



Village of PEMBERTON | Community Update



Favourite things about Spring: #1 Caribbean Night. #3 Bulbs. #6 Longer daylight hours makes getting up easier. #9 Waiting for the seed catalogue orders to arrive. #14 Knowing progress on the Community Centre can really get moving. #21 Local runners start pounding the pavement. #36 Spring-cleaning out winter's dustballs. #37 Seeing the first seed potato trucks leaving the valley. #51 Downtown facelifts - even temporary ones!

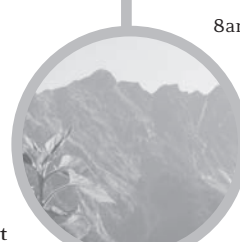
Least favourite thing about spring: Discovering all the winter term deposits of doggy-doo. Please! Pick up after your pooch.

Lights, camera, snowfall. Last summer, a location scout came through Pemberton on reconnaissance for several movies. Pemberton obviously made an impression, as Hollywood North has moved to Spud Valley, setting up shop over the past week in town. While the crew based themselves at the Pemberton Valley Lodge and commuted into Whistler for additional shooting there, the one-time ice-cream parlour downtown was remade as the Pemberton County Sheriff's Office. Fake snow flew. Celebrity sightings were whispered of. Various local businesses, as well as the Pemberton Meadows will have a supporting role in *Why Did I Get Married?*, the feature film starring Janet Jackson, about two couples on their annual vacation, who travel to a ski retreat in Pemberton County, Colorado.

Pemberton dot commerce. Local businesses with a business licence can increase their on-line presence, with a free listing and link on the Village of Pemberton website. For more information, contact Robyn at the Village Office on 604 894 6135 or admin@pemberton.ca

Tag 'Em. 100 dog tags have been sold, which leaves several local dogs unaccounted for. It ain't too late to legitimise Fido as a proud citizen of Pemberton. Dog licences enable wandering-souls to be reunited with their owners. And help keep doggie dispensers and bags stocked up around the village. A mere \$15 for spayed or neutered pets, (or \$50 for those going "au naturel"), tags can be collected at the Village Office, Wag N Wash, Coast Mountain Veterinary Services, Whistler Animals Galore, and the Twisted Whisker.

Council Puts Heads Down for Retreat. Council members for the Village of Pemberton are fresh from an intensive working retreat, where they were able to hammer out the Village's priorities for the coming year. Discussion at the retreat highlighted Council's commitment to fiscal efficiency, and providing citizens with the best value possible for their tax dollars. Council also reaffirmed its desire to maintain and enhance Pemberton's character, and touched upon issues of affordability, community volunteerism and communication with residents.



Utility Billing Deadline Approaches. The annual Utilities Notice falls due July 3, 2007. A 5% discount applies to invoices paid in full between March 9 and April 9. A 10% penalty will be applied to unpaid balances after July 3, 2007.

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

A Capital Occasion

Pemberton Is Busy With Ongoing Capital Projects

Industrial Park almost hooked-up with sewer. After years of seeking to get sewer servicing, the light at the end of the pipeline for the Industrial Park is in sight.

At approximately 80 percent completion, the Industrial Park Sewer Project should see properties at the Industrial Park be connected to Pemberton's Wastewater Treatment Plant across the Lillooet River by mid-April.

Construction is completed on the river crossing, sanitary forcemain and gravity sewers. Work remains to finalise construction of the sewage lift station, as well as some post-construction restoration work including road surfacing and ditching.

Upon completion, properties at the Pemberton Industrial Park will have new sewage connections, and will no longer require holding tanks.

Industrial Park property owners are now part of a Local Service Area, established on their petition, which requires them to pay an additional property tax over 30 years to meet the cost of the servicing.

Overall development cost charges to build at the Industrial Park will consequently be reduced by approximately 50 percent.

The Village hopes this infrastructure will stimulate development at the Industrial Park, and thereby diversify Pemberton's tax base.

Says Director of Development Services, David Allen, "Essentially, with the Industrial Park sewer servicing up and running, this hub for industrial operations becomes a more viable service. Developing at the Industrial Park is now more conducive to development, because the cost of the servicing is paid out over 30 years. We hope this situation will stimulate entrepreneurship and growth there. Other communities have done some interesting things in Industrial Parks creating eco-synergistic and energy-efficient operations, locating complementary services like a bottle depot next to the waste transfer station to offer one stop waste management. There's opportunity now for some exciting initiatives to get underway."

Airport Strategic Plan to commence. Asset or liability? That is the question about the Pemberton Airport, and now, thanks to a \$100,000 grant from three Provincial Ministries, the community of Pemberton and district will have a chance to truly address the question.

The Pemberton Valley Regional Airport Authority will be created on Tuesday March 27, at 1:30pm, with the entity's first AGM. There, the five current directors (Council members acting ex officio) will resign, and the newly incorporated Society will appoint its Board. The terms of reference for the Authority and this structure were recommended by the Airport Governance Committee that was established last summer by Council.

The Terms of Reference establish that the Airport Authority will be managed by a Board of Directors, made up of eight members and representing five organizations defined as Nominating Entities.

Developing a strategic plan is the first order of business for the Airport Authority's Board of Directors. This plan will identify the community's vision for the airport, and develop a road-map for getting to that vision.

The provincial funding will support the strategic planning process, consultancy fees, archaeological assessments of the site, and a Project Definition report.

Completion of the plan is expected in the spring of 2007, after a thorough public consultation.

07 Questions for '07 with Councillor Blundell

Councillor Mark Blundell has donated almost every hotdog ever roasted by a Brownie in Pemberton, in his role as owner/operator of the Pemberton Valley Supermarket. An active member of Council since 2001, he's cynical about the entertainment value of the councillor-celebrity puff piece, but passionate about giving back to this community.

On his bedside table: "Who Will Cry When I Die", my glasses, "From Good to Great" **Best grades at school:** Business math. **Highlight from his schooldays:** Graduation. **Most influential person:** My dad. **3 words on "community":** Dedication. Commitment. Involvement. **Most looking forward to in 2007:** Completing a business plan for the Pemberton Lions Seniors Society property. **Pemberton's most underrated asset:** "The residents." **Most likely to be found this winter:** The Pemberton Ice Cap. Or at an appointment with my massage therapist.

