

Our Vision & Guiding Values

Village of Pemberton Vision

Pemberton is a healthy, inclusive, and safe community. A place where the land and people are honoured, its unique culture thrives, and the community flourishes.

Council's Guiding Values

- We come with open minds, ask questions first, listen to understand, and engage in respectful and informed dialogue
- We encourage new ideas and innovative problem-solving
- We are forward thinking, considering the issues of the day and looking toward to the future
- We are fiscally responsible and efficient with our resources
- We are attuned to the local community and to external forces



Strategic Priorities & Objectives



PLAN & MANAGE GROWTH

Create a community where residents thrive and businesses prosper

1. Support diversity of housing development that meets with housing needs
2. Create a community-based vision through the completion of the Official Community Plan
3. Support initiatives that increase food security
4. Establish a viable maintenance plan for infrastructure, assets, and amenities to meet community needs
5. Enhance (or expand) local arts, culture, and recreation opportunities



BE PREPARED

Improve the safety of the community through disaster mitigation and recovery support

1. Increase community safety to keep pace with growth and climate change impacts
2. Develop regional emergency and post-disaster recovery plans
3. Begin planning for RCMP integration and funding



PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Focus on sustainable practices and forward-thinking environmental protection

1. Increase transportation alternatives to support options beyond the car
2. Preserve and enhance natural assets
3. Deliver on water conservation plan
4. Reduce corporate emissions



CULTIVATE TRUST

Collaborate with Indigenous peoples to build strong relationships and shared decision making

1. Engage with Indigenous peoples to strengthen relationships
2. Create stronger community engagement
3. Complete the new Protocol Agreement



OPERATE WITH EXCELLENCE

Establish a resilient, adaptable, and talented organization capable of responding to the changing community

1. Attract, retain, and develop qualified and creative staff members
2. Develop upgrade plan for municipal hall offices and infrastructure (e.g., technology)
3. Improve operational efficiency and effectiveness to enhance service delivery

Pemberton Fire Rescue Investment

Pemberton Fire Rescue provides fire protection to the Village of Pemberton and those parts of the surrounding rural areas between the Ryan River Bridge, Mount Currie, and Highway 99 South to Tisdale. Pemberton Fire Rescue covers an area of 500 kilometres and handles approximately 380 calls per year.

Aging Apparatus Replacement

Pemberton Fire and Rescue's 1996 Freightliner FL80 Apparatus, which is currently 28 years old, is planned for replacement before it turns 30 to ensure it remains eligible for insurance ratings.

