

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 9:00 am. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1540.

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
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services
Tom Csima, Manager of Operations & Projects
Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services
Emily White, HR Coordinator & Executive Assistant
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant
Coordinator
Nikki Segovia, Building & Planning Clerk
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

At 9:02 a.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

Moved/Seconded

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

At 9:03 a.m. Council moved In Camera.

3. OPEN THE REGULAR MEETING

At 9:34 a.m. Mayor Richman opened the open portion of the Regular Meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add, under item 11(a)(i)(a), consideration of a UBCM meeting with the Ministry of Health to discuss ambulance service provided by the Pemberton station.

CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1539, Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1539, held Tuesday, June 1, 2021, be approved as amended by, in section 12 (b), striking out all references to "Zoning Bylaw No. 466, 2001" and inserting instead "Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018".

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

a) Village of Pemberton Bursary Recipient

At the In Camera Meeting held on June 2, 2021, Council awarded the Village of Pemberton Bursary in the amount of \$2,000 to Pemberton Secondary School graduating student Skylar Williamson. The Village presented the bursary to Ms. Williamson at the 2021 Pemberton Secondary School Graduation ceremony held on June 12th.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no business arising.

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION

There were no Committee minutes for receipt.

10. DELEGATION

There were no delegations.

11. REPORTS

a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

i. Verbal Report

(a) Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Minister Meetings Discussion Update

Ms. Gilmore provided an update regarding the status of Pemberton Valley Dyking District's (PVDD) concerns regarding improvement district status and seismic design guidelines, noting that work is ongoing with the possible objective of forming a working committee including the Inspector of Dikes, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, the Village of Pemberton, and the PVDD, and that the current process would not benefit from a UBCM minister meeting at this time.

Mayor Richman advised that the SLRD will be making application for meetings with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to discuss old growth forest harvesting and parks and recreation site resources which the Village will be invited to attend.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff make a joint request for a meeting with the Minister of Childcare on the topic of daycare space funding with the District of Squamish.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff work with staff at the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to request a joint meeting with the appropriate ministers on the topics of old growth harvesting and the pressures on forestry service roads and recreation sites.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff request a meeting with Ministry of Health and BC Ambulance to discuss current service levels in the Pemberton Valley.

CARRIED

At 9:45 a.m. Councillor Zant left the meeting.

At 9:46 a.m. Vinka Hutchinson joined the meeting.

ii. **Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) Funding Application – Friendship Trail: Pemberton Farm Road East Connector**

At 9:52 a.m. Councillor Zant rejoined the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the Village of Pemberton's application to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (CHCI) for grant funding, up to an amount of \$250,000, to go toward the Friendship Trail: Pemberton Farm Road East Connector.

AND THAT Council allocates an amount up to \$372,000 from the Village's COVID 19 Safe Restart Fund and Community Works Gas Tax Fund to cover the remainder.

CARRIED

iii. **Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP) Funding Application – 1380 Aster Street**

Ms. Hutchinson presented a report summarizing the funding application and noted that the matching contribution from the Village would be \$58,060, rather than the \$53,060 stated in the report, due to a reduction in the rebate offered.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the Village of Pemberton's application to the Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP), in the amount of \$50,000, towards the purchase and installation of a Direct Current Fast Charger (DCFC) charging station for electric vehicles (EV) to be located at 1380 Aster Street.

AND THAT Council confirms the allocation of \$58,060 in the 2021 annual budget from the Community Works Gas Tax Fund, as a matching contribution.

CARRIED

At 10:08 a.m. Ms. Hutchinson left the meeting.

At 10:09 a.m. Emily White joined the meeting.

iv. **Village of Pemberton Bursary Policy Amendment**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff add to next year's budget discussion consideration of amending the Bursary Policy to increase the value of the bursary and to permit the splitting of the bursary among two or more recipients.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approves the Village Bursary Policy as amended.

CARRIED

At 10:12 a.m. Ms. White left the meeting.

At 10:13 a.m. Lena Martin and Tom Csimá joined the meeting.

b) Finance

i. Municipal Finance Authority Equipment Financing – Public Works Loader Amendment

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council of the Village of Pemberton authorizes up to \$284,611 be borrowed, under Section 175 of the *Community Charter*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of a Loader and Excavator;

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

CARRIED

At 10:33 a.m. Ms. Martin and Mr. Csimá left the meeting.

At 10:33 a.m. Lisa Pedrini and Nikki Segovia joined the meeting.

c) Development Services

i. Board of Variance Terms of Reference Amendments

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approves the Board of Variance Terms of Reference as amended.

CARRIED

At 10:35 a.m. Ms. Pedrini and Ms. Segovia left the meeting.

At 10:36 a.m. Tom Csimá joined the meeting.

d) Operations

i. 2020 Drinking Water System Annual Report

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receives the 2020 Drinking Water System Annual Report for information.

