

**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, May 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers – 1350 Aster Street. This is meeting 012.

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

**STAFF:** Lori Pilon, Administrator  
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Administrative Services

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:00 a.m. Mayor Sturdy called the meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. COUNCIL-COMMUNITY COOPERATION FOCUS GROUP**

**Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce**  
**Sandy Ryan - President**  
**Paul Vacirca – Vice President**

Sandy Ryan introduced himself and Paul Vacirca and thanked Council for the opportunity to make a presentation.

Paul Vacirca provided an overview of the Chamber's mandate which is to promote the commercial, industrial, agricultural, and welfare of Pemberton and surrounding area and reviewed the projects/events the Chamber participates in promoting or is undertaking.

Vacirca reported that there has been a strong focus on increasing membership and as such membership is up over the previous year. The Chamber supports the community in other ways by providing student bursaries to the local schools, providing an on line Community Calendar of Events, on – line marketing opportunities for members as well as a benefit package available to members.

Vacirca spoke about initiatives and projects in which the Chamber is involved and highlighted the following:

- The Economic Development Commission
- Visitor Information Centre operation
- Annual Barn Dance (scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2009)
- Charity Golf Tournament (scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2009)
- Pemberton Spirit Committee (Spirit of BC)

Vacirca provided some suggestions as to how Council can support or assist the Chamber and the work the Chamber does in the community that includes:

- Welcome to Pemberton Package – relocation package
- Business Package and incentives for new business start ups
- Public washroom in the downtown core
- Continued support through funding and resources for Chamber activities (Visitor Centre, Tourism Pemberton, Spirit of BC)
- Continued participation in charity events
- Continued support and funding for specific EDC projects such as the development of the EDC website

### **Pemberton Rotary** **James Linklater – President Elect**

Linklater provided an overview of Rotary International explaining that the Pemberton branch was chartered in 2004. The motto for Rotary is “Service Above Self” and through partnership building with other community groups in Pemberton Rotary has been involved in fundraising for the school lunch program, Children’s Centre, Library, Bursaries for highschool students and other initiatives such as Rotary Clean Up Day.

Linklater advised that Rotary is looking to support several community projects including painting the youth centre, the bike park development and skate park development projects with goal to better engage the youth of the community. Rotary is pleased to be involved with the One Mile Lake Trail Enhancement project that will improve accessibility to the Park and has committed \$20,000 of which \$10,000 was raised through a grant from the Pemberton Festival Foundation.

Linklater explained that, as with all community groups in a small town, it is a challenge to increase membership and fundraising as there are competing factors. It is for this reason that the establishment of partnerships with other groups has been so successful. The Pemberton Rotary Club is active and resourceful, and is not looking for financial support from the Village, but is hopeful that it can rely on Council’s continued support through the promotion of Rotary events, recognition of the Club’s

efforts and perhaps the installation of the Rotary Sign as part of the Welcome to Pemberton Sign.

### **Pemberton Lions Rob Meilleur**

Meilleur thanked Council for the opportunity to make a presentation and opened providing an overview of the Lion's Vision Statement, to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

The Pemberton Lion's Club was formed over 43 years ago and currently has 31 members. The Club organizes a number of events throughout the year to raise funds in order to give back to the community. Meilleur listed out some of the many events that include:

- Concession facilities at numerous community events such as Canada Day, Halloween Fire Works, Winterfest, Barn Dance and Pemberton Fly In
- Pemberton Equifest – Horsepower Show and Shine
- Seniors Christmas Dinner
- Texas Holdem Tournaments
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast

The Lion's Club generously donates, from the annual budget of approximately \$13,000, to many organizations and/or groups that include:

- Pemberton Flying Club
- Bursary to Pemberton Secondary School Grade 12 student
- Signal Hill Lunch program
- Christmas Hamper program
- Food Bank
- First Nations Athletes
- Pearls Safe House
- Assists families in need to cover expenses associated with extended hospital stays
- Manages the Lion's Village through the Pemberton Lions Activities Society
- Built the exercise facility for seniors

Meilleur advised that planning is underway for 18 additional seniors housing units as a result of the recent announcements by the Provincial government and the Society is excited to be a participant in this project. Meilleur requested that Council consider providing assistance with the DCC's related to this project.

**Pemberton Legion**  
**Tim Napier - Director**

Napier thanked Council for the invitation to meet and provided an overview of the history of the Legion and the role of the Legion in the community.

The Legion works in conjunction with other community groups such as the Lions, Rotary and Chamber on community projects and initiatives and provides opportunity for community groups to utilize the Legion Hall for fundraisers.

**Pemberton Arts Council**  
**Karen Love**

Love provided background on the Pemberton Arts Council that was established three years ago with a mandate to create an environment for the advancement of the arts in the community.

Love advised that through the work of the PAC representatives of the Assembly of BC Arts Council will be coming to Pemberton in June to assist with the establishment of a strategy for the next five years.

Love advised that the goal of the PAC is to secure a facility suggesting that the old high school (community centre) could be revitalized to house art workspaces and requested Council's support in assisting PAC in finding a permanent home.

Currently PAC is working on a community based development grant application and a grant application for funding for a Children's Art Festival. PAC continues to work on the Community Sculpture Project.

**4. 2009 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE – REPORT & DISCUSSION**

Caroline Lamont, Manager of Development Services, presented an update on the status of the Official Community Plan and a review of the current OCP by Peter Whitelaw, HB LANARC Consulting.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:00 p.m. Mayor Sturdy adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor

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Administrator