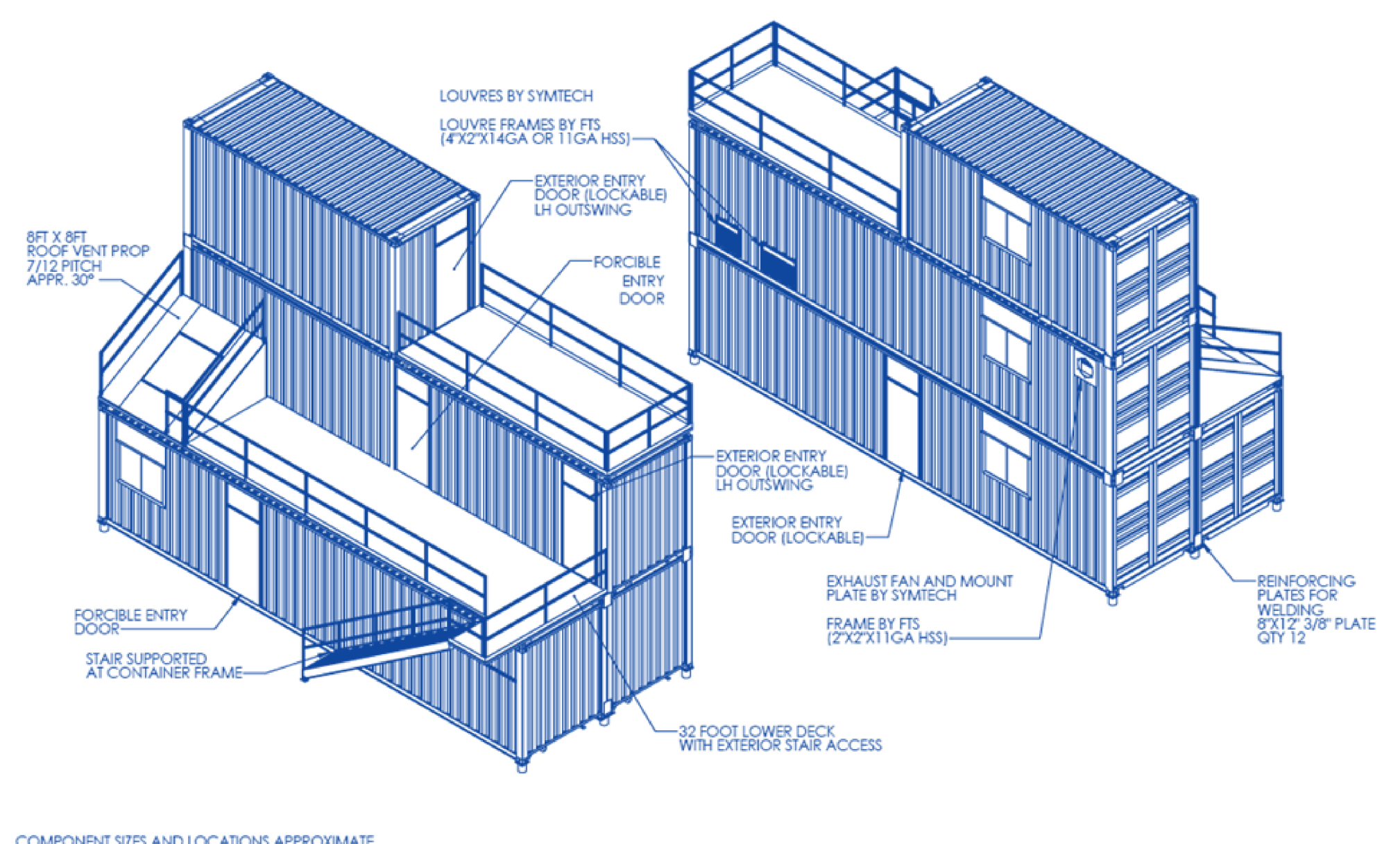
The new vehicle will aim to maintain or enhance current ratings and boost firefighter safety by incorporating modern features such as over-the-shoulder seat belts, airbags, anti-roll-over equipment, and in-cab air filtration. This replacement will offer more dependable protection and enhance capabilities in wildland interface situations.



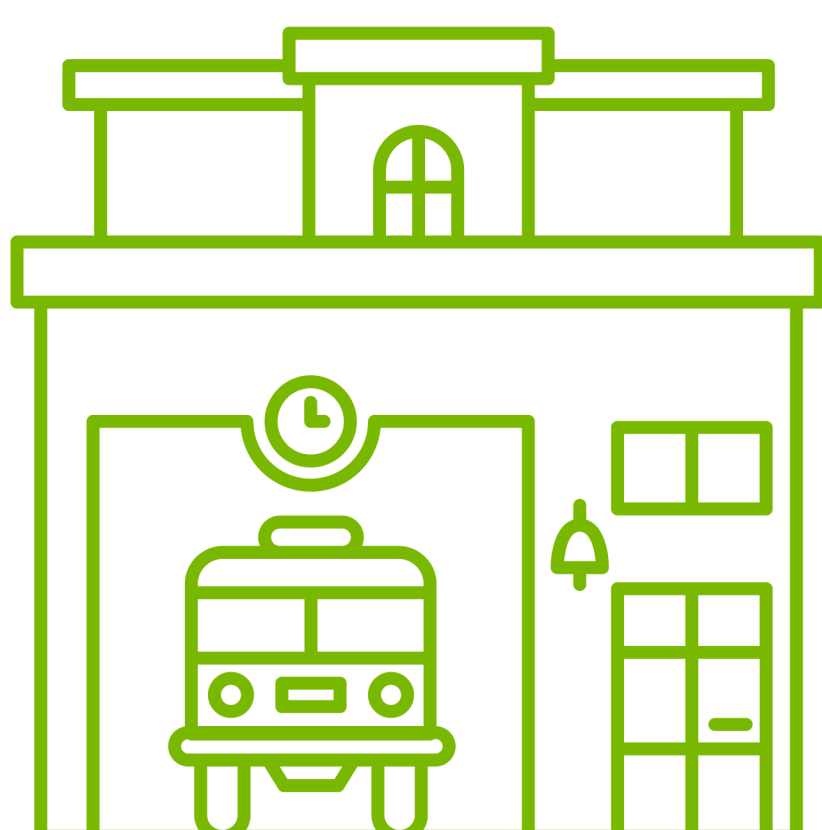
Training Investment

In early 2024, the Village of Pemberton shared that Pemberton Fire and Rescue had been selected to receive the Live Fire Training Project grant from the Fire Chiefs Association of BC. This grant will support the development of a Live Fire Training facility on our premises, allowing our teams to improve readiness and provide training to neighbouring departments.

The three-story Live Fire Training structure will be equipped with propane-powered training equipment, forcible entry doors, roof venting props, and room for potential future growth.



Planning for a New Firehall



In 2008, a study suggested replacing the Pemberton Firehall within 5-10 years. Since then, the department has expanded in line with the evolving needs of the community, calling for a new firehall. The current building, initially intended for one office, now houses 3 full-time fire staff, 1 full-time administrative staff, and 2 full-time FireSmart staff, in addition to 37 paid-on-call firefighters. The limited space results in a crowded environment, exposure to chemicals, and an inability to accommodate modern fire trucks. Relocating could enhance response times and insurance ratings. **Initiatives are in progress to secure grants for project funding.**

Pemberton Water Conservation

To prolong the lifespan of existing infrastructure, and delay any future capacity upgrade requirements, it is critical to make a concerted effort to conserve our existing water source and greatly reduce our current water usage.

Did you Know?

On average, Pemberton residents use 518 litres per person per day. The Canadian average is 411 litres per person per day (overall) and 215 litres per person per day (residential) (2019 Stats Canada).

Canada is considered one of the world's largest per capita users of fresh water in the world, and in summer months, Pemberton's usage exceeds four times our national average.

Water Conservation Initiatives

Commercial Meters

In an initiative to decrease Village water usage, key commercial users will have water meters installed to track usage and enforce appropriate charges.

Once-Through Cooling Systems

Develop Once-Through Water system bylaw regulations to limit the installation and use of these systems that continuously release cold water into the sewer while transferring heat. This initiative aims to enhance efficiency and promote conservation efforts.

Leak Detection

Village staff plan to research different leak detection methods and invest in equipment to identify potential leaks in the water distribution system, enhancing conservation efforts.



Pemberton Water Systems

Groundwater wells in the Pemberton Creek Aquifer are vital water sources for the community, with an average recharge rate of 30 litres/second and daily demand of 21 litres/second. Given the elevated levels of iron and manganese found in this aquifer, implementing efficient water treatment processes are important to guarantee the supply of safe and dependable drinking water to residents.

System Improvements

As water usage increases in Pemberton, our systems are put under more strain. This, along with aging infrastructure and outdated technology, requires upgrades to keep pace with evolving quality standards. **Projects for 2024 will include the following improvements and replacements to ensure better efficiency of our water system:**

- **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Improvements:** the central nervous system of our water system that monitors real-time information, adjusts parameters, and alerts operators to any issues.
- **Pressure Reducing Valve Replacement on Fernwood Drive:** a critical part of the water distribution system, with modern infrastructure integrated with SCADA.
- **Alarm System Hatch Installation on the Reservoir:** to safeguard the Village's drinking water supply against vandalism or tampering.

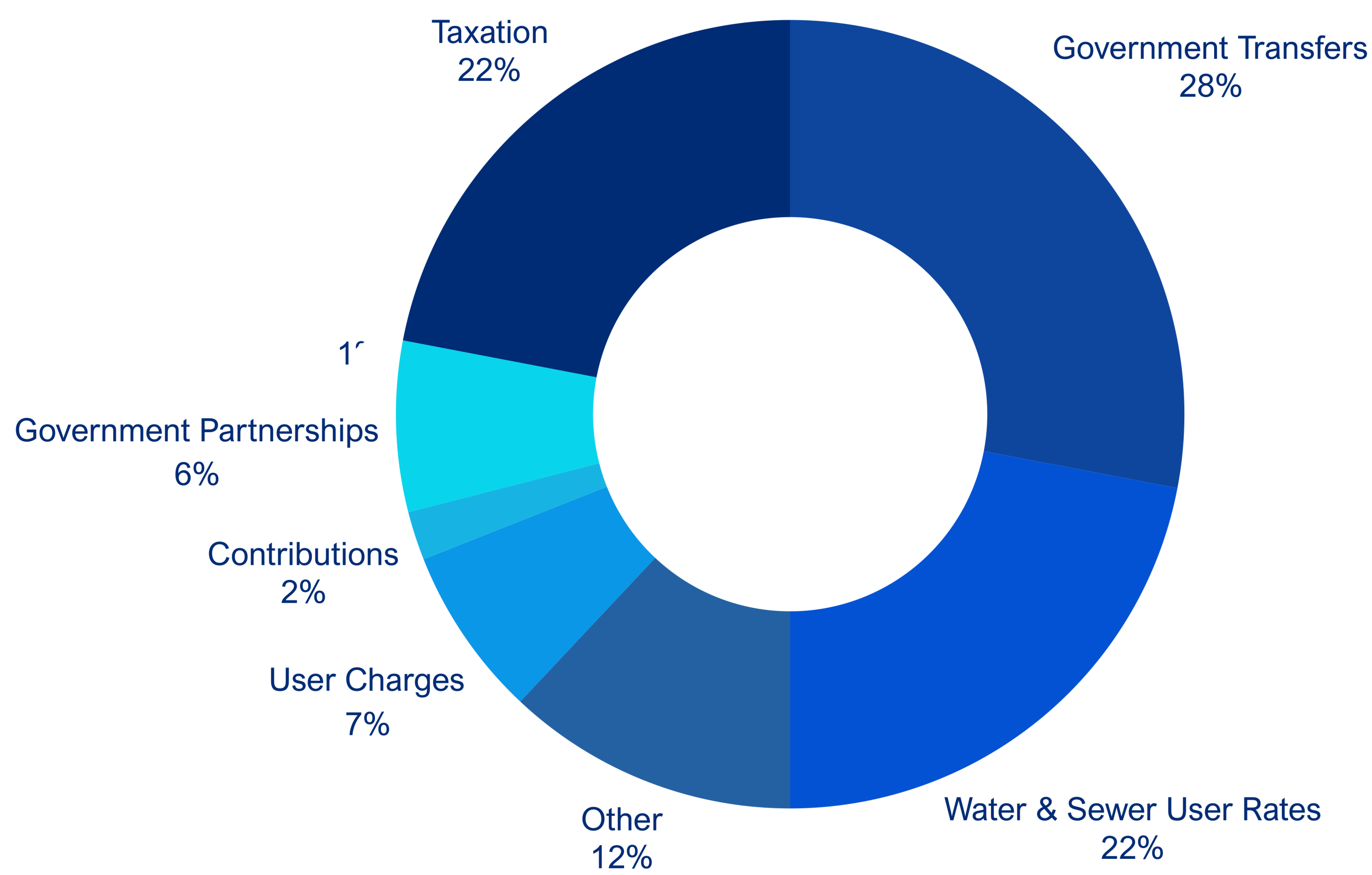
System Expansions

With our rapid growth, it is essential to enhance the current water system and prepare for the forthcoming expansion needs. **The following projects are proposed to be done in conjunction with our water conservation efforts:**

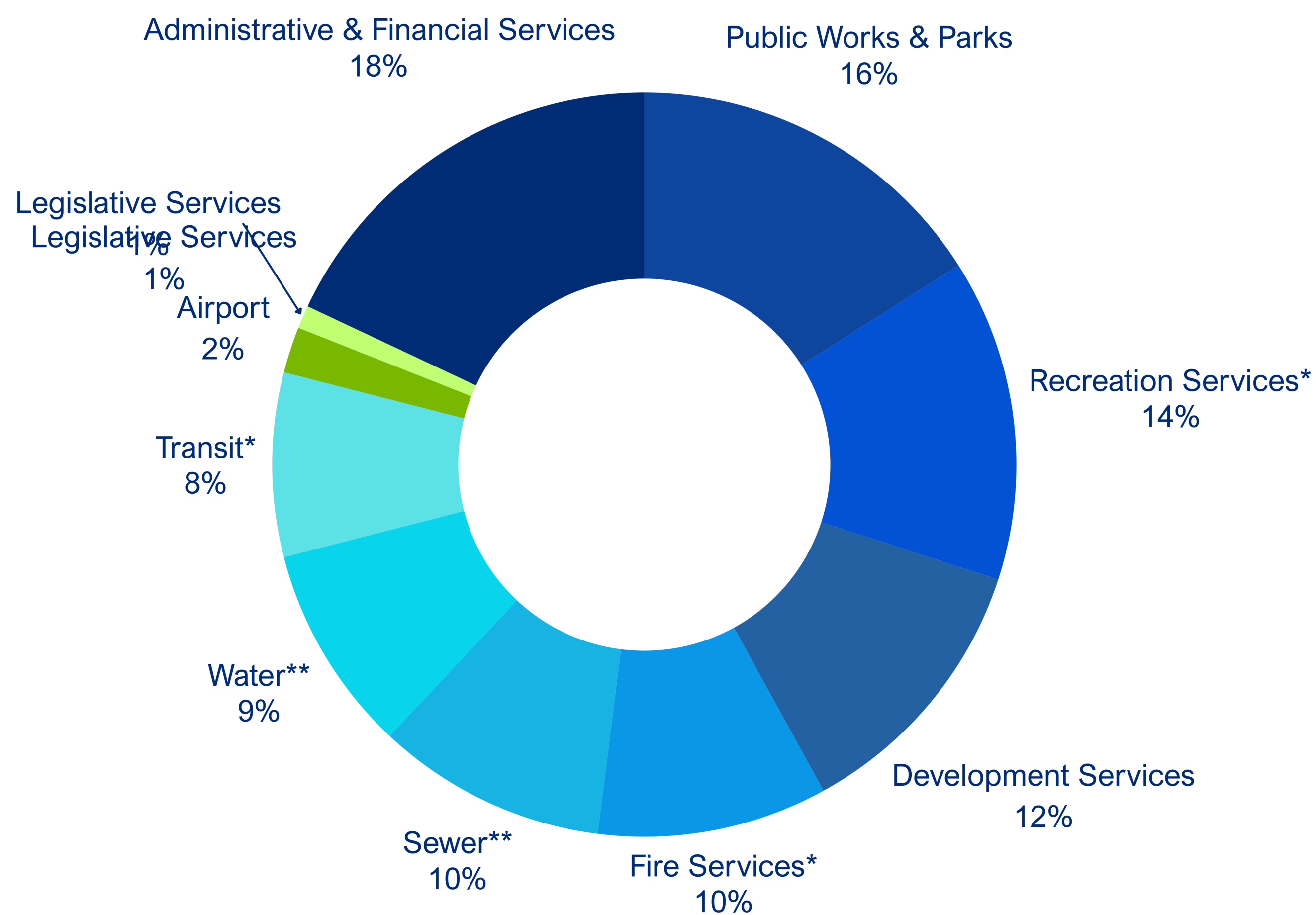
- **Test Well Exploration:** Exploring new water sources to supplement our existing groundwater wells, which are projected to reach capacity by 2040.
- **Water Feasibility & Water Source:** Exploring the feasibility of integrating alternative water sources into the Village supply system to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Industrial Park Looping:** Expand our water distribution system to connect with the Industrial Park, currently serviced by the Mount Currie water system.
- **McRae Road Water Main Upsizing:** Upgrade the existing water main along McRae Road to enhance capacity and meet the requirements of current lease agreements.