CARRIED

At 10:44 a.m. Mr. Csima left the meeting.

At 10:45 a.m. Christine Burns joined the meeting.

e) Recreation

i. Outdoor Basketball Court Location Recommendation

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the development of the Outdoor Basketball Court on Lot 8 on Frontier Street.

CARRIED

At 11:01 a.m. Ms. Burns left the meeting.

12. BYLAWS

13. MAYOR'S Report

Mayor Richman attended the following meetings:

- Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee on Thursday, June 10th where first quarter financials were reviewed the Committee received Ms. Burns' report on the outdoor basketball court location;
- a teleconference call with MLA Jordan Sturdy, Mayor Elliot from the District of Squamish, Jen Ford, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and staff from BC Conservation Services, BC Parks, and Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, concerning the impact of tourism on the natural environment, and the need for improved education and for more data to support lobbying efforts were discussed; and
- meetings discussing COVID-19 vaccinations and the BC Restart Plan.

Mayor Richman attended the Pemberton Secondary School 2021 graduation ceremony held on June 12th. Mayor Richman commended teachers, staff, and administration on an excellent event and extended congratulations to the graduating class of 2021.

Mayor Richman suggested that this would be an appropriate time to review Council's calls to action with respect to Truth and Reconciliation.

Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action - Review

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff prepare a report providing an update regarding the status of Council's calls to action with respect to Truth and Reconciliation, for presentation at a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED

14. COUNCILLORS' Reports

Councillor Craddock reported on the following:

- Congratulated the 2021 Grad Class.
- Participated in the Spelkúmtn Community Forest Corporation Interim Board Meeting on June 4th, where the board decided to expand the 2021 cut to take advantage of the current strong market for logs and fibre;
- Will attend a tour of the planned harvest blocks with Klay Tindall of Lil'wat Forestry Ventures on Monday; and
- Was pleased to see a train pass through the Village on the weekend, and found on speaking to the engineer that service of the Rocky Mountaineer will resume on July 7th and freight service will resume shortly after this date.

Councillor Noble reported on the following:

- Attended the Pemberton Wildlife Association annual general meeting on June 7th, where Alan McEwan and Saad Hasan stepped down from the board; and
- Was informed by a Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Bylaw Officer that the RMOW is planning to extend its boundaries as far as the Rutherford River. Mayor Richman will follow up with RMOW to confirm this statement.

Councillor Antonelli reported on the following:

- A meeting is planned at Owl Ridge on Thursday, June 17th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the planned Spelkúmtn Community Forest and Lil'wat Forest Ventures harvesting in the vicinity of Owl Ridge. Klay Tindall of Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will present.

Councillor Zant did not report.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Action

- i. Riley Johnson, Bandit Farms Property Services, expressing concern regarding maintenance of landscaping installed in the downtown core as part of the Downtown Enhancement Project.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff provide a response.

CARRIED

b) For Information

- i. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated June 1, 2021, announcing the acceptance of grant applications for up to \$10,000 by the Canada Revenue Agency from May 1 to June 30 from communities that host free tax clinics.**

- ii. **Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated June 1, 2021, announcing the launch of the novel technology streams of Canada's Foo Waste Reduction Challenge.**
- iii. **Fred Haynes, Mayor, District of Saanich, dated June 1, 2021, presenting a resolution passed by District of Saanich Council regarding the cancellation of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program and the need for a swift replacement for it.**
- iv. **Leslie Kellet, Legislative Coordinator, City of Prince George, dated June 2, 2021, presenting four resolutions to be submitted to the 2021 UBCM Convention.**
- v. **Kelly Kenney, Corporate Officer, City of Langley, addressed to Tamara Jansen, MP, Cloverdale-Langley City, presenting a resolution endorsing the federal government initiative to adopt 988, a national three-digit suicide and crisis hotline.**
- vi. **Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated June 4, 2021, announcing that the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program will be available retroactively to June 6, 2021.**
- vii. **Cathy Peters, BC anti-human trafficking educator, dated June 5, 2021, regarding the Kamloops Residential School tragedy and sex trafficking in BC.**
- viii. **Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated June 10, 2021, announcing two new calls for proposals under Enabling Accessibility Fund's Mid-sized projects and Youth Innovation Components.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

16. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business.

17. LATE BUSINESS

18. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion.

19. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

At 11:21 a.m. Mayor Richman called a 15 minute recess.

At 11:38 a.m. Mayor Richman reconvened the regular meeting.

20. IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

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CARRIED

At 11:39 a.m. Council moved In Camera.

21. RISE FROM IN CAMERA

At 1:03 p.m. Council rose from In Camera without report.

22. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Regular Council Meeting No. 1540 be adjourned.

CARRIED

At 1:03 p.m. the Regular meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer