



Mt. Currie Band – Village of Pemberton Joint Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Village of Pemberton/Mount Currie Band Joint Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 7, 2006 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Pemberton Secondary School.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Village of Pemberton: Mayor Jordan Sturdy, Councillor Mark Blundell, Councillor Jennie Helmer, Councillor Kirsten McLeod, Councillor David MacKenzie, Lori Pilon, Administrator, Sheena Fraser, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Doucet, David Allen, Director of Development Services.

Mount Currie Band: Chief Leonard Andrew, Councillor Morgan Wells, Councillor Alphonse Wallace, Councillor Bruce Edmonds, Councillor Lois Joseph, Councillor Martina Pierre, Councillor Patricia Williams, Councillor Felicity Nelson, Councillor Ruth Dick, Councillor Shirley Wallace, Councillor Lucinda Phillips, Councillor Christopher Irving, Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator, Daniel Cindric, Recreation Coordinator, Fire Chief Charles Frank

REGRETS: Fire Chief Russell Mack

Mayor Jordan Sturdy called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer

Councillor Morgan Wells led the Opening Prayer.

2. Mayor Jordan Sturdy's Welcome and Introduction

Mayor Sturdy welcomed the members of the Mount Currie Band Council to Pemberton and spoke about the commitment of both communities to come together in this way to talk about mutual interests. Mayor Sturdy complemented the Lil'wat Nation on the Land Use Plan that was unveiled earlier in the month. The Plan is an

interesting and exciting document that has set the stage for the future of the Valley in general.

3. Chief Leonard Andrew – Opening Comments

Chief Andrew thanked Mayor Sturdy and stated that the Joint Council Meeting initiative shows how the two communities can work successfully together and that there is much to be achieved by meeting in this format.

4. Minutes of the Joint Council meeting held June 6, 2006

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of the Joint Council Meeting, held June 6, 2006, be approved with changes.

CARRIED

5. Youth Advisory Council Update – Terms of Reference for Signing

Mayor Sturdy provided an update on the status of the Youth Advisory Council and advised that there has been some delay in moving this project forward and asked that both the Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie make appointments to the Youth Advisory Council to provide assistance to the Council.

The Mount Currie Band Council will be making an appointment at the November 14th Council meeting and the Village of Pemberton will make an appointment at the November 21st Council Meeting.

The first meeting of the Youth Advisory Council will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in the White Building located at the Village Office in Pemberton.

6. Future Agenda Items – document created from agenda development exercise held on June 6, 2006-10-02

A. Sub-Regional Land Use Study

Mayor Sturdy provided background on the Sub-Regional Land Use Study initiative and the importance and uniqueness of having all three communities involved in the process to ensure each community's needs and desires are considered and represented.

Daniel Sailland, Senior Administrator, advised that MCB is very interested in this initiative and want to better understand the process and implications of a joint planning exercise of this nature.

MCB will be reviewing the Sub-Regional Land Use Study Terms of Reference at the November 14th Council Meeting and will provide feedback and comment at that time.

B. Emergency Planning

Update by Deputy Fire Chief Richard Doucet, Assistant Emergency Co-ordinator and Lil'wat Fire Chief Charles Frank

Richard Doucet advised that since 2003 the Village of Pemberton has developed and adopted an Emergency Response/Recovery Plan and that planning is underway for a table top exercise to provide opportunity to test the plan and train staff. The purpose of the plan will be to look at the roles, who will be responsible for each area and how it will work in the case of an emergency.

Doucet spoke about the cooperation that exists between the Pemberton Fire Department and the Mount Currie Fire Department. Doucet advised that both Fire Departments are always looking to recruit volunteers and that it is important to have volunteers who know the community and will stay in the community. Doucet extended an invitation to all members of the Mount Currie Fire Department to join in the training.

Next Steps:

- Explore and report on joint training opportunities
- Plan regular joint emergency planning exercises
- Explore and report on opportunities for mutual aid
- Develop draft proposal to explore joint investment in emergency preparedness infrastructure and complementary services.

C. Promote Positive / Healthy Lifestyles

Update by Bruce Edmonds, Jennie Helmer

Councillor Bruce Edmonds provided an update on the activities related to the recommendations of the Winds of Change and announced that November 18 – 25 is National Addictions Awareness Week and that several events have been planned in cooperation with Sea to Sky Community Services in Mount Currie and Pemberton to promote various activities focussed around family.

Discussion took place regarding funding available from the UBCM Community Health Promotion Fund and that the Village in partnership with Mount Currie Band had made a grant application, in the amount of \$35,000, to undertake a feasibility study for a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre in Pemberton. Mayor Sturdy advised that discussions with Minister de Jong at UBCM about this project had been very positive.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Joint Council support the proposal to undertake a feasibility study for a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centre in Pemberton.

CARRIED

Councillor Jennie Helmer spoke about the collaborative effort that has been made to promote the Winds of Change document and the recommendations that have been made indicating that the more support from both Council's the better the success will be in addressing the issues within the community. Helmer introduced Carrie Turchinetz who has been very involved in this project and advised that Carrie was collecting household items to give to the victims of a house fire down the lake.

Discussion took place regarding the establishment of the Winds of Change Steering Committee and to expand membership on the Committee in order to engage the whole community in this initiative.

Winds of Change Resolution

Moved/Seconded

THAT a Joint Winds of Change Steering Committee be established to ensure the ongoing implementation of the Winds of Change: A Healing Vision recommendations; and

THAT the Terms of Reference be approved in principle and forwarded to each Council for final approval and appointment to the Committee.

CARRIED

D. Recreation

Introduction of Recreation Co-ordinator Daniel Cedric

Daniel Cedric provided background on this role in Mount Currie as a facilitator, leader, fundraiser, program coordinator and that the goal is to provide programs based around leadership development and recreation in order to ensure the community has access to a better and healthier way of life.

Cedric touched on many of the initiatives that have taken place or are in development and how events such as the Community to Community Forums and the work to establish the Friendship Trail show how it is important for the communities to work together on a common goal.

Moved/Seconded

THAT a letter of congratulations be sent to the Boys Soccer Team.

CARRIED

E. Economic Development/Olympic Update

Update by Greg Bikadi

Greg Bikadi, President, Creekside Development, Mount Currie Band, provided the Joint Council with background on the growth of the community and on the initiatives taken to become more involved in the mainstream. MCB has been successful in leveraging opportunities and partnerships with businesses in the corridor and that has translated into more funding, job opportunities for Band members and business development for the Band in general.

Mayor Sturdy spoke about various ways that the communities could be integrated through business and economic development and provided examples such as the Community Forest, Tourism, Cultural and Agro Tourism, hospitality, hydro electricity, Olympic legacies and the Tourist Information Centre.

Discussion followed regarding Parcel 2A and Mayor Sturdy reiterated the Village's support to exchange this parcel for a more appropriate piece that would have greater development potential.

F. Friendship Trail Update by Mayor Jordan Sturdy

Mayor Sturdy provided background on the Friendship Trail initiative and identified the route it would follow along the CN Rail line between Mount Currie and Pemberton. It is hopeful that the communities will receive a Letter of Agreement from CN Rail that will provide some direction that this initiative is fundamentally possible and to use the right-of-way.

Councillor Lucinda Phillips requested that a letter outlining the route be sent to MCB Land Department for review in order to ensure there is no impact on traditional lands.

7. IN CAMERA

Moved/Second

THAT the Joint Council Meeting adjourn to an In Camera Session
CARRIED

At 9:10 p.m. the Joint Council meeting moved to In Camera.

RCMP Constable Manon Chouinard, Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security provided an overview of the security needs and planning for the 2010 Olympics.

At 10:00 p.m. the Joint Council Rose without Report.

8. CLOSING

Mayor Sturdy thanked all members of both Council's for attending this unique Joint Meeting and to the Lil'wat Nation for sharing their traditional territory with the community.

Chief Andrew thanked the Village of Pemberton for hosting the meeting and advised that MCB looks forward to the next meeting in January.

DRAFT