



Mt. Currie Band – Village of Pemberton Joint Council Meeting

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Mayor Jordan Sturdy**
- 3. Delegation: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre Feasibility Study**

Introduction of Consulting Team - Rick FitzZaland, Paul Willie, Glen Timbers and Christina Knighton.

 - a) Overview of Issues and Initiatives in Mount Currie by Chief Leonard Andrews**
 - b) Overview of the Feasibility Study Process by Rick FitzZaland**
- 4. Minutes of the Joint Council meeting held February 20, 2007**
- 5. Reports**
 - a) Youth Advisory Council Update
Councillors Kirsten McLeod, Bruce Edmonds and Alphonse Wallace**
 - b) Winds of Change Committee
Councillors Bruce Edmonds, Alphonse Wallace and Jennie Helmer**
 - c) Emergency Planning (Fire Service Assessment)
Councillor Morgan Wells and Daniel Sailland**
- 6. Sub-Regional Land Use Study
Information Meeting on Thursday, June 28 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Ts'zil
Where do we go from here?**
- 7. Transit
MCB/VOP/Area C meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 26 at 1:00 pm in the Board Room at SLRD.**
- 8. Amenity Charge – Tool for Funding Recreation Amenities
Overview by Mayor Jordan Sturdy**
- 9. Flooding Debriefing by Chief Leonard Andrew**
- 10. Next Meeting**



REPORT TO JOINT COUNCILS

Date: June 19, 2007

From: Lori Pilon, Administrator

Subject: Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre Feasibility Study Update

Received by Joint Councils _____

Meeting No. _____

Date _____

BACKGROUND

The Village of Pemberton accessed funding through the Community Health Promotion Fund to undertake a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and/or Facility Feasibility Study.

The feasibility study is being overseen by the Winds of Change Committee and is a collaborative initiative of the Village of Pemberton and Lil'wat Nation.

The Committee developed and sent out a Request for Proposals and has now selected M.G. Bach Management Group Ltd. to undertake the work. The Feasibility Study process will involve consultation with both key stakeholders/resource people and the broader public. The project is to be completed by November 2007.

The consulting team members are:

Rick FitzZaland

Rick FitzZaland is President of M. G. Bach Management Group (MGB) specializing in organization and community development and issues management. His clients include public sector governments and community service delivery organizations at the Federal, Provincial, First Nations and Municipal level. Prior to joining MGB, Rick was employed by the Government of BC with responsibility for Provincial Public Health Services. Rick has extensive volunteer experience in setting up schools for the deaf, community medical clinics, and fund-raising for organizations in Mexico and South America, and serves on Boards of Directors of several community service organizations.

For this project, Rick will be primarily responsible for:

- Project management and team leadership
- Communication with Joint Winds of Change Committee
- Community Meeting Preparation and Facilitation
- Governance Systems option development
- Integrated facility needs assessment.
- Ensuring our research methods, community consultation and design options are consistent with local governance requirements and the Pemberton Official Community Plan.
- Supervision of MGB support staff engaged in data research and report production.

Paul Willie
Subject Specialist

Paul Willie is a well respected leader in the development and management of alcohol treatment programs in First Nations communities. He is currently working with the Wuikinuxv First Nations. He has worked with many First Nations communities to develop or renew their Alcohol and Drug Treatment programs, including being the Health Director for the Namogis Health Center in Alert Bay.

Paul's principle responsibility on this project will be:

- Ensuring our research methods, community consultation and design options are culturally appropriate to the First Nations community within the Pemberton Valley.
- Research and reporting of appropriate demographic, health status and health utilization information.
- Community consultation.
- Gaps analysis and development option recommendation

Glen Timbers
Community Development and Funding Development

Glen Timbers is an experienced Health Sector CEO, having led Community Health Organizations, Mental Health Services and Community Hospitals in several communities in British Columbia, including Bella Coola, Bella Bella, Hazelton, Prince George and Cranbrook. Glen's expertise is in building effective funding, operational and collaborative relationships between diverse community service organizations and Provincial and Federal funding and regulatory agencies. His leadership led to the precedent signing of a Health Charter between four First Nations communities and regional service delivery organizations on the central coast and the subsequent development of cooperative Federal/Provincial/Regional funding of collaborative services. Glen has recently moved into part time consulting as part of a transition plan to develop local leadership in the service organizations he currently leads.

For this project, Glen will be primarily responsible for:

- Research and development of funding options.
- Community consultation.
- Concept development for service delivery model.
- Accountability systems.

Christina Knighton

Christina Knighton is a First Nations woman with excellent experience in community action research and evaluation. Her assignments would support the whole team, but especially Paul in his work.



M. G. Bach Management Group Ltd.



**Proposal: To the
Joint Winds of Change Committee of
The Mount Currie Indian Band and
The Village of Pemberton**

**For
Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services and Facility
Feasibility Study**

May 2, 2007



Introduction

M. G. Bach Management Group Ltd has been involved in helping communities meet their planning, funding and service needs for over twenty years. We have read the Request for Proposals developed by the Joint Committee and believe we understand the motivation and purpose of this project. To respond to this Request for Proposals we have put together a very special consulting team. Our proposal is brief but we are eager to engage in discussions with the Joint Committee members to establish a trusting relationship and determine how we can help you to successfully move forward in this project.

