

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, August 31, 2121. Via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1544.

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**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  
Robert Grossman, Fire Chief  
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services  
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator  
Emily White, HR Coordinator & Executive Assistant  
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant  
Coordinator  
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

**Public:** 2

**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**

At 5:30 p.m. Mayor Richman called the 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 circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1543, Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1543 held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

There was no business arising.

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

There was no business arising.

**7. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION**

There were no committee minutes to be received.

**8. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations to be received.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

**i. Verbal Report**

**(a) BC Emergency Health Services Meeting**

CAO Gilmore provided a summary of a recent meeting with representatives of BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS), Lil'wat Nation, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and First Nation Health. BCEHS has reversed the plan to reduce staffing hours at the Pemberton Ambulance Station to eight hours per day and will instead provide staffing 24 hours per day with eight full-time paramedic positions. These changes are expected to take effect October 29<sup>th</sup>. CAO Gilmore noted that the meeting was very productive and that future meetings will take place to support the new collaborative approach to addressing local health issues.

Ms. Gilmore informed Council that the request to meet with Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, at the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention, to discuss this issue, has been denied.

**(b) Union of BC Municipalities Approval for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Flood Risk Assessment, Flood Mapping, and Flood Mitigation Planning Funding Stream**

CAO Gilmore announced that the Village was successful in its grant application for \$120,000 in support of flood risk assessment, flood mapping, and flood mitigation planning in conjunction with the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD). The PVDD has begun work on funded projects already.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** CAO Gilmore's verbal reports be received.

**CARRIED**

At 5:37 p.m. Laura Murphy joined the meeting.

**ii. Declaration of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30<sup>th</sup>) as a Public Holiday – Request for Decision**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Pemberton declares the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) as a public holiday for the Village, to be observed annually to recognize the historical and ongoing impacts of the residential school system, honour the victims and survivors of the residential school system, and affirm the Village's commitment to reconciliation.

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council refers further discussion regarding suitable means for the Village to acknowledge the public holiday, to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

At 5:43 p.m. Ms. Murphy left the meeting and Fire Chief Grossman joined the meeting.

**b) Pemberton Fire Rescue**

**i. Community Resilience Investment Program – FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Grant Application**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** an application for grant funding, up to \$150,000.00, from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) under the Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) program which provides 100% funding for the Village of Pemberton FireSmart program be supported.

**CARRIED**

At 5:47 p.m. Fire Chief Grossman left the meeting.

## **10. BYLAWS**

There were no bylaws for consideration.

## **11. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Richman welcomed Council and Staff back from the August break and commented on how fortunate we have been in Pemberton to have escaped the worst of the wildfires, stating that his thoughts are with those who were not as fortunate.

Mayor Richman reported on the following:

- Tourism has returned to the Valley with the easing of COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions, bringing both benefits and challenges to the community.
- Extended kudos to the Public Works Staff who have faced a higher workload with the increase in summer visitors.
- Has contacted the Chamber of Commerce to inquire about the possibility of hosting an all-candidates meeting. Advised residents to check for updates on the Chamber website.
- Proposed changes to the federal flood mitigation program may offer some opportunities regarding funding for sediment management.
- Upcoming changes to cannabis retail legislation may broaden the permitted business activities of local cannabis producers.
- The annual Rotary Club/Chamber of Commerce golf tournament is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Richman will attend the following meetings and events:

- A meeting with MLA Sturdy and Area C Director Russell Mack regarding access across the Lillooet River via the existing CN Rail bridge;
- A meeting regarding the Rutherford Surf Park;
- Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) annual convention; and
- The joint Ministers Meeting with the District of Squamish regarding the funding of childcare spaces, confirmed today.

Mayor Richman stated that he is looking forward to the coming year, which will be the last for this term of Council and looking forward to working with Council and Staff on important policy work including the Official Community Plan update, the Climate Action Plan, and strategic priorities.

