

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 2:00pm in Council Chambers located at 7400 Prospect Street and via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1558.

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

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sheena Fraser, Acting Chief Administrative Office
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Acting Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Tom Csimas, Manager of Operations and Projects

DELEGATIONS: Scott Kerr & Jaye-Jay Berggren, Sea to Sky Soils
Shana Murray, Howe Sound Women's Centre
Nicole Jean

PUBLIC: 8

MEDIA: 1

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 2:20pm 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. IN CAMERA

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (c) Employee Relations, (k) Negotiations, and (l) Municipal Objectives 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 2:20pm Council moved in camera.

3. RECESS REGULAR MEETING

At 4:20pm the Regular meeting was recessed.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

At 5:31pm the Regular meeting was reconvened.

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5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA

New Airport Lease Template:

Moved/Seconded

THAT the new Airport Lease Agreement Template generally in the form as presented;

AND THAT Staff be directed to proceed with lease negotiations with PSC, Blackcomb Helicopters and Henry Holdings utilizing the new lease template, with such changes as are required in the circumstances.

CARRIED

Establishment of Airport Lease Application Fee and Deposit

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to research and develop a fee structure for Airport Lease Applications that includes a deposit, in the amount of \$5,000, and bring back to a Committee of the Whole meeting for review.

CARRIED

Airport Snow and Ice Removal Policy

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to develop an Airport Snow and Ice Removal Policy that is based on the January 23, 2007 Policy statement and the November, 2007 recommendations of the Pemberton Regional Airport Authority, with such changes as Staff recommend, and report back to Council;

THAT Staff be directed to amend the lease template to reference the Airport Snow and Ice Removal Policy only.

CARRIED

Airport Snow Clearing by Tenants

Moved/Seconded

THAT correspondence be sent to the Airport Leaseholders advising that the Village is agreeable to the lease holders arranging for regular winter snow clearing of the runway and taxiways at the airport at their own expense and subject to the following conditions being met:

- The tenant providing its own plow vehicle and proof of insurance acceptable to the Village covering such work;
- The tenant not commencing the snow clearing work until a NOTAM has been issued by the Village or the Landlord has advised a NOTAM is not required;
- The tenant agreeing to comply with all reasonable requirements of the Village and terms and conditions of an applicable NOTAM;
- The tenant agreeing to be fully responsible for all costs and any damage it causes in the snow clearing operations.

CARRIED

Airport Lease Rate Review

Moved/Seconded

THAT the current lease rate formula, which establishes the 2022 lease rate at \$2.12/sqm, and whereby airport lease rates increase by the BC Consumer Price Index each year, be maintained.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT a fair market evaluation and comparison of airport lease rates be undertaken in 2023 in anticipation of the lease renewals that will be considered in 2025 and beyond;

AND THAT this initiative be included in the 2023 budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1557, Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1557, held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

There was no business arising.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION

11. DELEGATIONS

a) Scott Kerr, Sea to Sky Soils

Scott Kerr, Sea to Sky Soils, presented an update of recent activities and introduced their new major shareholder, Evergen. With expertise in waste management and natural gas generations, Evergen brings valuable resources to the organization.

Sea to Sky Soils benefits the community by providing compost to farmers and landscapers, diverting organic waste from the landfill, and contributing to the Lil'wat community through lease payments, wages, and employee benefits.

Since losing a major contract in 2021, Sea to Sky Soils has been working on establishing new relationships to ensure predictable volumes.

There was discussion regarding the challenge of removing plastic from the compost. Mr. Kerr replied that Sea to Sky Soils is implementing a conveyor system to facilitate manual removal of plastics and is working on educating residents on the importance of keeping all plastics, including those labelled as biodegradable, out of the organic waste stream.

In response to comments posted on the Community Forum Facebook page, Mr. Kerr explained that, at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture, Sea to Sky Soils accepted for composting a shipment of chicken carcasses from the Fraser Valley floods in late November. The large volume of decomposing chickens is the primary source of the unpleasant odour that has been noticed by residents. The odour will subside when the composting has finished.

In wrapping up, Mr. Kerr indicated that, if desired by Council, Sea to Sky Soils would be pleased to present annual updates in the future.

b) Nicole Jean – Rodenticide Concerns

Nicole Jean, Area C resident, explained that she first became aware of possible rodenticide poisonings of birds after finding dead hawks and hearing reports of similar sightings from neighbours. On inquiring of the BC Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Ms. Jean was informed that second generation anticoagulant rodenticides were the likely culprit. Birds of prey are vulnerable because they eat rodents that have absorbed the poison, but other predators are at risk as well.

