

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1538.

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE*: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance
Emily White, HR Coordinator & Executive Assistant
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant
Coordinator
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 0

MEDIA: 1

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

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

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING (4:00 PM)

At 4:01 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. IN CAMERA (Closed) Meeting (4:00PM)

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, 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.

At 4:02 p.m. Council moved In Camera.

At 5:10 p.m. Council rose without report.

3. OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)

At 5:31 p.m. Mayor Richman opened the open portion of the Regular Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1537, Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Moved/Seconded
THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1537, held Tuesday, April 27, 2021, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

7. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA

There was no rise with report.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation from Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 215 held Tuesday, April 27, 2021

a) Good Food Pledge:

Moved/Seconded
THAT Council endorses the Good Food Pledge as follows:

WHEREAS we recognize that the adoption of food procurement policies has the power to reform the food system, create opportunities for smaller farmers to thrive and for workers to receive just compensation and fair treatment, support sustainable farming practices, reward good environmental stewardship, and increase access to fresh and healthy foods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we pledge our purchasing power to support the following Good Food Values:

- local economies and communities;
- environmental sustainability and stewardship of natural resources;
- nutrition;

- valued workforce, treated with dignity and fairness; and
- animal welfare;

AND THAT we pledge to undertake the following commitments in support of Good Food:

1. To meet, to the best of our ability, the Good Food Values definitions.
2. To purchase direct from local farms and producers when possible.
3. To establish supply chain accountability and engagement with vendors/distributors.
4. To work towards implementing Good Food Values into our procurement policy and practices.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION

There were no Committee minutes for receipt.

10. DELEGATION

At 5:35 p.m. Darcy Haw, Regional Leader, Assurance Services, Rob Larkin, Senior Accountant, Ab Ashok, from MNP and Lena Martin joined the meeting.

a) Presentation of the 2020 Audited Findings and Financial Statements Darcy Haw, Regional Assurance Partner, MNP

Darcy Haw, Regional Assurance Partner, MNP, presented highlights of the 2020 audited financial statements, including the auditors' report, the statement of financial positions, the statement of liabilities, and the statement of operations.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the 2020 Audited Findings and Financial Statements be received.

CARRIED

At 5:44 p.m. Darcy Haw, Rob Larkin, Ab Ashok, and Lena Martin left the meeting.

11. REPORTS

a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

i. Verbal Report

There was no verbal report from the CAO.

At 5:45 p.m. Mayor Richman declared a conflict and left the meeting.

At 5:45 p.m. Acting Mayor Craddock took the Chair.

b) Corporate & Legislative Services

i. Revised Draft Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program Policy

Moved/Seconded

THAT the draft Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program Policy be amended by removing the Downtown Community Barn from the list of available locations.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approves the Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program Policy as amended.

CARRIED

At 5:58 p.m. Lena Martin joined the meeting

At 5:58 p.m. Mayor Richman rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

c) Finance

i. Municipal Finance Authority Equipment Financing – Bylaw Truck, Public Works Loader

Bylaw Truck

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council of the Village of Pemberton authorizes up to \$45,000 be borrowed, under Section 178 of the *Community Charter*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of a Bylaw Truck;

AND THAT the loan be repaid within five (5) years, with no rights of renewal.

CARRIED

Loader

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council of the Village of Pemberton authorizes up to \$275,000 be borrowed, under Section 178 of the *Community Charter*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of a Loader;

AND THAT the loan be repaid within five (5) years, with no rights of renewal.

CARRIED

At 6:08 p.m. Ms. Martin left the meeting.

12. BYLAWS

There were no Bylaws for consideration.

13. MAYOR'S Report

Mayor Richman reported on the following meetings and events:

- Attended meetings with VCH health officials regarding vaccines and received the news that the supply of vaccines is increasing, and that availability is expanding for more age groups. Mayor Richman has pushed for access to vaccines for other public-facing workers as supply of vaccines becomes available.
- Passed along the information regarding accelerating age-based roll out of vaccines to the Chamber and Tourism Pemberton, including notice of a vaccine clinic for front-line workers to be held in Pemberton this Thursday and another to be held next Thursday.
- Attended a teleconference meeting with the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services, with discussion centering on connectivity. Mayor Richman emphasized the need for better cell service on highways around Pemberton, including the Duffy Lake Road area.
- Infrastructure grant announcements that we have been waiting for will begin at the end of May.
- Met with the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and discussed COVID-19 restrictions and the transition to post-COVID-19 tourism, focusing on how to welcome tourists back responsibly and with the resources we need to do this safely.
- Continues to push for more resources from the RCMP and MOTI to address the impacts of tourism.

14. COUNCILLORS Reports

Councillor Craddock reported on the following:

- Noted that the highways have not yet been swept between Lillooet and Whistler or within the community and that gravel on the road creates a hazard for motorcyclists and cyclists. CAO Gilmore will follow up with MOTI to request that the gravel be cleared from the highways.
- Noted that the bridge on the Friendship Trail at the Lillooet River crossing also needs to be swept. CAO Gilmore to follow up with Village staff as this bridge is a Village responsibility.

Councillor Zant reported on the following:

- Attended the Cemetery Committee meeting.
- Attended the Library meeting:
 - Guest speaker Lois Joseph, very knowledgeable of Lil'wat culture and language, is assisting the library in drafting their acknowledgement of First Nations territory that will become part of future meeting opening statements.

- Attended the Sea to Sky Destination Education Initiative meeting today:
 - Objective is to help communities focus on workforce sustainability;
 - Collaborates with local businesses to help them through pandemic and post pandemic challenges with marketing strategies;
 - Objectives for improving education include encouraging respect for the environment, know before you go, and responsible use of the environment;
 - Concerns noted included: unmanaged camping, increase in SAR calls, not enough park ranges to enforce park bylaws.
 - CAO Gilmore noted that Project and Research Coordinator Laura Murphy will attend the next session.

Councillor Noble did not report.

Councillor Antonelli did not report.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Action

There was no correspondence for action.

b) For Information

- i. David Screech, Mayor, Town of View Royal, dated April 1, 2021, addressed to Premier John Horgan, requesting that hospital security staff be given training and authority to take custody of patients apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* on arrival at hospital.**
- ii. Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater, dated April 12, 2021, presenting a Council resolution in support of the District of Sicamous campaign against invasive Asian clams.**
- iii. Merlin Blackwell, Mayor, District of Clearwater, dated April 12, 2021, presenting a Council resolution in support of the initiative to create a 9-8-8 crisis line.**
- iv. Brad Sperling, Regional Board Chair and Leonard Hiebert, Invasive Plant Committee Chair, Peace River Regional District, dated April 23, 2021, addressed to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC, the Honourable Katrine Conway, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fishers, and the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, expressing concern regarding the lack of funding for invasive plant management.**

- v. **N. Garbay, Corporate Officer, City of Kamloops, dated April 27, 2021, presenting a Council resolution in support of professional news media.**

- vi. **Andy Adams, Mayor, City of Campbell River, addressed to the Honourable Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, regarding logging of at-risk old-growth forests in the province and requesting that decisions made regarding the forest sector be made based on facts and science.**

- vii. **Barb Murray, Bears Matter Consulting, dated May 3, 2021, presenting information regarding the killing of wolves.**

Moved/Seconded
THAT the correspondence be received
CARRIED

16. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

17. LATE BUSINESS

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

19. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

20. IN CAMERA

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CARRIED

At 6:25 p.m. Council moved In Camera.

21. RISE FROM IN CAMERA

At 6:38 p.m. Council rose from In Camera.

22. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved/Seconded
THAT Regular Council Meeting No. 1538 be adjourned.
CARRIED

At 6:38 p.m. the Regular meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer