary time.

For more information and to apply for the CHCI, [please visit this web page](#).

Our office stands ready to support your application, so please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Patrick Weiler, MP  
*West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country*



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Member of Parliament  
West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

February 10, 2021

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

As the Government of Canada continues to address the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19, it is also working toward a strong economic recovery that will create new jobs and opportunities for workers and businesses alike. The Government is working to address current and future skills shortages by making targeted investments in sectors that will be key to Canada's plan to build back better.

**On January 22, 2021, the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, Carla Qualtrough, announced that the Government is investing \$72 million over three years as part of the Sectoral Initiatives Program's existing funding.**

Distributed through a call for proposals, which will remain open for six weeks, this investment will fund sector-specific projects to help Canadian workers gain skills and access resources. It will also help businesses and networks scale up strategies to drive job growth and create standards for education and certification purposes.

With the support of industry and labour partners, the Government will build on its work to help key sectors address their current and future workforce needs through at least one of three approaches.

1. The first approach focuses on ensuring Canadians have access to job tools and resources so that they can make informed decisions about their career path. Projects that receive funding under this approach will have the goal of helping employers, Canadians looking for work, students and educators make informed decisions about hiring, skills training and career choices.
2. The second approach is the development of projects that offer training to workers looking to upgrade their skills or start a new career.
3. The third approach focuses on helping small and medium-sized businesses meet their hiring needs through the development of new strategies, or the scaling-up of proven workforce development strategies.

This announcement builds on the Government's commitment to creating one million jobs and making the largest investment in training for workers in Canadian history. An inclusive approach to Canada's recovery from the pandemic that takes into account the various challenges workers have faced during this crisis, will enable Canadians to find and keep good jobs and support our economy for years to come.

**The deadline to apply is March 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm Eastern Standard Time (EST). For more information and to apply for the Sectoral Initiatives Program, [please visit this webpage](#).**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office. We are happy to assist in any way that we can.

Sincerely,



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## 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  
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