

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

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1535.

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
Tom Csima, Manager of Operations & Projects
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 0

MEDIA: 0

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

At 9:02 a.m. Mayor Richman called the Special 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. REPORTS

a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

i. Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolution Revision – New Spaces Fund Eligibility Criteria

CAO Gilmore informed Council that the Village's application for daycare funding under the New Spaces Fund was unsuccessful. The Village will be eligible to reapply at the next intake and if Council desires, to develop a funding model to cover the costs in excess of \$40,000 per space.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following resolution passed at Regular Council Meeting No. 1534 held Tuesday, March 16, 2021, be rescinded:

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the following resolution, to be submitted jointly with the District of Squamish to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for consideration at the Annual General Meeting to be held May 12th to 14th, 2021:

WHEREAS the Province of B.C. has committed to supporting universal childcare and launched the New Spaces Fund to create thousands of new childcare spaces across B.C.

AND WHEREAS many rural and remote communities in BC face higher-than-average construction costs, including additional hazard mitigation and flood construction level requirements, also face a high unmet community demand for safe, affordable, and licensed childcare facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM requests that the Minister and Ministry of Children and Family Development acknowledge communities contending with defensible higher-than-average construction costs and evidenced unmet childcare needs by updating the New Spaces Funding criteria to allow for the submission of proposals that exceed the current \$40,000 per space funding limit.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

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AND WHEREAS many rural and remote communities in BC face higher-than-average construction costs, including additional hazard mitigation and flood construction level requirements, also face a high unmet community demand for safe, affordable, and licensed childcare facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM request that the Minister of State for Child Care work with the Ministry of Children and Family Development to define exceptional circumstances within the New Spaces Funding criteria to include consideration of the impacts of the following:

- Demonstrated high need for more child care spaces
- Flood and other hazard mitigation construction costs

- Higher than average land, labour and construction costs
 - Limited availability of public lands fit for child care use
 - Low commercial vacancy rates,
 - High cost of commercial spaces
- to enable the approval of applications that exceed the current \$40,000 per space threshold.

CARRIED

15. IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (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 9:07 a.m. Council moved In Camera.

16. RISE FROM IN CAMERA

At 9:49 a.m. Council rose without report.

17. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Special Council Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

At 9:49 a.m. the Special Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer