



Village of Pemberton | Community Update

Pemberton



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It takes a village to raise a Christmas Tree

50ft Christmas tree donated by Lizzie Bay Logging on display in front of Signal Hill Elementary School.

In Pemberton's case, it took the combined efforts of the Signal Hill Elementary School, the Parents Advisory Council, the School Board, the Village of Pemberton, the local business community and various donors to bring the Christmas spirit to Pemberton. A 50 foot tree, donated by Lizzie Bay Logging, was installed last week into a 10 foot deep hole in front of the elementary school, to create a festive showpiece for Pemberton this season. Contributors to the Community Christmas Tree Lights fund, and Home Hardware helped put together a 2000-long string of lights, which officially lit up on Thursday, with grade one student Anthony Liakakos flicking the switch to a soundtrack of his fellow students singing carols under the direction of music teacher Lee Edwards.

Said Mayor Sturdy, "This was definitely

one of those ideas that seemed almost impossible to make happen. But a lot of amazing people stepped up and we really appreciate their hard work to create something that the whole community can enjoy."

Thanks in particular are extended to Ted Craddock and Trish Sturdy for a great idea; Lizzie Bay Logging's Norm LeBlanc, John Barr, Gerry Mohs, Rod Ross and crew; the school community including Principal Pat MacKenzie, Dave Walden, Nancy Edwards, and Myron Ayers; Village staff Paul Atwood, Duane Thevarg and Chas Yon; Russell Mack, Christian Staehli and Ben Hansler of the Pemberton Fire Department; BC Hydro staff Kim Harvey and Andrew Gosse; and all the generous contributors to the Community Christmas Tree-light fund.

Seasons Greetings from the Village of Pemberton



Ho ho ho! Fire Chief Russell Mack ho-hopes you've booked your annual chimney clean. And in order to ensure the big guy in the red suit can have smooth access to your stockings on the mantle, the other guy in the red suit says "No Christmas paper in the fireplace!" Hot air rises, and with it goes flaming scraps of wrapping paper - a leading cause of chimney fires. Pemberton's volunteer fire crew hope to enjoy their eggnog in peace this Christmas, so recycle your wrapping paper, burn only dry firewood, and make sure your chimney is clean!

Deck the town hall with December office hours. The Village of Pemberton office will close from noon on 22 December until 26 December. The office will be open from 8:30am - 4:30pm on 27, 28 and 29 December. It will also be closed on January 1.

On the 11th day of Christmas, the Village's Financial Services Department wants to remind you that outstanding utilities and tax bills are due by December 31. Invoices that go into the New Year fall into arrears and incur interest payments. As the 31st falls on a Sunday, if you are making your payment by cash, cheque or debit, the Village office receives.

Sleigh bells ringing for vehicles parked on the odd side of the street. From 9pm to 9am, village parking is restricted to the even side of the street. Vehicles parked overnight on the odd side of the street will be ticketed, and possibly towed, in order to enable road-clearing crews to sweep the streets clean.

Happy New Licences! Get ready to renew licences. Renewal notices for business licences and dog licences will be sent early January.

Dates for New Year's Council resolutions. The Council meeting calendar for 2007 has been set and will be available on-line at www.pemberton.ca, as well as being posted at the Post Office. Council will continue to meet the first and third Tuesday of each month, with the first meeting for 2007 taking place January 9 at 7pm.

Mayor's Message

Those of you in the habit of sending out Christmas cards have probably already written your annual letter to friends and family. As Mayor, I have the chance to do the same on behalf of the Council of the Village of Pemberton, to extend our best wishes to Pemberton's residents, neighbours, business owners, and friends.

It's been an exciting year for our largely rookie Council, and we thank the staff of the Village of Pemberton for their hard work and dedication to serving the community. We also acknowledge the efforts of our Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Russell Mack, and his dedicated crew of volunteers. We also want to recognize our colleagues in governance - Director Susie Gimse from Area C of the SLRD, and the Chief and Council of the Mount Currie Band - for their willingness to gather together at the planning table, and work in a spirit of collaboration.

The year-end is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of what has been accomplished. When we put the list together, we realize just how much is going on in Pemberton. From the community garden to the Christmas tree, to establishing an airport authority, to servicing the Industrial Park and designing the Community Centre, we are getting on with the business of building foundations for the future.

The September UBCM Convention was a definite highlight for Council, giving us the opportunity to meet with Ministers and their staff in the BC Legislature. We received provincial support for local projects, including funding to explore options for the airport, and were assured that Pemberton is very much on Victoria's radar.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we will see several more exciting projects underway, including construction of the boathouse at One Mile Lake. Through partnerships with the SLRD, we are working towards the establishment of a local trails function, a grant-in-aid process to help support community groups and initiatives, and the development of an Economic Development Officer with an Olympic focus. It's hard to know what the Olympics will mean for Pemberton, but hiring a dedicated person will be a huge step forward in allowing us to leverage 2010 for the community.

We also anticipate the completion of the Community Centre, and the continued development of that site as the heart of Pemberton. With the master-plan completed, we can look forward to the development of the water park, skate park, and amphitheatre, as part of the Community Centre complex.

All these projects take time, but with our continued commitment to regional cooperation and results, we're building the foundation for the future. For me, the personal point of reckoning in our Council decisions is always my girls. I wonder, in ten or twenty years, what will they think of the initiatives we took? What will their Pemberton look like?

On behalf of the staff and council of the Village of Pemberton and our families, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and hope to celebrate with you at one of the many community functions taking place over the next few weeks.



Local artist creates Village's new look

After ten years running a sign shop in the Cariboo, Pemberton-raised Michele Kuyek knows what it takes to make a good impression.

And that's just what she did, submitting an entry to the Village of Pemberton's rebranding call that was officially endorsed on the 19 December by Council as the new logo for the Village.

The logo design incorporates Pemberton's most distinctive icons, said Kuyek, with a strong green line representing Mount Currie, lordling over a sweeping blue arc, representing the Lillooet River.

"To me, Mt Currie is Pemberton," said Kuyek of the iconic peak. "Having been in the sign industry, I know that simplicity is key to a good design."

The river is the other icon that defines life in the valley. Having spent the first twenty years of her life in Pemberton, Kuyek has seen more than one episode of the Lillooet swelling its banks.

Six months ago, Kuyek returned to Pemberton, where her parents still live, with a new generation of Pembertonian, her three year old son Alex.

Although experienced in sign-making and design, having started "the old-fashioned way" with hand-lettering, the Village logo competition is the first design contest Kuyek has won.