

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

Meeting #: 239
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 1:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers
7400 Prospect Street

COUNCILLORS: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Katrina Nightingale
Councillor Laura Ramsden

REGRETS: Councillor Jennie Helmer

STAFF: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Elena Aranguren, Office Coordinator
Thomas Sikora, Manager of Finance
Tom Csiman, Manager Operations & Projects

PUBLIC: 1

MEDIA: 0

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:09pm Mayor Richman called the February 28, 2023, Committee of Whole meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 238, Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 238, held Tuesday, February 7, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 BC Ambulance - Troy Clifford, Provincial President, Ambulance Paramedics of BC CUPE Local 873

At 1:13pm Troy Clifford, Provincial President; Kelly Budway, Regional Vice President, and Craig Chapman, employee of Ambulance Paramedics of BC, joined the meeting electronically.

Mr. Clifford provided an overview of the challenges BC Ambulance has experienced over the last two years with the ambulance service and service delivery across the province. Their mission is to engage communities and connect with local governments and seek their support to advocate for patient care and service delivery.

Mr. Clifford noted that on July 14th the Minister of Health made a significant announcement changing the ambulance service, and enhancing both from an investment in full time positions, but also from restructuring and putting them under a single board.

Ms. Budway provided an update on staffing levels at the Pemberton station. Budway advised that the number of full-time employees has increased considerably but there are still some positions yet to be filled and one challenge is the lack of affordable housing in Pemberton.

Discussion took place respecting the following:

- Impacts of resource challenges in relation to the summer/tourist season
- The transfer car process which results in ambulances being redeployed in the lower mainland
- Advocacy for improved serves

Mayor Richman thanked Mr. Clifford, Ms. Budway and Mr. Chapman for their presentation. At 1:33pm Mr. Barratt, Ms. Budway and Mr. Chapman, left the meeting.

4.2 Airport Leaseholders - Hugh Fisher, Greg Sorensen - CYPS Hangars

At 1:34pm Hugh Fisher and Greg Sorensen, CYPS hangars, and Tracey Rozsypalek, Pemberton Soaring Centre, joined the meeting in person. Kandis Hughes, Airport Leaseholder, joined the meeting electronically.

Dr. Hugh and Mr. Sorensen presented to Council four areas of discussion related to the airport:

- Desire for hydro service to the lease lots along the East Taxiway
- Village services in general (sewer, water)
- Re-establishment of the airport user group; and
- Establishment of the East Taxiway Access Road as a priority for snow clearing

Mr. Sorensen noted that CYPS Hangars and the other leaseholders along the East Taxiway are willing to pay for the cost to establish hydro to the area; however, are reluctant to proceed unless support from the Village is confirmed.

Mr. Sorensen suggested frequent formal meetings with Council to discuss Airport issues and a long-term strategy for the airport.

Mayor Richman thanked CYPS Hangars for the presentation and advised staff will follow up with the group on the matters raised.

At 2:15pm Mr. Fisher, Mr. Sorensen, Ms. Rozsypalek and Ms. Hughes left the meeting.

5. BUDGET SESSION No.2

5.1 2023 Capital and Project Budgets

Thomas Sikora, Manager of Finance, presented the 2023 capital and project budget review.

Mr. Sikora presented a preliminary capital five (5) year financial plan review for each department, noting that a new component of the report reflects how the calls to action identified in the Community Climate Action Plan are identified and sought input and direction from Council to facilitate the next stage of the budget process.

Mr. Sikora advised the reserve assumptions will be covered at next budget session.

Discussion took place respecting the following Village priorities:

- EV Charging stations and funding
- Fire Hall and Municipal Hall replacement

- Website upgrade
- Amenity Building (Soccer Fields Den Duyf Park) budget
- Play Park budget for tree planting
- Regional multi-modal transportation hub
- Works vehicle life span and replacements
- Electrified hand tool equipment
- One Mile Lake boardwalk future upgrade
- Water infrastructure and quality
- Airport fencing

Staff will take the feedback provided by the Committee and incorporate it into the budget.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:59pm the Committee of the Whole meeting was adjourned.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mike Richman, Mayor

Sheena Fraser, Corporate Officer