Ms. Jean initiated an information campaign in the neighbourhood to inform residents of the issue and to determine the extent of the problem. Ms. Jean took the step of presenting to Council today with the objectives of reaching a wider audience and gathering support for a local ban on anticoagulant rodenticides.

Bringing a report to Council on the issue remains on Staff's workplan.

c) Howe Sound Women's Society – Proclamation of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Shana Murray, Community Programs Director, Howe Sound Women's Society, presented a request that Council proclaim April to be Sexual Assault Awareness month. Ms. Murray described the activities and events that have been planned to increase awareness of the issue.

Moved/Seconded

THAT April be proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
CARRIED

12. STAFF REPORTS

b) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

i. Verbal Report

There was no verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer.

ii. Pitch-In Canada Week

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor and Council issue a proclamation declaring April 17-23, 2022 as Pitch-In Week across the Village of Pemberton;

AND THAT the Pitch-In Week initiatives set out in this report be endorsed.

CARRIED

b) Operations

ii. Water Conservation Plan

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Village of Pemberton Water Conservation Plan Technical Memorandum, dated February 14, 2022, be received;

AND THAT the Water Conservation Plan Technical Memorandum be posted on the Village of Pemberton webpage.

CARRIED

13. BYLAWS

a) Bylaws for First and Second Readings

i. Village of Pemberton Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018, Amendment (Housekeeping) Bylaw No. 921, 2022.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council gives First and Second Readings to Zoning Bylaw No. 832, 2018, Amendment (Housekeeping) Bylaw No. 924, 2022;

AND THAT Council waives the public hearing;

AND THAT Staff be directed to bring back the Bylaw to a future meeting once advertising obligations have been completed.

CARRIED

b) Bylaws for Adoption

i. Village of Pemberton Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 905, 2021, Amendment (Fee Waivers) Bylaw No. 923, 2022

Moved/Seconded

THAT Village of Pemberton Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 905, 2021, Amendment (Fee Waivers) Bylaw No. 923, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Richman reported on the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee meeting held in March:

- The 2022 Recreation Services budget was approved.
- The general budget for 2022 shows a 3.6% increase that is absorbed by non-market change;
- The new transfer station site will include a free store and will provide bins for mattresses and drywall on rotation to accommodate the space for the store.

Mayor Richman attended the regular RCMP meeting with Acting CAO Fraser and RCMP representatives Inspector Dykstra and Corporal Langtry:

- The detachment is fully staffed with officers dedicated to and living in Pemberton;
- There was discussion regarding promoting a better relationship with local teens;
- A townhall meeting hosted by the RCMP was proposed;
- There is a commitment to a very positive culture of policing.

Mayor Richman met with Craig Dalton, the new Chief Administrative Officer for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, to discuss mutual interests and shared services and to continue building the relationship between the Village and the Regional District.

Mayor Richman attended the regular meeting with Vancouver Coastal Health.

Mayor Richman noted the following upcoming events and activities:

- The Pemberton and District Community Centre is conducting a Fitness Centre Survey. Complete the survey by Thursday, April 14, 2022 for your chance to win some great prizes.
- The Spelkúmtn Community Forest Virtual Public Information Session will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022, 5:30 – 6:30pm. For more details, see the Village Calendar at pemberton.ca.
- Wildfire Community Preparedness Day will be held at the Village Barn on Saturday, May 7, 2022. This will also mark the end of Emergency Preparedness Week. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.
- We are holding a launch event for the Village's Community Climate Action Plan this Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 6pm at the Pemberton and District Community Centre. The event will include a free screening of Switchback Entertainment's *Sam & Me - Lessons From a Life on Snow*.

12. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Craddock reported on the following meetings:

- Tourism Pemberton meeting:
 - Tourism Pemberton has received additional grant funding for the compostable toilet program and is seeking to place a solar powered toilet at the MacKenzie Basin parking area.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to determine the feasibility of the installation of a compostable toilet at the MacKenzie Basin parking area;

AND THAT if deemed advisable, Staff inform Tourism Pemberton that they may proceed with the project.

CARRIED

- Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) meeting:
 - Updates on sediment removal were provided;
 - Mounting gates on culvert stubs are being considered to permit control of water flow;
 - The PVDD is working with Sunstone to resolve issues with the settling pond;
 - The PVDD is in the process of responding to correspondence received regarding the proposed Harrow Road affordable housing project;

- Budget:
 - 4.8% increase for 2022;
 - There is a modest surplus of \$100,000 and \$46,000 has been allocated to reserves.

Councillor Antonelli did not report.

