



# COMMUNITY UPDATE JULY 30 2009

## One Mile Lake Park is One in a Million

*Community Asset is A Summer Oasis*

Pemberton is a long way from Lethbridge, Alberta, but the Village's new Manager of Community Services and Building Inspection has not only got his feet wet in his new role, he's found himself seriously contemplating a full-body immersion in One Mile Lake.

"I was meeting a contractor at the Lake the other day to discuss the trail work, it was about 37 degrees at 4:30pm, and I thought the water looked pretty nice for a swim," says Richard Nicolas, who is overseeing the installation of a new bridge and upgrade of One Mile Lake loop trail as part of his new portfolio.

A landmark since the town was known as One Mile on the Pemberton Trail to the goldfields, One Mile Lake features as the starting point for the Pemberton Museum's new Heritage Walk. Brochures can be picked up at the Visitor Centre and the Museum.

One Mile Lake is Pemberton's own little modern-day oasis, combining community beach, with front country wild space, wetlands, fish spawning habitat, dragon-boat training ground and tanning salon. Its diverse array of amenities allows it to be something to everyone.

The Village of Pemberton and several community groups have various projects underway to enhance community enjoyment of the park.

Most recently, the Boathouse was completed and officially opened. An initiative of the Pemberton Canoe Club, the Boathouse now provides a home-base for dragonboats, outriggers and canoes. The result of a huge volunteer effort over two years, spearheaded by Dr Hugh Fisher, the Boathouse is a beautiful addition to the Park. The finishing touches completed earlier this summer involved installing a guardrail on the rooftop deck. Says Nicolas, "The boathouse roof deck can structurally hold a couple of hundred people. It's perfect to have bands up there for community gatherings. It was really well done."

The installation of a bridge across Pemberton Creek is progressing, and Nicolas hopes to see the project complete for early fall.

The clearspan bridge has been in storage at the Industrial Park since it was donated by the community of Whistler, while the Village went through all the paperwork required to meet the demands of agencies including the Dyking District and the Department of Fisheries.

The bridge will link the Community Gardens behind the Pioneer Junction with One Mile Lake Park, providing a pedestrian, bike and stroller friendly access.

Local contractor Steve Phare of Phare 5 Holdings and Coast Range Concrete will work with the Village to prepare concrete footings and install the bridge. "Coast Range Concrete has made a sizable donation to the project and the contractors are also making it work for us based on the budgets we have,"



**A WHEELY BRIGHT FUTURE.** Pemberton's latest hotspot for kids of all ages, including Abraxas Sharp, age 4, shown here, is undoubtedly the new pump track. The site will eventually incorporate a skatepark and bike park with skills area, with preliminary designs under commission through Pemberton Skateboard Society and the Pemberton Valley Trails Association, and funding requests in the pipe. Play safe, know your etiquette, and show the world where the next generation of bike athletes, trail builders, engineers, coaches and designers, is growing.

says Nicolas, of the way these local businesses are contributing to this community project. "It's looking good to be ready for September."

Ribbon-cutting for the new bridge could also coincide with the completion of upgrades to the One Mile Lake trail and boardwalk. Says Nicolas, "Our mandate is to have the entire trail barrier-free."

The floating bridges and potential hazard areas have been prioritized, to ensure that the two kilometer loop will be fully accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

The project is made possible by \$40,000 in federal and provincial funding from the Local Motion program, plus two matching commitments of \$20,000 from the Village and the Rotary Club of Pemberton Centennial.

In combination with the boardwalk and the new bridge, the trail upgrades will provide an alternative access to One Mile Lake Park that is accessible and avoids the highway.

So swim, walk, cycle, stand-up paddle, splash, dogwalk, bird-watch, berry-pick, dragonboat, picnic, barbecue, trail run, or sit and relax down at One Mile this summer... and enjoy this natural community asset.

■ **FIRE-BAN.** Effective July 24, campfires are banned throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, because of extreme fire hazard. Report wildfires at 1800 663 5555 or \*5555 on your cell.

■ **WATER-WISE.** The Village of Pemberton's 3000 water users consume 786,335 cubic metres of water annually. That's 786,335,000 litres of water, (or nearly 400 million bottles of milk...) Clean potable water is a precious commodity on the planet! Repair household leaks. Install low flow toilets and showerheads. Xeriscape - it's harder to kill your plants with neglect! Install drip irrigation. And please follow the odd/even watering protocol - with even-numbered street addresses watering on even dates, and odd-numbered addresses on odd dates.

■ **STREET ART TO FEATURE LOCAL HEART.** Art submissions are invited for the next installation of street banners. Artists can submit up to three entries each, following a winter theme, by August 4. Details at [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca)

■ **STRANGE SUMMER FRUIT WANTED** Local stories are ripe for the picking. The Pemberton Library launches its summer community story harvest. Pick a subject from the community and profile them in a 300 word portrait, due August 2. Info at <http://pemberton.bclibrary.ca>

■ **CHIMNEY-SMARTS.** Get a head start on chimney maintenance and schedule your annual cleaning while the summer is providing all the heat your home needs. Yearly cleaning can prolong chimney life, remove creosote and prevent the risk of fire.

■ **WIN/WIN AT GAMESTOWN.** Enter your photos, stories or video at [Gamestown2010.ca](http://Gamestown2010.ca) to build Pemberton's profile as the healthiest, most active playground in BC. You could win Olympic tickets for yourself, and funding for sporting facilities for your community. Check out Pemberton's page at [www.Gamestown2010.ca/pemberton](http://www.Gamestown2010.ca/pemberton).

■ **TAKE UP THE TORCH .** Vancouver 2010 is looking for torch bearers for when the Olympic torch arrives in Pemberton, February 6. To get involved, contact the Chamber at 604 894 6477.e at [www.Gamestown2010.ca/pemberton](http://www.Gamestown2010.ca/pemberton).

■ **EYES WIDE OPEN.** Everybody pays when vandals run amok. The RCMP are asking for community support in reporting any vandalism or suspicious activity around town. Call 604 894 6126.

### Datebook

Game Plan, VANOC Update, Community Centre, 7pm - 9pm, Thursday July 30

Museum Toonie Teas every Tuesday until August 25

Summer Music at the Museum, Saturday August 8, 11am - 4pm

Annual Barn Dance, old Community Centre - Saturday August 8

Slow Food Cycle Sunday, Sunday August 16

Equifest, Saturday, September 12