Where is Revenue Generated From?

The Village of Pemberton's budget is supported by various sources, with the majority of the funding derived from property tax revenue. Property taxes are one of the Village's biggest revenue sources and are critical to the health and livability of our Village.



Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go?



*Includes collection/contribution through other governments
**Funded through user fees/rates

Municipal Service Highlights

Services Offered and Maintained by the Village of Pemberton



21.2 km of Roadway



110.9 km of active Water & Sanitary Mains



119 Water Hydrants



228 Customer Service Requests



114,000 Visits to the Pemberton and District Community Centre & 37,217 Visits to the Fitness Centre



79 Building Permits & 20 Site Alteration Permits Issued



501 Business Licenses Issued



171 Dogs Licensed

* 2023 data shown.

Capital Plan Highlights

The Capital Plan for 2024 encompasses around \$8.4 million in capital projects that align with the Council's strategic priorities.



Water Treatment Facility

The Village plans to address high iron and manganese levels in groundwater by building a water treatment plant near existing reservoirs. This initiative, contingent on grant funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Environmental Quality stream, aims to tackle immediate water quality issues and create future water source possibilities.



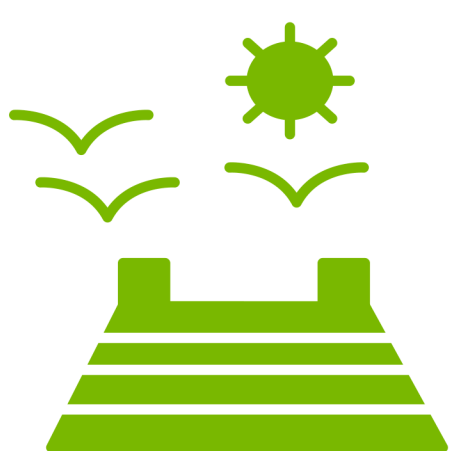
Multi Modal Transportation Hub

The Village received \$1.8M through the Rural and Northern Communities Fund to build a parking lot facility for ride-sharing and regional transit use. The project will include washroom and change room facilities, water fountains, bike storage, garbage receptacles, and electric vehicle chargers to enhance commuter amenities.



Engine 10 Truck Replacement

Pemberton Fire and Rescue plans to replace its 1996 Freightliner FL80 Apparatus before it reaches 30 years to retain insurance eligibility. The new vehicle will provide more reliable protection and enhance capabilities in wildland interface scenarios by including modern features such as over-the-shoulder seat belts, airbags, anti-roll-over equipment, and in-cab air filtration.



One Mile Lake Boardwalk Trail Upgrades

This project aims to enhance accessibility and overhaul the existing infrastructure of the trail loop, a key year-round amenity for various activities like walking, biking, and swimming. The scope of work will involve widening bridges and the boardwalk on the Northwest section, widening the gravel trail on the east side, and reducing wooden structures for easier maintenance.



Amenity Building at Den Duyf Park

Pemberton received \$3M through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Community, Culture, and Recreation. This funding aims to develop a soccer field, parking lot, storage, and amenity building at Den Duyf Park. The remaining task is the construction of the Amenity Building, which will feature washrooms, changerooms, a rooftop viewing patio, covered outdoor seating, versatile community space with concession capabilities, and a parking lot.

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Stay updated on the Village of Pemberton's latest news regarding upcoming municipal projects, local improvement initiatives, significant community alerts, special advisories, as well as recreation programs and events.



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