

VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES-

Minutes for the **Committee of the Whole** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Room C, Pemberton Community Centre, 7390 Cottonwood Street..

ATTENDING: Mayor Jordan Sturdy
Councillor Lisa Ames
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Susie Gimse
Councillor Alan LeBlanc

STAFF: Lori Pilon, Administrator
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Administrative Services
Caroline Lamont, Manager of Development Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 11:30 a.m. Mayor Sturdy called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Agenda be approved;

AND THAT the meeting start time as noted on the agenda be adjusted from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. GEMS Independent School proposal

Cam McIvor, Ravens Crest Developments
Trisa Brandt, Ravens Crest Developments

Cam McIvor provided an overview of the GEMS Independent School proposal and spoke specifically to the following issues:

- Alternative Site Study
- Servicing Options
- Friendship Trail
- Recreation

Alternative Site Study:

Mr. McIvor presented Council with a copy of the Alternative Site Study as completed by Gilbey Engineering. The purpose of the Alternative Site Study was to consider and review other possible locations for the development of the school. The alternative sites identified were as follows:

- Pemberton Benchlands
- Sabre/Biro Quarry
- Lower Ravens Crest
- Upper Ravens Crest
- Pemberton/Whistler Corridor
- Pemberton Meadows Corridor
- Pemberton/Mount Currie Corridor
- Birkenhead River Corridor.

McIvor provided an outline of the site requirements for the development that included, but are not limited to the need of:

- Approximately 18 acres
- Flat topography
- Close to municipal servicing
- Geothermal potential
- Close to Pemberton core

A comparison of the alternatives sites was presented and McIvor advised that given their research the site at Ravens Crest is the most suited for the type of facility that GEMS is interested in developing. McIvor confirmed that the report has been submitted to the Squamish Lillooet Regional District.

Servicing Options:

McIvor advised that in order to move forward with the project water and sewer servicing is needed to the proposed site on a short term and long term basis. McIvor provided an overview of different servicing options that included the challenges that the developers face with respect to servicing and line size and length, rights of way requirements, and options on routes that could be considered based on being able to hook up to the Village systems.

McIvor requested that Council review the options provided and consider changing Village's current outside boundary water and sewer policy in order to accommodate the development.

McIvor advised that a report on servicing options was in the process of being completed by KWL and will be provided to Council at a later date.

Friendship Trail:

McIvor spoke about the potential for securing Rights of Way to accommodate servicing and the Friendship Trail and how it could be developed in conjunction with the servicing corridor that would be required to service the development. This would also include access through various property owners along the rail line.

Recreation:

McIvor provided an overview of the recreation proposal that includes a pool, arena and sports field to be located on the Sabre/Biro property and provided Council with an overview of the proposal that was prepared in 2008.

A short question and answer period followed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m. Mayor Sturdy adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Administrator