Throughout this project we will provide you with the quality information and reporting that are required to achieve success. We will honestly discuss and report to you our findings. However, you should know that our bias is that helping people, families and communities live with additions requires programs, services and facilities that are based in the community. There must be a compelling reason to locate such services outside of the community. The background of our team is in working within communities to develop appropriate and effective health and social services that effectively integrate with the community's overall development and aspirations.



Scope of Work

We understand that the Scope of Work is:

- To conduct a feasibility study to determine the appropriate mix and phasing of drug and alcohol addictions services and treatment facilities now and into the future for residents of the Pemberton Valley.
- To analyse the drug and alcohol treatment services and facilities currently available within and to the residents of the Pemberton Valley, assessing needs and shortfalls in service and/or facilities, and identifying cost-effective and culturally appropriate services and/or facilities required for the Pemberton Valley now and for the future.
- To provide the Joint Councils (Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Indian Band) with information to facilitate informed decision making regarding the development and delivery of treatment services and facilities and potentially support a business case for outside funding.



Background

We have read and understand the background material provided in the Request for Proposals. We also have some business knowledge of the Pemberton Valley and the Sea to Sky Corridor through work with the Sea to Sky Community Services Society and earlier with the Healthy Communities Committee of the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Sea to Sky Health Authority. However, we will be dependent upon the Joint Committee and our interviews, community meetings and research to gain the current information needed to complete this Study.



Requirement

- To provide a cost-effective and culturally appropriate operational model for drug and alcohol treatment facilities and/or services in the Pemberton Valley considering, but not limited to, the need for a sobering centre, a detoxification centre, and a residential treatment program.
- To identify capital, operating and governance requirements for services and/or such facilities.
- To address the potential funding sources for the project and key steps that the Steering Committee and community must undertake to develop and operate recommended services and/or facilities.

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Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band Support

We understand that some support will be provided by the staff of the Village of Pemberton and the Mount Currie Band. We will require:

- Copies of all recent studies that may relate to this project, especially community plans, health plans and reports that contain demographic, health status, health service utilization, and area economic information.
- Contact information of people and organizations that need to be included in our interviews.

- Scheduling, advertising, organizing refreshments, and equipment/set-up support to community meetings (as per time line on page 6).



Method

- Analyze and evaluate current services and facilities available within and to residents of the Pemberton Valley.
 - This work will be completed by all three consultants through site visits, interviews, and data analysis.
- Analyze and evaluate the need and thus the potential use of:
 - Drug and alcohol treatment services and programs
 - A sobering facility
 - A detoxification facility
 - A residential treatment facility
 - This work requires comparing the know status of drug and alcohol issues in the area. There are data bases that will provide a profile that is useful, however, this data is also limited and will require augmentation. We will discuss with the Steering Committee the appropriateness of surveys and other means of enhancing the information about the prevalence of these issues.
 - We will review all available data bases and all research and reports that have already been completed for your communities.
 - We will compare these results against Provincial and Federal standards, as well as recent research that challenges some of these standards in order to determine the needs and potential benefits of the various levels of treatment.
- Interview key stakeholders as required. Allow for a minimum of four visits to Pemberton/Mount Currie (initial meeting, interview stakeholders and collect information, public consultation, presentation of final report).
 - We will meet with the Steering Committee at the initiation of the project to discuss a draft schedule for community meetings and interviews. The final schedule will meet with the approval of the Steering Committee.
- Analyze, evaluate and identify the potential advantages (social, economic, client) of a facility to offer any combination of the above services, located within the Pemberton Valley.
 - This will be completed in the context of any local economic or social community development documentation and plans. Rick will lead this work.
- Analyze and identify sources of funding, both capital and operational, for a partnership treatment facility and/or services of this nature.
 - The project team members are expert at developing funding for this type of project. Glen will lead this effort but the whole team will be working on developing funding options and producing a Strategic Funding Plan.
- Analyze and identify a culturally and community appropriate governance and operational model for the treatment facility and/or services.
 - Following initial discussion we will develop some optional models and present these to the Steering Committee.
 - Following these discussions we will develop a plan for getting support for the preferred option.
- Recommend a final treatment facility model and services which includes potential funding, governance structure, operations model, location and phases of implementation.

- A draft report that can be used as a blueprint for development of a facility will be completed and discussed with the Steering Committee.
- In consultation with the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* provide facilitation and resources for public consultation session(s).
 - We envision an initial set of meetings to inform the community (in appropriate forums) about the project and the process to be used, including how community members will be able to contribute and keep informed through out the project.
 - We will also expect to have a set of community meetings after we have completed draft discussion papers on the various aspects of the project (governance, facility design and location, funding plan, etc.) to inform and gain direction from community feedback.
 - Finally, we would expect a set of community meetings at the conclusion of the project to inform the community of decisions made and next steps, and to keep them engaged in this important community development project.



Time Line

- May 2007** **Phase I: Project Initiation, including:**
- **Initial Meeting with Joint Winds of Change Committee (Steering Committee) to develop detailed**
 - **communication plan,**
 - **information acquisition plan, and**
 - **community consultation plan.**
 - **Project Team to review locally available reports and data bases.**
 - **Committee to provide contact information for key informant interviews.**
 - **Interviews and community consultation events scheduled.**
 - **Research and funding development initiated (continues until final report)**
- June 2007** **Phase II: Initial Communication, including;**
- **Key Informant interviews**
 - **Initial set of Community Meetings**
- July – August 2007**
- Phase III: Research and Development, including:**
- **Needs Assessment**
 - **Gaps analysis of current service network (local and regional).**
 - **Funding development continued.**
 - **Communication with Committee ongoing.**
 - **Follow-up to Key Informant interviews as appropriate.**
- September 2007**
- Phase IV: Focused Discussion, including:**
- **Completion of Draft Discussion Documents for each aspect of project.**
 - **Dialogue with Committee and revision of discussion documents as appropriate.**
 - **Community meetings, perhaps preceded by focused discussion groups to refine ideas.**

October 2007 Phase V: Draft Report, including;

- Discussion of draft report with Committee.
- Refinement of draft report
- Presentation of draft report to Community (in a set of community meetings)
- Revision of draft report.

November 2007 Phase VI: Final Report, including;

- Presentation of Final Report to Committee, Final Report to include:
 - Technical Report
 - Business Case
 - Strategic Funding and Implementation Plan
- Preparation of presentation materials
- Presentation of project results to community and other key stakeholders as appropriate.



Deliverables

We understand the final deliverables are required and the project plan outlined above will provide these, as well as other deliverables that will assist in securing funding and implementation support.

- **Technical Report:** Will utilize local and provincial statistics, information from current local programs and existing resources to demonstrate the need and viability of a sobering facility, detoxification facility, residential facility, treatment services or any combination of the above. The technical report must identify the potential locations, governance models, operational models, funding models/options available for a sobering, detoxifying, residential treatment facilities and services. It will provide examples where appropriate and identify in point or tabular form the thought process around each option.
- **Recommendation Document and PowerPoint Presentation:** In light of the technical report and relevant statistics, the recommendation document and PowerPoint will identify the most plausible course of action for the Valley. This document will identify key risks, mitigation for these risks as well as consideration for First Nations culture, shared cross community interests and values. Finally, the recommendation document and PowerPoint will illustrate options for implementation on a 2007-2008 timeline.
- **Business Case for Funding:** In consultation with the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* provide a summary of technical report and recommendation document in business case for potential provincial and federal funding agencies. Ensure all information required by the provincial and federal governments is provided.

Cost

We understand the budget for this project is \$30,000 all inclusive. We further understand that facility, refreshment and advertising for public consultation sessions will be provided by the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band.

We propose:

- \$5,000 will be paid to the contractor at project initiation to cover initial expenses and travel costs.
- A further \$5,000 may be invoiced anytime after August 15, 2007 to cover additional expenses and travel costs.
- \$15,000 will be paid on receipt of the Final Report.
- The balance of \$5,000 will be paid when the Joint Winds of Change Committee determine that all requirements of the contract have been met to their satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted by:

Richard FitzZaland



**Joint MCB/VoP
Council Meeting
February 20, 2007
Ts'zil Learning Centre**

**Mount Currie Band *cited* MCB
Mount Currie Band Chief and Council *cited* the Council**

Attendance: Chief Leonard Andrew

Councillors: Bruce Edmonds, Christopher Irving, Felicity Nelson, Lois Joseph, Lucinda Phillips, Martina Pierre, Patricia Williams and Shirley Wallace

Others: Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator, Carrie Lester, Executive Secretary; Daniel (Dan) Cindric, Recreational Director; Village of Pemberton (VoP) Jordan Sturdy, Mayor; Jennie Helmer, Councillor; Kirsten McLeod, Councillor; David MacKenzie, Councillor; Lori Pilon, Administrator

Regrets: Councillor Alphonse Wallace, Morgan Wells, Ruth Dick; Mark Blundell, VoP Councillor

Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayer** (7:00 p.m.)
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Minutes of the Joint Council meeting November 7, 2006**
- 4. Appointments to the Youth Advisory Council**
- 5. Promote Positive/Healthy Lifestyles**
 - a. Youth Forum March 2007 (Dan Cindric)
- 6. Winds of Change appointment of Committee delegates**
- 7. Sub-Regional Land Use Study**
- 8. Emergency Planning**
 - a. Explore and report on joint training opportunities
 - b. Plan regular joint emergency planning exercises
 - c. Explore and report on opportunities for mutual aid
 - d. Develop draft proposal to explore joint investment in emergency preparedness infrastructure and complementary services

7:17 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

- MCB Councillor Christopher Irving opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome and Introductions

- MCB Council and guests made round table introductions.
- Chief Leonard Andrew gave the Council an overview of the Joint Council meeting agenda.

Motion #1 20-02-2007

Moved by Mount Currie Band Councillor Christopher Irving, seconded by Village of Pemberton Councillor Jennie Helmer that the Joint Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band Councils adopt the revised agenda. All In Favor/Motion Carried.

