

**VoP/MCB Joint Council Meeting**  
**June 14, 2005**  
**Ts'zil Learning Centre**

**Mount Currie Band *cited MCB***

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

**Attendance:** Chief Leonard Andrew

**Councillors:** Alphonse Wallace, Bruce Edmonds, Christopher Irving, Felicity Nelson, Joanne John, Lois Joseph, Lucinda Phillips, Martina Pierre, Morgan Wells, Patricia Williams, Ruth Dick, and Shirley Wallace

**Others:** Sheldon Tetreault, Senior Administrator; Carrie Lester-Smith, Executive Secretary; Village of Pemberton (VoP) Mayor Elinor Warner, Bryan Kirk, Administrator, Michelle Beauregard, Linda Chandler and Richard Doucet, Councillors; Cindy Filipanko, Pique Newsmagazine

**Agenda**

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Chief Leonard Andrew Comments**
- 4. Mayor Elinor Warner Comments**
- 5. Recreation Discussion**
- 6. Tourism Information Centre Status Report**
- 7. Airport Status Report**
- 8. Joint Task Force Update – Co-Chairs**
- 9. Friendship Trail – Joint Motion to Support**
- 10. Proposal for a Protocol Agreement between VoP/MCB**
- 11. Closing Comments**

**7:12 p.m.**

**1. Opening Prayer**

- Councillor Christopher Irving opened the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Introductions**

- VoP and MCB Council made round table introductions.

**3. Chief Leonard Andrew Comments**

- Chief Leonard Andrew briefed on the VoP and MCB history of working together.

**4. Mayor Elinor Warner Comments**

- Mayor Elinor Warner briefed on the two communities working together in promoting healthy, safe communities with clean air and clean water.

**7. Recreation**

- VoP Mayor Elinor Warner informed both Councils that an opportunity has come forward for our communities to receive funding from the federal government for an ice skating venue in the area.
- Both VoP and MCB Councils discussed how an ice arena would be beneficial to both communities.
- Linda Chandler, VoP Council stated that she liked the idea of accessing funding, free from the Federal Government, so taxpayers are not paying taxes for a new ice arena.
- VoP Mayor Elinor Warner informed both Councils that the ice arena was Whistler's venue and it was up to Whistler to let it go and up to us to decide whether we can support this venue.
- Sheldon Tetreault, Senior Administrator stated that it was up to the communities to decide what they are willing to put on the table. It is up to the two governments to strategize what we are willing to put up for this arena.
- VoP Mayor Elinor Warner recommended that a committee be put together to research the strategies available to both communities.
- VoP Elinor Warner stated that if we manage something like this venue both communities would benefit.
- Bryan Kirk, VoP Administrator recommended that both Councils take the recommendation back and nominate a couple of representatives for a committee.

#### **Motion #1 14-06-2005**

*Moved by Councillor Martina Pierre, seconded by Mayor Elinor Warner that the Mount Currie Band Chief and Council and the Village of Pemberton Council agree to work together to bring the paralympic ice arena to our valley for a lasting legacy to benefit our communities.*

#### **All in Favor/Motion Carried**

- VoP Mayor Elinor Warner informed Council that the VoP and the SLRD Area "C" are governed by a bylaw, it was been recommended that the bylaw be amended to have a representative of MCB.
- VoP Mayor Elinor Warner briefed both Council's on the Area "C" Bylaw and iterated that it would be a positive step if MCB sat on this commission. We would have the communication that we have not had not had in the past.
- MCB Council agreed that it would be beneficial to have a Recreation portfolio holder sit on the SLRD commission.

#### **8. Tourism Information Centre Status Report**

- Linda Chandler, VoP Councillor stated that she is on Pemberton Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber of Commerce); the Chamber of Commerce has been looking for a permanent home with increased space for the Tourism Information booth.
- Linda Chandler, VoP Councillor informed Council that the Chamber of Commerce does have a log home plan for the Tourism Information booth which they are hoping to have situated in the area where the current Information booth sits.
- Linda Chandler, VoP Councillor stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to work with MCB and set up a global tourism center for the whole valley. If MCB is in support of working together to establish the Tourism Information booth Mark Blundell, President of the Chamber of Commerce is the contact person.

- Chief Leonard Andrew noted that the land parcels have not been finalized with the Province yet; however, once everything is finalized MCB would definitely consider working together on this project.
- Linda Chandler, VoP Councillor informed Council that that Drew Oberson, Continental Pole Yard has agreed that the logs for a Tourism Information booth can be purchased at cost and logging companies have been approached to get a deal on timber. (Hoping for community support and input.)

## **9. Airport Status Report**

- Bryan Kirk, VoP Administrator briefed both Councils on the status of the Pemberton Airport proposal.
- Bryan Kirk, VoP Administrator stated that the Pemberton Airport extension plan is to reserve space surrounding the existing airport.
- Both Councils discussed the feasibility of the Pemberton Airport expansion.
- Chief Leonard Andrew noted that the issue Lil'wat has regarding the Pemberton Airport site and plan is the land and archaeological sites in the area.
- Both Councils discussed the feasibility of the Pemberton airport versus an airport in Whistler.
- Richard Doucet, VoP Councillor stated that the Pemberton airport is essential to both the fire departments in the event of a forest fire in the valley the benefit of having the airport is detrimental for the safety of both communities.