Councillor Noble did not report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence for Action

- ii. **Tania Chiasson, Pemberton resident, dated March 8, 2022, expressing concerns regarding the high cost of housing in Pemberton and requesting that Council consider a decrease in annual property taxes for homeowners renting to long-term tenants and a cap on the amount of rent that a landlord is permitted to charge.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to respond to Ms. Chiasson.

CARRIED

- iii. **Sharon Watson and Tyson Rivet, dated March 8, 2022, expressing concerns regarding the proposed Harrow Road affordable housing project.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to respond to Ms. Watson and Mr. Rivet, advising of the approval process for the project, and assuring the correspondents that their comments will receive consideration when the application is reviewed.

CARRIED

- iv. **Dennis Perry, Airport Road property owner, expressing concerns regarding the non-farm use application to the Agricultural Land Commission for a proposed RV park at 1641 Airport Road.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to respond to Mr. Perry, advising of the approval process for the project, noting that the Village has not given its approval of the proposal, and that comments received will be considered during the application review, should it proceed beyond the ALC application.

CARRIED

- v. **Bernie Ellingson, Village resident, dated March 18, 2022, expressing concerns regarding the 64-unit development proposed for the property located at 7340 Crabapple Court.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to respond to Ms. Ellingson.

CARRIED

- vi. Barry Sonnenfeld, Village resident, dated March 20, 2022, in opposition to the proposed RV park on Airport Road.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff be directed to respond to Mr. Sonnenfeld, advising of the approval process for the project, noting that the Village has not given its approval of the proposal, and that comments received will be considered during the application review, should it proceed beyond the ALC application.

CARRIED

c) Correspondence for Information

- ii. Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), dated February 24, 2022, presenting the review by the UBCM Executive of the Village's 2021 resolution submitted to UBCM: Clarifying Criteria of MCFD New Spaces Fund for Childcare.**
- iii. Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), dated March 3, 2022, providing the Province's response to the Village's 2021 resolution submitted to UBCM: Funding Support to Manage Post COVID-19 Pandemic Tourism.**
- iv. Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, dated March 4, 2022, announcing the launch of the Canada Digital Adoption Program (CDAP), to help Canadian small- and medium-sized businesses grow their online presence and upgrade or adopt digital technologies.**
- v. Cathy Peters, anti-human trafficking educator, dated March 8, 2022, presenting the script of a presentation to the Federal Justice Committee on February 11, 2022.**
- vi. Henry Braun, Mayor, City of Abbotsford, addressed to UBCM members, dated March 10, 2022, requesting resolutions of support for recovering municipal costs through Build Back Better Funding for critical infrastructure for inclusion at the upcoming Lower Mainland Local Government Association convention.**
- vii. Darquise Desnoyers, BC Lyme Vice President, dated March 14, 2022, requesting that the Village Light Up Green and post information about Lyme on social media channels in support of BC Lyme Awareness Month.**

- viii. **Leonard Casley, Mayor, the Corporation of the Village of New Denver, dated March 14, 2022, requesting that the Village join New Denver in condemning the recent actions taken by Russia in its invasion and attacks on the sovereign nation of Ukraine.**
- ix. **Alisa Thompson, Corporate Administrator/Deputy CAO, City of Terrace, dated March 14, 2022, presenting a resolution submitted by the City of Terrace to the North Central Local Government Association, supporting the establishment of guidelines regarding the meaning of “public interest” with respect to pursuing charges for criminal offenses.**
- x. **Dean McKerracher, Mayor, District of Elkford, dated March 15, 2022, addressed to the Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, asking the Province to reconsider the milk container deposit - refund system to ensure that it is equitable for all residents of British Columbia.**
- xi. **Ken Beatty, Executive Director, British Columbia Craft Brewers Guild, Ian Tostenson, President and CEO, BC Restaurant and Food Services Association, Jeff Guignard, Executive Director, Alliance of Beverage Licencees, and Mark von Schellwitz, Vice President, Western Canada, Restaurants Canada, dated March 16, 2022, presenting recommendations to municipalities to reduce the fees and administrative burden associated with public and private patio programs.**
- xii. **Anna Barford, Stand.earth, dated, March 24, 2022, introducing a resolution regarding acidic wastewater discharge to be presented at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association 2022 Conference and Annual General Meeting for consideration at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2022 Convention.**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

14. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

15. LATE BUSINESS

16. NOTICE OF MOTION

17. QUESTION PERIOD

Barry Sonnenfeld, Village resident, requested clarification regarding the anticipated response time from the Agricultural Land Commission with respect to the non-farm

use application for the property located at 1641 Airport Road, and asked what factors might influence the Village to consider the proposed RV park in a favourable light.

18. IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

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CARRIED

At 7:47pm Council moved in camera.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Regular meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

At 7:55pm the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer