



Village of PEMBERTON | Community Update



Pemberton invites a celebration of winter:

Pemberton's Winterfest carnival February 11-14 offers a jam-packed showcase of all things Spud Valley. Friday's Showcase of the Arts Wine & Cheese at Big Sky offers a window on the awesome creative talent bubbling away in the Valley. Sunday's Polar Bear Swim at One Mile Lake offers a window on the awesome foolhardiness of local residents. Artisan Exhibits, Parades, a Youth Video Dance, live music and a showcase Chef's Dinner round out a weekend full of festivities. A program of events is available at www.pemberton.ca

Fire Protection Talks Progress. Village officials and representatives from the Squamish Lillooet Regional District have agreed in principle on fire protection cost-sharing across the region. Discussions are underway, involving staff and local fire chiefs, to establish the most effective formula to ensure equitable cost sharing for the service.

Council Puts Heads Down for Retreat. Council members for the Village of Pemberton will commit a weekend this month to a working retreat, in order to develop the Strategic Plan and priorities for the Village for the coming year.

Pemberton gets airport grant. The airport has long been an underutilized asset of the Village of Pemberton, and now, a \$100,000 grant from three provincial Ministries will fund a strategic business plan. The strategic plan will identify opportunities for future development and offer recommendations on how best to take advantage of the airport's location and proximity to Whistler. Completion of the plan is expected in the spring of 2007, after an extensive public consultation period.

Winter Parking Remains In Effect. Residents are reminded that 9pm is pumpkin-hour, when vehicles parked on the even side of the street will disappear, in order to facilitate snow-clearing access. Winter Parking restrictions will remain in effect until March 31. Parking after 9pm and until 9am is permitted on the odd side of the street only.

Village Becomes Smoke-Free Zone. As a show of support for healthy lifestyle choices, the Village has designated its facilities as no smoking zones and will be initiating a public signage program inviting residents to refrain from smoking in busy public areas as a courtesy to others.

New Look, New Year. The Village of Pemberton page is hosted each month by long-standing supporters of the community of Pemberton, The Question. The page enjoys a new look this week to take Pemberton into the New Year, incorporating the Village's new logo, designed by Michele Kuyek, and the art direction talents of Gemma Wilson at the Question and Kathleen Angelski at the Village of Pemberton.

Advisory Committees Take Shape. Lisa Griffiths has been appointed to the Garden Committee for a two year term, joining members Maureen Wale, Martin Dahinden, Jo McCarl and Jordan Sturdy.

Ernie Collins, Robyn McGeogh, Karen Love and Patrick Bradner have been appointed to the Advisory Design Review Committee, which also comprises a representative from the Chamber of Commerce still to be named and current member Gary Charland, with Councillor David MacKenzie as the Village representative. Bob Adams and Drew Meredith will undertake two year terms, joining Rod McLeod, John Nelson, Lisa Ames, Gary Charland, and Village representative Councillor Kirsten McLeod on the Advisory Land Use Committee.

Utility Billing Notices In Mail. The annual Utilities Notice is being sent this week, and falls due July 3, 2007. A 10% discount applies to invoices paid in full within 30 days. A 5% discount applies to invoices paid in full between 31 and 60 days. A 10% penalty will be applied to unpaid balances after July 3, 2007.

Council Meeting Schedule. Council will next meet at 8am February 20, 2007.

Growing Village Gets Infrastructure

Village Gives Status Report on Major Capital Projects

Growing Village Gets Infrastructure Report - Parent-teacher interviews have just been completed at local schools, and the Village of Pemberton is getting in on the act, checking in with a status report on the progress of our major Capital Projects.

New Well - *Undaunted by early set-backs, is working hard to reach the goal.* Establishing a secondary water source for the community has been a top priority for Council. Preliminary drilling work did not locate a suitable well-site, however potential sites for another test well have been identified and drilling is proceeding. Grant money under the Towns of Tomorrow program and the Municipal/Rural Infrastructure Fund is being applied for, in order to continue work on this important project. In the meantime, residents are invited to be water-conscious, and check out the Conservation Tips accompanying this month's Utilities Notice.

Water Metering - *Making steady, thoughtful progress.* The Village of Pemberton is continuing to roll-out its water-metering program, with Phase 1 complete and work is underway to develop a study that will monitor the water usage at commercial and residential dwellings with existing water meters. This data will contribute to the development of price structure recommendations, and an analysis of the cost-benefits of metering water usage.

Skate Park - *Shows great potential.* The Village of Pemberton has applied for Olympic Live Site funding to develop Lot 12 into a skateboard park and bike park. This usage is consistent with the Master Plan developed for Lot 12 and 15, as part of the Community Centre design process. The Master Plan was commissioned by the Village to guide the future development of community recreation amenities, and also provides for a future water park on Lot 15, and a rink on Lot 12.

Pipeline Projects - *Getting ready to graduate to active status.* Village business is like the proverbial iceberg, with more than 85% of activity happening out of sight. Some projects in the pipeline include the development of GIS and the formation of the Airport Authority. Grant applications have been made to the Local Motion program to fund the One Mile Lake Bridge. Spirit Square funding has been applied for, and would be directed towards Downtown Revitalisation, a long-standing work-in-progress. Funding has already been secured to conduct a feasibility study into a locally-based alcohol and drug treatment facility - a needed amenity according to the groundbreaking Winds of Change report.

Community Centre - *The star student. A model of co-operation, with an exciting future ahead.* Although Old Man Winter slowed construction on the Community Centre last month, framing has begun on the main floor, and the foundation and ground floor slab are completed. A Council resolution in September allowed the foundation and concrete work to commence, to take advantage of the seasonal window, prior to the issue of the relevant Permits. Pemberton's Planning Team, including Planning Consultant Michael Rosen, Planning Technician and Building Inspector Richard Diamond, and Director of Development Services David Allen has been working closely with the contractor and developer throughout the project. The Planning Department commented that this long-awaited amenity "will provide a building for community use and a well developed site providing green and public spaces in the Village core." The Community Centre will improve the gateway to the village, making "an interesting architectural statement that makes good use of materials and will perform for many years to come." The Village has now authorized issuing the development permit with conditions and provided authorization for the Building Inspector to give the go ahead for the next phase of building.

Detailed maps of the Community Centre and site development are on display at the Village of Pemberton office.

07 Questions for '07 with Mayor Sturdy

Mayor Jordan Sturdy has developed a healthy "Crack-berry" addiction during his first year in office, which enables him to stay connected with the Village office even when he's patrolling on the mountain and making the most of an epic winter. It also meant he could fire off his answers to the Pemberton page's new 07 Questions for '07 with the Council, in record time.

In his i-pod: The audio book of Bill Bryson's "A Short History of Nearly Everything." **Highlight from his schooldays:** Finishing and moving on into the real world. **Most influential person:** My mom. **Biggest learning experience from 2006:** "Fitting my big feet into Eleanor's little shoes, and learning how to build a foundation that will support all of our aspirations." **Most looking forward to in 2007:** The Community Centre. **Pemberton's most underrated asset:** "Our future."

Next week, Councillor Mark Blundell unplugged.

