

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES--**

Meeting #: 232
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 2:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers & Zoom Webinar
7400 Prospect Street

COUNCIL: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Leah Noble*
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Ryan Zant*

REGRETS: Councillor Amica Antonelli

STAFF: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant
Scott McRae, Manager, Development Services
Robin Zirnhelt, ISL Engineering*

MEDIA: 1

PUBLIC: 0

**Denotes electronic attendance*

A recording of the meeting was made available to the media and the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 2:41pm Mayor Richman called the July 12, 2022 Committee of Whole 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. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole adopts the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 231, Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole approves the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 231, held Tuesday, June 21, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 RCMP Annual Update - Inspector Robert Dykstra, Staff Sergeant Sascha Banks and Corporal Scott Langtry

Corporal Scott Langtry joined the meeting at 2:44pm.

Staff Sergeant Banks presented the 2021 RCMP annual report for Pemberton, beginning by introducing the Pemberton team leaders: Inspector Robert Dykstra, Officer in Charge, Sea to Sky; Staff Sergeant Banks, North Zone Commander, in charge of Whistler and Pemberton detachments; and Corporal Scott Langtry, Pemberton Operations NCO.

Staff Sergeant Banks reported an overall reduction in crime from 2020 to 2021. Comparison with years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic is less relevant and has not been included. Notable is the large reduction in assault and domestic violence cases. Property crime has increased, but these statistics are less meaningful due to the low numbers of these crimes. Fraud cases, however, have increased significantly. Staff Sergeant Banks noted that these incidents are primarily related to online fraud by perpetrators from outside the Pemberton area, and that this reflects a wider trend that is not targeted at Pemberton specifically.

Staff Sergeant Banks reported that calls for service overall remain steady despite reduced activity resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.

Staff Sergeant Banks presented the annual strategic plan, providing details of how the five strategic priorities will be actioned with reference to challenges specific to Pemberton including tourism, seasonal fluctuations in activity, emergency and disaster response, and evacuation orders. The five strategic priorities are:

1. Crime Reduction and Community Safety
2. Road Safety
3. Operational Excellence and Emergency Preparedness
4. Partners for Social Impact

5. Employee Excellence and Workplace Culture.

Staff Sergeant Banks emphasized the change in culture that Corporal Langtry brings to the Pemberton detachment, indicating her support of his proactive approach to policing. Corporal Langtry spoke briefly, highlighting his commitment to the community and to improving the relationship between the RCMP and community members.

Discussion focused on the ongoing issue of vandalism to the public washrooms and about the status of the restorative justice initiative in the Sea to Sky corridor. Councillors expressed their appreciation of Corporal Langtry's commitment to the community, noting that they have already observed a change in the policing culture.

Staff Sergeant Banks, Inspector Dykstra and Corporal Langtry left the meeting at 3:27pm.

Robin Zirnhelt, ISL Engineering, and Scott McRae, Manager, Development Service, joined the meeting at 3:27pm.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Pemberton Creek Bridge Update

Mr. McRae presented a report for information summarizing the background of the Pemberton Creek pedestrian bridge project. Although the pedestrian bridge over Pemberton Creek was an obligation of the original developer of the land, on purchase of the land by the Conseil scolaire francophone, constraints in funding from Treasury Board required that the installation of the bridge as a developer obligation be removed and the covenant on title was released.

The technical memo from ISL, attached to the staff report as Appendix B, provides high-level costing and preliminary design concepts for the project.

Mr. McRae presented the drawings illustrating the three locations being considered for the bridge. Pemberton Valley Dyking District has indicated the Option B would interfere with their access to the creek for maintenance work. Design criteria included the requirement that the approach to the bridge not be excessively steep and that the bridge meet the 200 year flood requirements. Mr. McRae pointed out that the cost of the bridge deck, at approximately \$300,000, represents less than one third of the project cost. The most costly part of the project is the earthwork necessary to build the bridge to the 200 year flood level.

Mr. McRae informed the Committee that Staff continue to seek alternatives to constructing a new bridge, including upgrades to the existing CN bridge or the bridge on Highway 99.

Staff will begin process of looking for grant funding for the project now that a high-level costing has been completed.

Discussion focused on the high cost of the project and whether viable alternatives exist at a lower cost.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole receives the Pemberton Creek Pedestrian Bridge Update for information.

CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the July 12, 2022 Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.

Mike Richman, Mayor

Sheena Fraser, Corporate Officer