## **12. Councillors' Reports**

**Councillor Craddock reported on the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) Annual General Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>:**

- John Beck and Al Bush were returned as Directors for another three-year term;
- Kevin Clark, Operations Manager, presented information on projects and planning;
- Work on the Arn Canal culverts is ahead of schedule, with access to the dyke reopening as early as the end of this week;
- Veronica Woodruff presented information on the Mt. Meager slide rehabilitation project.

**Councillor Zant reported on the following:**

- Will attend the Library Board meeting this Thursday;
- The columbarium has been installed at the cemetery, completing the upgrade project;
- Attended the presentation of Levi Nelson's artwork at the BC Hydro building on Aster Street.

**Councillor Antonelli did not report.**

**Councillor Noble did not report.**

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) For Action**

- i. Chief Dean Nelson, Lil'wat Nation, dated August 12, 2021, announcing the Bulls and Barrels Rodeo scheduled for the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Lillooet Lake Rodeo Grounds, and asking Council to consider supporting the event through a financial contribution.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** a contribution, in the amount of \$750, be allocated from the Community Enhancement fund for the 2021 Bulls and Barrels Rodeo, should the event proceed as planned.

**CARRIED**

- ii. Graham Camm, Village resident, dated August 25, 2021, expressing opposition to vaccine passports, and requesting that Council denounce such passports.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

- iii. Sheila Pither, President, Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations of BC (COSCO), dated August 2021, extending an invitation to the COSCO**

**virtual conference, Living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – A Seniors’ Strategy, to be held September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

- iv. The Golf Tournament Planning Committee, Rotary Club of Pemberton and Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce, no date, extending an invitation to participate in or sponsor the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to take place on September 15, 2021, and seeking donations for the silent auction.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** a contribution, in the amount of \$500, as a Bronze Sponsor be allocated from the Community Enhancement fund for the 2021 Rotary Club/Chamber of Commerce 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.

**CARRIED**

**b) For Information**

- i. Paula Kusack, Deputy Corporate Officer, Langley City, dated July 29, 2021, addressed to Premier Horgan and Minister Dix, presenting a resolution adopted by Langley City Council regarding improvements to British Columbia’s pre-hospital care system.**
- ii. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated July 30, 2021, announcing the next intake of the B.C. Indigenous Agriculture Development Program.**
- iii. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated July 30, 2021, announcing the launch of the 2021 national call for proposals for Health Canada’s Substance Use and Addictions Program.**
- iv. Mark Southern, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Rocky Mountaineer, dated August 5, 2021, following up to previous correspondence regarding the disruption the Rocky Mountaineer train caused to Pemberton residents on July 21, 2021.**
- v. Brian Frenkel, President, Union of BC Municipalities, dated August 11, 2021, regarding a one-time top-up payment of \$163,521.26 to the Village’s Community Works Fund.**
- vi. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated August 13, 2021, announcing the**

**second phase of the Connecting Families initiative, which will help connect hundreds of thousands of low-income seniors and families to affordable high-speed home Internet in 2022.**

**vii. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated August 13, 2021, regarding the government's commitment to introduce a tax on select luxury goods.**

**viii. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated August 13, 2021, announcing the launch of a \$2.75 billion Zero Emission Transit Fund that will help communities invest in zero emission public transit and school transportation options.**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **14. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS**

There was no late business.

#### **15. LATE BUSINESS**

There was no late business.

#### **16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

There was no notice of motion.

#### **17. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the gallery.

#### **18. IN CAMERA**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (k) negotiations, (l) discussions respecting municipal objectives, and (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 6:15 p.m. Mayor Richman called a five-minute recess.

At 6:24 p.m. Council moved in camera.

## 19. RISE WITH REPORT

At 7:57 p.m. Council rose without report.

## 20. AJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Regular meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

At 7:57 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

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Mike Richman  
Mayor

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Sheena Fraser  
Corporate Officer