3. Minutes of the November 7, 2006 Joint MCB/VoP Council meeting.

- Both Councils read and corrected November 7, 2006 joint VoP/MCB Council meeting minutes.

Motion #2 20-02-2007

Moved by Mount Currie Band Councillor Christopher Irving, seconded by Village of Pemberton Councillor Jennie Helmer that Both Councils adopt the revised November 7, 2006 Joint Mount Currie Band and Village of Pemberton Council meeting as read and corrected.

All in Favour/Motion Carried

Old Business: (none)

4. Appointments to the Youth Advisory Council

- VoP Councillor Kristen McLeod informed Councils that Amy Ross, Bridgett Barker, Casey Dick-Wyatt from Pemberton Secondary School (PSS) were appointed to the Youth Advisory Council.
- MCB Councillor Lucinda Phillips noted that Casey Dick-Wyatt would be leaving for college at the end of the year.
- Lori Pilon, VoP Administrator stated that in the Youth Advisory Council Terms of Reference (ToR) it states that the appointed representatives' terms are to be staggered.
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator informed Councils that it was recommended the MCB youth Jordan Gabriel Junior, Maggy Wallace and Steven Joe be appointed as the Youth Advisory Council representatives with MCB Councillor Bruce Edmonds as member at large.
- Lori Pilon, VoP Administrator noted that Bruce Edmonds is the MCB Council representative and recommended that a youth between the ages of thirteen to twenty-one be appointed as the Member at Large.
- Both Councils discussed the requirements of the Youth Council representatives.
- Both Councils recommended Wednesday March 28, 2007 as the tentative date for the next Youth advisory meeting.

Motion #2 20-07-2007

Moved by Village of Pemberton Councillor Kristen McLeod, seconded by Mount Currie Band Councillor Bruce Edmonds the Amy Ross, Bridgett Barker, Casey Dick-Wyatt, Jordan Gabriel Junior, Steven Joe and Maggy Wallace be appointed as the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band representatives to the Youth Advisory Council.

All in Favour/Motion Carried

8. Promote Positive/Healthy Lifestyles

- Daniel Cindric, Recreational Director informed both Councils that the youth forum scheduled for March 10 & 11 2007 was initially scheduled to be held in Mount Currie will now be held at PSS.
- Dan Cindric briefed both Councils on the tentative schedule for the youth forum focusing on Health and Wellness of the Youth.

5. Winds of Change appointment of Committee delegates

- Lori Pilon, VoP Administrator briefed Councils on the Winds of Change ToR and noted that the MCB appointed representatives were Councillors Bruce Edmonds and Alphonse Wallace with Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator as the alternate with Jennie Helmer and Lori Pilon, VoP appointed representatives to the Winds of Change Steering Committee (WOCSC).
- Lori Pilon, VoP Administrator noted that Vancouver Coastal Health Authority had requested to amend the ToR to have two Coastal Health representatives to the WOCSC.
- Lori Pilon, VOP informed Councils that the representatives not yet selected are the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police (STP) and one from the Youth Advisory Council.

Motion #3 20-02-2007

Moved by Village of Pemberton Councillor David McKenzie, seconded by Mount Currie Band Councillor Martina Pierre that the Terms of Reference for the joint Winds of Change Steering Committee be accepted All in Favour/Motion Carried

6. Sub-Regional Land Use Study

- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator briefed on the background of the Sub-Regional Planning Study and the Sub-Regional Planning Steering Committee members
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator stated that there were going to be two elected officials forums held, one February 21, 2007 with the second elected officials' forum to be held the end of March 2007.
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator stated that the VoP's Official Community Plan (OCP) would feed in to Lil'wat Phase II Land Use Plan (LLUP).

7. Emergency Planning

- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator noted that regarding the Emergency Planning points A, B, & C are ongoing and then briefed councils on the out come of the Emergency Planning meeting.
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator stated that regarding point "D) Develop draft proposal to explore joint investment in emergency preparedness infrastructure and complementary services"; on the premises that both Councils recognize an opportunity would a discussion between MCB and VoP Fire Departments on expanding and combining services would be beneficial. .
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator stated that Cost wise would it benefit both communities to put together a proposal, nothing detailed or nothing would be finalized.
- Chief Leonard Andrew noted the recent loss of the MCB fire hall on IR# 10 and stated that MCB will be getting a new fire hall, the question is where.
- Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator discussed the cost for services and how a tax structure would be set with a combined VoP and MCB fire hall and stated that an opportunity to consider would be an examples of such a combined structure.
- Both Councils discussed the benefits of a combined structure to both communities as both fire departments have been on calls working together.
- Jordan Sturdy VoP Mayor stated that this would be a sensitive cost recovery issue funding come through VoP tax-payers.

Motion #4 20-07-2007

Moved by Village of Pemberton Councillor David Mackenzie, seconded by Mount Currie Band Councillor Lois Joseph that the joint Mount Currie Band and Village of Pemberton Councils support the development of a joint fire hall project proposal which examines governance cost/cost recovery long term benefits and risks so as to allow each Council to make an informed decision as to whether or not and how to proceed. All in Favour/Motion Carried

9. Next Joint VoP/MCB Council meeting

- Both Councils recommended May 29, 2007 for the next VoP/MCB joint Council meeting.
- Jordan Sturdy, VoP Mayor wanted it noted the local transit system is an issue to all who use it in the corridor; the value of service and where is it going in the future.
- Both Councils discussed the transit service scheduling and costs concerns and recommended a meeting be arranged with Coast Mountain Transit.
- Jordan Sturdy, VoP Mayor noted that the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) would be starting a taxation initiative for trail maintenance; however, there is Provincial grant available that we have applied, but haven't got approval for.
- Jordan Sturdy, VoP Mayor briefed on the Sea-to-Sky Trail Initiative in terms with the private property owners along the proposed trail route.

8:35 p.m.

Motion # 20-02-2007

Moved by Mount Currie Band Councillor Shirley Wallace, seconded by Mount Currie Band Councillor Bruce Edmonds that the February 20, 2007 joint Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band Council meeting adjourn. All In Favor/Motion Carried.

Secretary

Chairperson

Date Signed



REPORT TO JOINT COUNCILS

Date: June 19, 2007
From: Lori Pilon, Administrator
Subject: Winds of Change Update

Received by Joint Councils _____
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Date _____

Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan

The Village of Pemberton accessed funding through the Seniors in Communities Pilot Project Fund to develop a Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan. This is a collaborative initiative of the Village of Pemberton and Lil'wat Nation.

Seniors and elders in Pemberton and Mount Currie face many challenges such as a significant lack of culturally appropriate seniors housing, transportation, recreation and access to medical services to name a few. Through this initiative the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie are working cooperatively to develop a specific plan of action which will improve the quality of life for seniors and elders in our communities.

The development of the plan will be overseen by the Winds of Change Committee with additional representation from seniors/elders groups. The Committee has developed a Request for Proposals and is currently advertising for interested individuals or organizations to undertake this work. A copy of the RFP is attached. Please pass on to anyone who might be interested in submitting a proposal.

Rediscovery Program

On Monday, June 11, 2007 the Winds of Change Committee hosted Thom Henley the founder of the Rediscovery Program. This program complements the work the Committee is doing on treatment services.

Henley gave a slide show presentation of the various Rediscovery camps including the one in the Stein Valley. Rediscovery is a program for youth of all ages and backgrounds to discover and respect the world within themselves, the cultural worlds between each other, and the natural world around them. The program was developed with input from, and draws on the timeless wisdom of, Native elders. The first Rediscovery camp was held in Haida Gwaii and was started as an outdoor program for youth at risk.

Henley also gave the slide show presentation to the Joint Youth Advisory Council.

San Patrignano: Drug Addiction Therapeutic Community

The Winds of Change Committee has arranged to have Jeremy Guild, and possibly MLA Lorne Mayencourt to attend on Friday, July 13th at 1:30 to provide a presentation on San Patrignano a community in Italy that provides a unique treatment model. A newspaper article on San Patrignano is attached.



Request for Proposals

Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan

The Village of Pemberton on behalf of the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* is inviting qualified consulting firms and/or individuals to submit proposals to develop a Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan for the communities of Pemberton and Mount Currie. This is a collaborative initiative of the Village of Pemberton and the Mount Currie Indian Band (Lil'wat Nation).

Steering Committee:

Representatives from Pemberton Seniors Society and First Nations elders will be invited to join members of the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* to oversee and provide input into this initiative. The *Joint Winds of Change Committee* includes representation from Mount Currie Indian Band, Village of Pemberton, Squamish Lillooet Region District, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, Sea to Sky Community Services, RCMP and Statlimx Tribal Police. The Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan will contribute to a review of options and recommended course of action by the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* to appropriate local governments and agencies.

Scope of Work:

Seniors and elders in Pemberton and Mount Currie face many challenges such as a significant lack of culturally appropriate seniors housing, transportation, recreation and access to medical services to name a few. Through this initiative the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie are working cooperatively to develop a specific plan of action which will improve the quality of life for seniors and elders in our communities.

The plan will create a specific framework for the development of a senior and elder friendly community. The plan will be based on local priorities of both Pemberton and Mount Currie, incorporating recommendations of not only social but also cultural significance. Additionally, the plan will support activities that can be shown to contribute to improving the lives of seniors and elders over time.

The development of a *Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan* will be an essential first step towards assisting both the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie in preparing for an aging population and in enhancing and improving culturally appropriate services for seniors and elders within our communities.

Goal of the Project

The goal of this project is to develop a comprehensive *Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan* (the Plan), with the collaboration of our community partners, local seniors/elders, and the community at large.

The Plan will identify and make recommendations to eliminate or reduce the challenges that seniors and elders face everyday. The plan will address, but is not limited to:

- Identifying short and long term goals with regards to the development of seniors' and elders' housing that is sensitive to the needs of both cultures.
- Identifying potential sources of funding and community partners for the future development of seniors/elders housing.
- Identifying short and long term goals with regards to transportation for seniors/elders in the community.
- Identifying potential sources of funding and community partners for the future development of seniors/elder transportation.
- Identifying steps that local businesses and new developments can take to make their businesses and properties more senior/elder friendly.
- Identify and make recommendations as to ways in which municipal and band policy, planning, programs and services can better promote a senior and elder friendly community.

Detailed Description of Work:

The Project Leader will:

- Facilitate discussions between the organizations represented by the steering committee, the business community, and the community in general. Allow for a minimum of four visits to Pemberton/Mount Currie (initial introductory meeting, interview stakeholders and collect information, public consultation session, presentation of final report).
- Host community consultation session(s) with key stakeholders for both Pemberton and Mount Currie.
- Conduct independent research in the area of seniors'/elders' needs, wellbeing, and safety, and survey local seniors/elders as to their thoughts regarding day-to-day living, housing, transportation, safety and medical services.
- Analyze and evaluate current services and facilities available within and to seniors/elders of the Pemberton Valley, primarily but not limited to, Pemberton and Mount Currie.
- Analyze and evaluate the need and thus the potential use of additional services, activities and facilities.
- Analyze and identify sources of funding, both capital and operational, for facilities, activities and/or services identified.

- Work closely with both the communities of Pemberton and Mount Currie to establish guidelines and recommendations which are culturally sensitive.
- Develop and present a *Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan*. This plan will be based upon the information gathered over the course of the project, and will address the goals of the project as specified above.

Study Area:

The study will address an area which includes Mount Currie Indian Band village sites and Village of Pemberton.

Deliverables:

- **Senior and Elder Friendly Community Plan:** A comprehensive Plan that identifies and makes recommendations to eliminate or reduce the challenges that seniors and elders face in our communities. The Plan will incorporate short and long term goals, identify potential sources of funding and community partners, and provide strategic next steps to be implemented (Electronic and five (5) hard copies).
- **Business Case for Funding:** In consultation with the *Joint Winds of Change Committee* provide a business case for potential provincial and federal funding agencies. Ensure all information required by the provincial and federal governments is provided.
- **Senior and Elder Friendly Community Information Brochure:** Provide copy for an 8½ by 11 inch three fold information brochure.

Proposal Requirements:

To ensure the best understanding of the needs of seniors/elders, this contract seeks a consultant who is familiar with issues facing seniors in both Native and nonnative communities. All proposals should include the following information:

1. Contact Information

Include members and roles of Consultant team

2. Background and Experience:

- Describe current and/or prior experience of you or your firm in providing similar plans/studies for municipalities, local governments and/or First Nations,
- Provide names of contact persons, addresses and phone numbers of local governments and First Nations that your firm has provided similar studies/plans, and
- Village and Band staff resources will be made available to support the study however in order to assist staff to manage their schedules applicants are required to produce, within the proposal, a forecast of information and support required.

3. Method of Approach

Provide a detailed Method of Approach. This should address how the applicant plans to meet the requirements of each goal as outlined in the Detailed Description of Work.

Applicants shall provide a time line of activities to complete the study, which may be negotiated with successful applicant.

4. Cost – Proposed fee schedule

Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) has been allocated to undertake this study. This is the upset cost and will include all consulting fees, disbursements, travel and tax. Facility, refreshment and advertising for public consultation session(s) will be provided by the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band.

5. Proposal Deadline:

An electronic copy plus one original and five (5) hard copies of your proposal must be received on or before 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007. Please submit by:

Mail to: Lori Pilon, Administrator
PO Box 100, Pemberton BC, V0N 2L0

or Deliver to: Lori Pilon, Administrator
7400 Prospect Street, Pemberton BC, V0N 2L0

Applicants requiring further clarification should contact the following:

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If during the review and preparation of the Proposal, certain errors, omissions or ambiguities are discovered, questions should be addressed to Lori Pilon at the address stated above. Written clarification will be provided to all potential applicants. No person has the authority to verbally alter the details of the proposal.



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HOPE AND A WAY TO THE FUTURE

DRUG TREATMENT | More than 20,000 addicts have sought hope in a long-term treatment program that offers professional and life skills for the years ahead

BY JONATHAN FOWLIE
VANCOUVER SUN

RIMINI, Italy — Where dark sunken bloodshot circles used to announce years of self-inflicted abuse, Vito Telesca now has two bright and vibrant brown eyes. His body — the one that just five years ago had suffered so many injections it could no longer stand — has morphed from a stench-filled rack of pasty flesh into an athletic frame that, on this day, gently tugs at the shoulder seams of a crisp white dress shirt.

"For the first time in my life I feel like I'm doing something," a confident Telesca said in an interview last month, sitting in a bird-filled vista on the grounds of San Patrignano, Europe's largest drug addiction therapeutic community near the city of Rimini on the Adriatic.

"This place really saved my life. It saved my life," he said, eventually

revealing a raw history that brought rare credence to that oft-cited hyperbole.

In its almost 30 years, San Patrignano has treated more than 20,000 people like Telesca, helping many drug addicts journey from desperation into stable productive lives and, most importantly, into people who no longer see drugs as the ultimate solution. What's more, it has done this without a cent of government funding.

The community's success — one university study found that 72 per cent of a given sample remained drug free after at least two years in the San Patrignano program — has attracted attention from around the world, including B.C., where politicians and community workers have for years been actively wondering if the Italian model could help address Canadian problems.

Lack of funding, or ideological

divides in B.C., have meant many such efforts have sputtered — including a recent one before the GVRD — although this week MLA Lorne Mayencourt declared he is ready to make what he hopes will be the final push. While travelling around the province to promote his ideas on San Patrignano, Mayencourt declared he will do whatever it takes to bring the Italian model to B.C.

"I just feel very confident and very passionate about it," Mayencourt said in an interview with *The Vancouver Sun*, explaining he has found a site near Prince George and, with the help of a group of Queen's and Cornell MBA students, hopes to have a viable business plan in place by September.



"Sometimes you are just supposed to do things," he said, explaining he is willing to make dramatic changes in his own life, and to go ahead without any government funding, if that is what's necessary.

Mayencourt's determination for this new project comes from having visited the Italian facility last January and from seeing the changes it has been able to influence.

"We've forgotten to include hope in what we're offering to people," he said, suggesting hope is exactly the currency of the Italian program.

"I think that is the most important thing, the ability for [recovering addicts] to understand they have great potential," he added.

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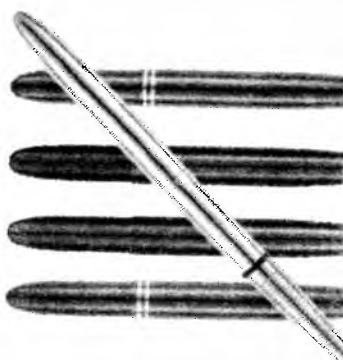
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At San Patrignano last month, that hope was abundant in both the face, and the newfound ambitions, of 35-year-old Telesca.

Five years ago, the former addict was living in a small town outside Manchester, England, stealing cars, gas and anything else he could find to get enough money for his next fix.

"When you are really desperate you'll do anything," he said, recalling having to burn his ex-girlfriend's shoes to keep warm because he couldn't afford firewood. Snow and rain was coming through the windows in his house, he said, because the windows and doors were broken from an earlier police raid.

As the spiral continued, Telesca sold his house for a pittance and blew even that on drugs, spending with impunity until he ended with literally nothing. "There wasn't a penny left in my pocket. I spent it all on drugs," he said. "I thought I was going to die."

At that point Telesca appealed to his father in Rome — his only living relative and a man he had not seen in 16 years — and eventually found his way to San Patrignano.

Close to 3,000 people apply each year to get into San Patrignano, although only about 600 can be admitted. In total, there are about 1,600 guests at the facility at any given time, all of whom stay for an average of about three to four years.

A select few are sent to the community through the court system, although the overwhelming majority come voluntarily and only after a rigorous round of applications. Upon arrival, guests are assigned a group of recovering addicts to live with as well as at least one direct mentor. The idea is to get them into a social network, and to force them to deal with the kind of social conflicts and situations they will encounter in the real world so they cannot sink into individual avoidance.

While in the program no one can use drugs and everyone is required to eventually take on a full-time job within the community.

In Telesca's case, his first 20 days were punctuated by sleepless nights as he struggled to tear himself from his physical dependence. While his 14 roommates slept soundly, Telesca sweated, clenched and churned — all the time enduring the excruciating pain of cold turkey.

Eventually, Telesca said, he started being able to sleep, to eat and even to contemplate a more normal existence. Eventually, he said, he had beaten his physical addiction.

In some programs this would be the marker of success. At San Patrignano, this was just the beginning. "The drugs you use, that is not the problem you have here," explained Andrea Muccioli, son of San Patrignano's founder and the current program director.

"The reason you take drugs is because you

decided to escape, from life, from family from yourself and so on — it is the reason that led you here," he said, explaining those underlying problems are the ones the program seeks to address.

Expanding on this idea, Muccioli took aim at the harm reduction strategies such as supervised injection and methadone.

"After 10 or 12 years [on such programs addicts] are much weaker. They are less able, not more able, to take the final decision to stop taking drugs and grow up and change and so on," he said, adding he thinks the underlying assumption in those programs is that the addicts are unrecoverable.

"We do not see a drug addict as an unrecoverable addict, as an addict that will have to bear this burden for the rest of his life," he said.

"We lived with 22,000 of these unrecoverable human beings and as a matter of fact at least 10,000 of them are now out there; they are employers or entrepreneurs, they are lawyers, they are physicians, they are psychologists, they are journalists."

Muccioli said that for people to be accepted in the program they have to meet two criteria: They have to want to change, and they have to acknowledge that their drug use is not the main problem, but a manifestation of other, more fundamental, issues. Accordingly, the program seeks to help those in its care to readjust to a normal living environment.

Through an intricate and evolving system of mentoring, the program keeps people tightly controlled for an average of three to four years and seeks to help each guest confront his or her insecurities and fears.

"You come here and you realize that you know nothing, that you really have to start from new again, working hard to have a life with dignity, to have a life where you have to learn to be responsible," said Nicole Glausen, who was heavily addicted to heroin before applying to San Patrignano.

While at San Patrignano, each guest is streamed into one of dozens of work specialties where they contribute to the community's productivity while also learning a skill.

Across the sprawling 250 hectare grounds, there is a horse breeding stable, a cheese factory, a wood shop, a winery and dozens of other specialized workplaces.

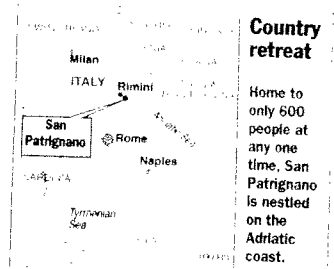
Throughout those areas, the community seeks to meet the highest quality for each discipline and sells many of these items into the general public, earning a reported half of the \$35 million it takes each year to operate the community. The work also helps people to gain stability and a normal routine, something many lack when they arrive.

As perhaps the most telling test of the efficacy of the overall program, Glausen recently returned home to Zurich after her four and a half years at San Patrignano.

"After four days I got back into normal life," she said, explaining the trip was a short-term chance to see if she was ready to deal with the pressures

San Patrignano Facts

1,800	Current number of people at San Patrignano
3,000	Admission requests in 2005
565	Number of people admitted in that year
565	Number of people who completed the program and left the community in 2005:
75	Number of people who dropped out in that year
More than 20,000	Total number of people hosted at the community since its inception
about \$16,700	Yearly cost per community member



Telesca's, however, San Patrignano is not without its critics, and indeed its rough spots.

In the 1980s police found residents at the community who had been chained to stop them from running away.

Vincenzo Muccioli, the founder and then director of the community who started the program by taking a few troubled young people into his family vacation house, was sentenced to 20 months in jail as a result, although the conviction was overturned on appeal. In an interview while he was still alive, Vincenzo defended the practice, and said he would do the same again, if it came to it.

In 1989, Vincenzo encountered other problems as well.

According to an essay by Dr. Giancarlo Arnao who was, before his death, president of the International Anti-Prohibitionist League, Muccioli was tried for murder after the body of a San Patrignano guest was found in a garbage bin about 600 kilometres away in Naples.

Vincenzo was acquitted of a murder charge, though Arnao's account of the trial suggests a few skeletons were unearthed along the way.

"During the trial many San Patrignano inmates or former inmates testified that the community was ruled with a high level of violence," he wrote, adding that Vincenzo was found guilty on a lesser charge of complicity in hiding the corpse and given a suspended sentence of eight months in jail.

Though San Patrignano's few skeletons can be seen as a cautionary warning, those who have witnessed the repeated successes feel the model has too many positive attributes to ignore.

As such, Mayencourt said he will continue to press for a program of its kind to be built at the site just outside Prince George where addicts can go through traditional treatments and then have the option for a longer-term residential program.

For Prince George Mayor Colin Kinsley, the idea is a welcome relief.

"I think it would be a great opportunity," he said, adding he thinks the majority people of Prince George will give it their full support.

"I can see this being great."

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of the outside world. "I got more secure about how I was feeling, also with my parents," she said.

"The thing that really filled me up and made me feel good about myself is I had chats with my parents and my brother for hours that we never had," she explained. "That was so nice."

While the trip was an opportunity to reconnect with family, however, it was also a chance to see what more work she needed to do before she was ready to leave San Patrignano for good.

"It was strange. I felt like a marian. I felt it was a world that wasn't mine anymore," she explained of her short time away.

Glausen said she learned an immense amount on the trip, but also was confronted with some of the old scenes and people from her drug past — things that once would have drawn her back.

"The thing that really felt very strongly is that I never ever want to be part of that world anymore," she said. "I have so many things I want to do. So many things I feel inside now that I don't want to lose the way I feel," she added.

What's more, she said, she has learned to recognize the signs of trouble and is optimistic she can find her way without drugs.

Despite success stories like Glausen's and

Notice of Public Information Meeting

to present the results of the

Lil'wat Nation, Village of Pemberton, SLRD Area C
Sub-regional Land Use Planning Study

Thursday, June 28, 2007

**** Ts'zil Learning Centre, Room 107 ****
Mount Currie, IR # 10
6:00pm – 9:00pm

Open House 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Presentation 7:30 pm

This study is a joint project between the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), the Village of Pemberton and the Lil'wat Nation to inform policy direction for managing long-term population growth in the Pemberton - Mount Currie area. Stantec Consulting Ltd. was contracted to analyse and evaluate opportunities to accommodate and manage projected increases in population, considering the principles of smart growth and with the goal of developing compact, sustainable communities as articulated in the draft *SLRD Regional Growth Strategy*. The results of this study will be the topic of this meeting, and will inform the Electoral Area C Official Community Plan (OCP), Village of Pemberton OCP and future Lil'wat Nation land use plans, as well as the *SLRD Regional Growth Strategy*.

The report and proposed growth scenario maps can be accessed from the SLRD website: www.slrld.bc.ca. Hard-copies and more information may also be obtained from the SLRD office in Pemberton.

All are welcome, no pre-registration required.