**8:31 p.m. Break for Coffee**

**8:48 p.m. Reconvened**

## **5. Joint Task Force Update – Co-Chairs**

- Mayor Elinor Warner noted that since the “Winds of Change” task force report was released there have been demands for a presentation.
- Michelle Beauregard, VoP Council stated that the United Church was pleased with the “Winds of Change” presentation. They discussed what they can do in support of the task force report.
- Michelle Beauregard, VoP Council stated that the “Winds of Change” report is a living document for both communities to embrace.
- Mayor Elinor Warner informed MCB Council that a “Winds of Change” presentation was made to the Pemberton Chamber of Commerce and the report was adopted in principle; the co-chairs would like to do a community presentation in MCB.
- Mayor Elinor Warner stated that they are getting a lot of comments and good responses on the “Winds of Change” presentation; as, this is a document that people can understand, not one done by professionals.

*8:56 p.m. Councillor Joanne John arrived.*

- Councillor Joanne John stated that a sub task force was formed to keep the “Winds of Change” moving. To be successful the “Winds of Change” task force report needs to have a united front; both communities must be seen working together.
- Councillor Joanne John stated that the Chief and Council have to promote the “Winds of Change” report. The Councils have to start modeling the concept to make it believable.
- Richard Doucet, VoP Council briefed on the Pemberton Folk Festival and the two communities coming together in a non-alcohol environment.

- Councillor Joanne John briefed on the joint communities youth forum that was held in Pemberton, they were hoping for a unification of the youth; however, due to competition with other youth activities the attendance was low.
- Mayor Elinor Warner informed both Councils that they had applied for more funds for the fall 2005. This last youth forum they had targeted the high school age range; however, we should be targeting all youth twenty-nine years and under.
- Councillor Joanne John stated that a question brought up by the youth, from previous meetings, is who are our Chief and Council and what are the rules of Chief and Council?
- Councillor Joanne John noted that there are a lot of good things our two communities are doing together and now we can find out from our youth anything else we could be doing.
- Councillor Joanne John recommended that a youth council be formed.

#### **6. Friendship Trail – Joint Motion to Support**

- Sheldon Tetreault, Senior Administrator briefed on the Friendship Trail concept brought forward by the “Winds of Change” report.

#### **Motion #2 14-06-2005**

*Moved by Chief Leonard Andrew, seconded by Mayor Elinor Warner that*

*Whereas the Pemberton/Mount Currie Council joint task force on drug and alcohol misuse brought us together; and*

*Whereas the Winds of Change report has been adopted by our respective Council’s; and,*

*Whereas one of the recommendations of the Winds of Change report is to promote healthy lifestyle choices through development of shared recreational infrastructure like a safe, non-motorized trail between the two communities.*

**Be it Therefore Resolved** *that the Mount Currie Band Chief and Council and the Village of Pemberton Council support and endorse the concept of the Mount Currie–Pemberton Friendship Trail.*

**All in Favor/Motion Carried**

#### **10. Proposal for a Protocol Agreement between VoP/MCB**

- Sheldon Tetreault, Senior Administrator noted that the Protocol Agreement is an agreement that formalizes the positive working arrangement between our two communities and states that our communities agree to work together in a positive respectful way. If both Councils agree then the Protocol Agreement can be drawn up for our next joint Council meeting.
- Mayor Elinor Warner noted that the VoP Fire Department would like an agreement in place so that when they attend a fire in the MCB area they will be covered.
- VoP Councillor Michelle Beauregard stated that it would be good to have the Protocol Agreement drawn up before the Pemberton elections in November 2005.
- Chief Leonard Andrew noted that then the communities would not have to go back to square one all the time; and in the event of a disaster, there would be guidelines to follow.
- Both Councils agreed to start working on a draft protocol agreement between MCB and VoP.

#### **Motion #3 14-02005**

*Moved by Mayor Elinor Warner, seconded by Chief Leonard Andrew that the Mount Currie Band Council and Village of Pemberton Council agree to develop a Protocol Agreement to build on and strengthen positive working relationships between our respective governments.*

**All in Favor/Motion Carried**

#### **11. Closing remarks.**

- Mayor Elinor Warner stated that it would be good if both Councils could try and meet every six months; as both communities would benefit from it. If either community has a problem it would be better to talk about it right away.
- Chief Leonard Andrew thanked the VoP Council for being at tonight's meeting.
- Chief Leonard Andrew stated that it has been proven, over time, that both our communities work together it is only beneficial to us both.

*9:45 p.m. Mayor Elinor Warner, VoP Council and Cindy Filipanki, Pique Newsmagazine departed.*

- Sheldon Tetreault, Senior Administrator gave Council an overview of the Chief and Council meeting dates for June 2005.
- Councillor Patricia Williams read a letter dated June 2005 regarding MCB member Trudy Williams' trailer court.

**10:21 p.m.**

*Moved by Councillor Ruth Dick, seconded by Councillor Lois Joseph that the joint Village of Pemberton Council and Mount Currie Band Council meeting adjourned.*

**All in Favor/Motion Carried**

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**Secretary**

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**Chairperson**

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**Date Signed**