



Village of PEMBERTON | Community Update



SLOW FOOD CYCLE CELEBRATES AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE POTATO

Pemberton residents know the region is full of hidden treasures, just like the spuds at the heart of this year's United Nations celebrations. Those treasures, from Pemberton's amazing people, small town feel, compact downtown core, spectacular environment, agricultural values, and great outdoor activities, were on full display last weekend at the fourth annual Slow Food Cycle, which attracted a record attendance of more than 2000.

Village Invites Feedback on Pemberton Festival

It was the biggest thing to hit Pemberton since the Gold Rush and the Village wants to hear your feedback on last month's Pemberton Festival. Take the Festival survey at www.pemberton.ca. A Public Meeting is set for September 11 at 7:00pm, at the new Community Centre, following a hearing with the ALC.

Pemberton Celebrates Waterways...

28 September will see BC Rivers Day celebrations trickling down to Pemberton, at One Mile Lake. Water-lovers are also encouraged to join the Village's Lawn Sprinkling Challenge. Odd numbered addresses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4am-9am and 7pm-10pm. Even numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays, 4am-9am and 7pm-10pm.

Open Fire Ban

Lightning strikes last weekend started several forest fires, further emphasizing the need for the current Fire Ban. Until further notice, an Open Fire Ban is in effect for the Pemberton Fire District, for open fires of any size, including campfires.

Village Office Aims for Welcoming and Accessible

Improvements are underway to improve the accessibility of the Village of Pemberton Office's front entrance. The height and grade of the building preclude a ramped entry, but the approach will be leveled, safety lighting installed, the porch will be widened, and the stairs and railings improved. In addition to a small garden and bench, an intercom directly to the reception will be installed. The project has been funded by the Measuring Up: Accessibility and Inclusivity program.

Ready for Council?

The 2008 General Local Election will be taking place on Saturday, November 15th. Pick up a Nomination Package for the office of Mayor, Councillor, or School Board Trustee from the Village of Pemberton beginning Friday, August 22, 2008. Don't miss your opportunity to make a difference: the period for submitting completed nomination documents is September 30th until October 10th. For more information please contact Kathleen Angelski, Chief Election Officer, at the Village Office.

Upcoming Meetings

Village of Pemberton Council meeting, Tuesday, September 9, 7pm at Council Chambers, 1350 Aster Street (above the Fire Hall.) (Note change of date.)
Industrial Park Temporary Use Permit, Zoning Amendment Public Hearing, September 10, 7pm, Council Chambers.
Pemberton Festival Public Meeting, September 11, 7pm, new Community Centre.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OR ANY OTHER TOPICS, PLEASE:

Visit our website at www.pemberton.ca, Email us at admin@pemberton.ca, Call us at 604.894.6135, or drop by the Village Office Monday - Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Boundary Extension - FAQ

What's the rationale for the boundary extension? The Sub-Regional Land Use Planning Strategy, prepared last April by Stantec, hypothesized that Pemberton could continue to grow at the pace it has over the past 20 years, which would see a 2026 population of around 10,000.

Beyond infill and the development of the Pemberton Benchlands area, the largest area for future development, necessary should Pemberton grow to a population of 10,000, is the Ivey and Mosquito Lakes "Hillside" area.

On April 15 2008, an official Council resolution passed, by majority, to proceed with an extension to the Village boundaries, to incorporate the Hillside, the "largest unconstrained area for future development", in response to a request from several property owners.

Stantec was hired to manage the process on the Village's behalf.

Why a piecemeal expansion? The extension area is four general sub-areas: the Pemberton Creek Watershed, the Highway 99 corridor south as far as the Green River Motocross Track including the Rutherford Power Station, 5 properties along Airport Road, and the "Hillside" north of the Lillooet River, centring around the petitioners' properties (and including the ALR land that recently hosted the Pemberton Festival.)

The Stantec interim report explains the rationale for expanding to these zones. They would provide for the growth identified in the Sub-regional Land Use Planning Study, allow control over the Pemberton Creek watershed and the highway corridor entrance to town, and achieve a more balanced assessment base.

The report also notes that the province is unlikely to approve a boundary extension if a majority of owners within the area object.

The current Village of Pemberton boundary extension proposal was initiated in response to the petition of landowners, and is supported, at least conditionally, by 7 of the 11 affected property owners.

A larger restructure study is planned once the boundary extension is complete.

What stage is the boundary extension at? The boundary extension process involves 5 main stages, with the first stage requiring the Village to define the precise area, and to consult with

residents, the regional district and other local governments and agencies.

Stantec made its interim report to Council at the August 12 meeting, approaching the completion of Stage 1.

The Village is now awaiting comments from several referral agencies. When all the information is complete and the consultation process is finished, Council will have to decide on moving ahead to Stage 2, to pass a resolution to submit the proposal (or a modified proposal) to the Ministry for evaluation.

Several issues were identified in the first stage and presented to Council for consideration in the interim report at the August 12 meeting.

Who has been consulted? A public meeting was held July 8 for Pemberton residents.

Comments have been invited from the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, the Lil'wat Nation, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the Agricultural Land Commission, BC Hydro, BC Rail, the Pemberton and District Chamber of Commerce, the Fire Protection District, the Howe Sound School District, ILMB, the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, the Squamish Forest District, the Ministry of Transportation, the Pemberton Valley Dyking District, the RCMP and Vancouver Coastal Health.

A summary of their comments is available in the Stantec interim report.

Do I need to vote on this? No. There is no requirement that the boundary extension go to referendum or alternative approval process.

What are the financial impacts? According to the financial analysis done by Stantec there will be no change in tax revenues that accrue to the SLRD however there will be an increase in tax revenues to the Village of Pemberton in the approximate amount of \$185,000. These tax dollars are currently paid to Victoria.

How can I find out more? Both the interim Stantec report and a power-point of the July 8 public presentation are available online at www.pemberton.ca, or can be viewed in hard copy at the Village office.

