

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

Meeting #: 238
Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 1:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers
7400 Prospect Street

COUNCIL: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Jennie Helmer
Councillor Katrina Nightingale
Councillor Laura Ramsden

STAFF: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Elena Aranguren, Office Coordinator
Christine Burns, Manager Recreation Services
Cam Adams, Fire Chief
Adam Malpus, Deputy Fire Chief
Paul Stoker, FireSmart Coordinator
Sarah Toews, Emergency Program Coordinator

PUBLIC: 0

MEDIA: 0

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 12:58pm Mayor Richman called the February 7, 2023, Committee of Whole meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 236, Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 236, held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 237, Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 237, held Tuesday, January 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Nature Play Park Playscape Structure Relocation Options Review - Tom Barratt, President, and Alex van Zyl, Landscape Designer, Tom Barratt Ltd. Landscape Architects

At 1:01pm Tom Barratt, Landscape Architect and President at Tom Barratt Ltd. and Alex Van Zyl, associate at Tom Barratt Ltd joined the meeting.

Christine Burns, Manager Recreation Services, introduced. Mr. Barratt and Ms. Van Zyl to Council.

Ms. Van Zyl presented an overview of park planning process and three guiding principles used to inform the design approach for both the options being put forward for consideration. These guiding principles which creating a park that feels like an outdoor room, creating connection through screening and orientation inward and providing shade.

Ms. Van Zyl then presented two options for the relocation of the Nature Play Park PlayScape features for the Committees consideration.

- Option one (1), located along the east side of the Great Lawn, showed a longer and narrower footprint.
- Option two (2), located in the pocket park between the Spray Park and Radius, was more circular in shape.

Ms. Van Zyl provided an overview of the key consideration identified to help evaluate the two options which included:

- Outdoor Play
- Population Growth
- Multi-generational user/potential user conflicts

- Neighbouring uses
- Accessibility
- Safety

Ms. Van Zyl advised that Option 1 is the recommended approach as it would better serve the park users and accommodate population growth demands.

Discussion took place respecting the following:

- Screening of the areas proposed and distance between the neighbouring properties for both options
- Concerns related to snow storage from the neighbouring property if Option 1 is selected
- Impacts to quiet space for older people to enjoy
- Safety concerns in Option one (1) because of the nearby parking lot
- Impacts on hosting events on at the Community Centre
- User conflicts if situation close to a residential building
- Impacts of a congested play space
- Alternative areas for community gathering
- Desire to preserve the Great Lawn

Moved/Seconded

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends to Council that the Nature Play Park PlayScape feature be relocated to the Option Two location which is the at the Linear Pocket Park between the Spray Park and Radius building.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Mayor Richman & Councillor Ramsden

At 1:38pm Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services and Mr. Barratt and Ms. Van Zyl left the meeting.

4.2 Community Wildfire Resilience Draft Plan Presentation

Quentin Schmidt, Forest Technician, B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd.

At 1:39pm Mr. Quentin Schmidt, Forest Technician, joined the meeting in person.

Mr. Schmidt presented the Community Wildfire Resilience Plan. This plan was developed based on background research, collaboration and consultation, field assessments and feedback.

The Village jurisdiction is immediately adjacent to the Squamish- Lillooet Regional District and Lil'wat Nation land. Mr. Quentin acknowledged that collaboration is an extremely important piece in the implementation of this

plan noting that there is a very strong commitment in the community by all users, residents, agencies, organizations, and local governments to support the project.

Mr. Schmidt presented a map of the wildland-urban interface plan area confirming that 52% of the land is in fact private property. For this reason, it is important to be driving initiatives that reduce wildfire risk on private land and again, in collaboration with the adjacent jurisdictions.

Mr. Schmidt provided an overview of the fire history within the plan area that showed 70% of the fires initiated within Village boundaries were human-caused. Looking at the local fire threat from a provincial lens, Mr. Quentin noted that Pemberton is rated with a risk class one, the highest ranking given in the province.

The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan puts forward 42 recommendations developed in collaboration with the FireSmart Committee. Each recommendation is rooted in the five FireSmart Disciplines:

- Education of visitors and residents
- Legislations, Planning and Development Considerations
- Interagency Cooperation
- Cross Training & Fire Department Resources Emergency Planning
- Vegetation Management

Discussion took place respecting the following:

- Potential funding support from the Spelkúmtn Community Forest (SCF)
- Access trails for fuel treatments and first responders
- Fire Department's ability to action the CWRP Plan

Mayor Richman thanks Mr. Schmidt for the presentation noting Council is looking forward to approving the plan.

At 2:01pm Mr. Quentin, left the meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

At 2:01pm the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman, Mayor

Sheena Fraser, Corporate Officer