

**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, February 9, 2010 following the Public Works and Parks Committee meeting in the White Building, 7400 Prospect Street. This is meeting 034.

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

STAFF: Roger Lundie, Manager of Finance/Corporate Officer
Caroline Lamont, Manager of Development Services
Russell Mack, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief
Bettina Falloon, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 2:20 p.m Mayor Sturdy called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. School District 48 (Sea to Sky) Proposed Policies Permanent School Closures and Disposal Policy Acquisition of Land or Improvements Policy

Caroline Lamont, Manager of Development Services, provided an overview of policy changes to School District No. 48's (Sea to Sky) policies on school closures and disposal and acquisition of land or improvements.

Discussion took place regarding the use of School District owned land which included the option of moving of the bus garage to the Industrial Park, acquiring the existing playing fields at the old High School site for community use and intensifying the use of the lands and improvements on the eastern portion of the Pemberton High School (east of the Arn Canal) for non-school use as a way to cover costs of other School District initiatives.

Councillor Gimse noted that there is local government legislation regarding school lands that would better reflect the wording proposed in the policy R905 Building & Sites; R905.2 Disposal and Acquisition of Land or Improvements under section 4.0. Councillor Gimse committed to providing that information to Staff in order to assist with informing a response. to the School District.

Moved/Seconded as amended

THAT Council review School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) policies: Permanent School Closures (905.1 & R905.1); and Disposal and Acquisition of Land or Improvements (905.2) and provide comments for referral to the School District:

Permanent School Closure Policy (905.1 & R905.1):

1. Criteria – The Statement that the school need only meet “any” (meaning “one”) of the criteria makes the policy somewhat discretionary given that the final criteria is “e) other criteria that in view of the Board should be considered”.
2. Public Consultation – It would be helpful to have a clear timeline for the milestones within the consultation period, to ensure that there is adequate notice to prepare for the public consultation opportunity.
4. Public Meeting – Many schools have certain improvements that have been contributed by the local community and government (for example the kitchen at Signal Hill). The public consultation process should include this in the matters to be discussed publicly.
7. Disposition of Equipment and Materials – The tentative plans prepared by the Secretary Treasurer should be made available to the public and part of the public consultation discussions,

Disposition and Acquisition of Land or Improvements

Definitions – “District” be defined as the School District as not to be confused with a municipal entity.

2. (?) – There appears to be a number error or missing header
3. Alternative Community Use: Lease of Under 10 Years
The Board can dispose of land or improvements by way of a lease for a period of under 10 years if it is for alternative community use with out Ministerial approval. There is no other mention as whether an agency or organization for an alternative community use would be treated differently in the sale of the property (refer to 6 below)
4. Other Disposals of Land or Improvements
The Village believes that if any land becomes available the Village should have priority in acquiring.
More clarity would be helpful with regard to the process timeline and milestones. How long is the consultation, what initiatives or comprises the consultation?
5. Disposal Process
The disposal process for non-education or community use will be through a public tender or competitive bidding process. More clarity is needed in the case where the School Board may be disposing of the land.

There appears to be no mention of land trade of similar value perhaps for a community or educational purpose.

AND THAT staff schedule a meeting with the School Board No. 48 to discuss their existing land holdings and future development plans in the Pemberton area;

AND THAT staff report back to Council.

CARRIED

4. IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

THAT pursuant to Section 90(1) (k) of the Community Charter, the Council of the Village of Pemberton serve notice to hold an In-Camera Meeting on today's date for the purpose of dealing with matters for which the public shall be excluded from attending.

CARRIED

At 2:40 p.m. the Committee of the Whole moved In Camera.

At 3:30 p.m. the Committee of the Whole Rose without Report.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Corporate Officer