



# Village of Pemberton | Community Update

# Pemberton



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**Faces of the Winds of Change unveiled.**  
 Twelve local youth from Pemberton and Mount Currie who are making commendable lifestyle choices are featured on new Youth Role Model Posters, shown here by Winds of Change Project Coordinators Carrie Turchinetz and Lucinda Phillips. Launched this week as part of National Addictions Awareness Week, the poster acknowledges youth aged between 11 and 36 for their commitment to living drug and alcohol free lives.

## Working Together

### Mount Currie and Pemberton Councils strengthen ties at second Joint Council meeting

Mount Currie Band and Council and the Village of Pemberton Council held their second joint council meeting for the year on November 7.

At that meeting, a third council sprang to life - the Youth Advisory Council. Arising out of last year's YOUth Decide Youth Forum which 60 local youth attended, the Youth Council was established to provide a youth viewpoint to the Joint Councils on issues such as community safety, health, recreation, environment and employment at future Joint Council meetings. The Youth Advisory Council's first meeting will be November 29.

Collaboration is the buzzword for our communities, especially when it comes to emergency preparedness. Emergency responders know the benefit of working as a team, and now the team is getting bigger.

Fire Chiefs Charles Frank (Mount Currie) and Russell Mack (Pemberton) are coordinating a joint emergency planning exercise. By working together, the Village, Mount Currie and Area C will be able to identify gaps in resources and training, and enable more coordinated responses to emergencies.

Responding to crisis with better tools is the rationale behind the Health and Law Enforcement Focus Group, which met November 22. Representatives from Mount Currie and Pemberton met to explore options for drug and alcohol prevention and treatment. Guest speaker, Chief Wayne Christian, is the former Executive Director of the Round Lake Treatment Centre. The Round Lake Treatment Centre is a drug and alcohol treatment facility that is internationally recognized for its indigenous governance and culturally-based treatment programming.

The groundbreaking Winds of Change report identified the need to provide local treatment for individuals and families in our region facing addiction issues. With the recent approval of \$35,000 to carry out a feasibility study on providing a treatment facility for the Pemberton area, the Winds of Change momentum continues to build towards its goal of supporting healthy living.

## Village to Host Soul-Down

### Community Spirit Showcase and Olympics Planning Workshop Taking Place this Weekend

In order to start building capacity towards the Olympics, the Village of Pemberton, in conjunction with several community groups including the Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Pemberton, the Pemberton Arts Council, and Slow Food Cycle Sunday, received an Arts Build Communities grant from the province to host a weekend of community celebra-

tion workshops on November 24 and 25.

The weekend commences with SoulDown, Pemberton's first Community Spirit Showcase on Friday November 24 at Signal Hill Elementary School gymnasium from 5:30pm-9pm.

Aimed at bringing residents together to celebrate our community and our festivals, volunteers and spirit, the Soul Down will feature an expo of over 30 community groups.

The evening will conclude with a presentation from Artistic Director of the Public Dreams Society

Dolly Hopkins sharing her experiences hosting community celebrations as the founder of Vancouver's iconic Illuminares parade.

Free fairy and nature craftshops will entertain the kids. Snacks and food samples will be available. Slide shows, photographic calendars of the year in review, and a youth-designed photo exhibit, The Questioning Eye: Eye on Pemberton, will provide plenty of eye-candy.

Attendance at the event is free. Bring a donation for the Food Bank, or the Toy Drive.

## Year in Review, 2006

With the year winding down, the Village of Pemberton looks back at its accomplishments for the year. Check our progress against the Strategic Priorities set for 2006, available at [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca).

Keeping you in the loop. With a revamped website, the monthly Pemberton page in the Question, and a new customer service satisfaction survey, the Village is keeping the channels open for better communication with residents. A new logo, chosen from an incredible field of submitted designs, will be launched in January. Pemberton's image facelift also saw improvements at the Visitor Information Centre, supported by a grant the Village applied for on behalf of Tourism Pemberton.

Keeping the books in order. Successful grant applications this year continued to improve Village services without burdening taxpayers. In addition to the Visitor Information Centre, grant monies helped make Pemberton more bear-smart, built a community garden, and hosted a series of events geared at building better relationships between Pemberton and Mount Currie.

Growing partnerships. The Village recognizes the importance of working together with Area C of the SLRD and the Mount Currie Band, and has endorsed terms of reference to embark on a sub-regional planning study and to work on emergency preparedness initiatives. Working together for mutual aid has helped source water for the Industrial Park through the cooperation of Mount Currie and has revamped Village mapping by utilizing expertise in Whistler's planning department. The Village has also worked together with the SLRD, the Joint Operations Committee, the Library, Community Centre and Children's Centre, to design and facilitate construction on our new Community Centre.

Growing our Infrastructure. With ground-breaking in October, the Village looks forward to celebrating the opening of our new Community Centre in the spring. Other infrastructure development has occurred at the Industrial Park, with major servicing underway. Exploratory drilling to local a secondary well site was undertaken. The Airport Governance Committee was struck and terms of reference adopted to create the Pemberton Valley Airport Society.

With a raft of other initiatives on the books, the Village of Pemberton is looking forward to another busy year in 2007, and encourages residents to stay up-to-date through our website and to provide your feedback.

## Pemberton Briefs

### 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.

### Tax and utilities deadline.

Residents are reminded that outstanding utilities and tax bills are due by December 31, after which they will fall into arrears and incur interest payments.

### Winter Parking Restrictions to be enforced.

From November 1 to April 30, village streets must be clear of vehicles from 9pm to 9am to facilitate snow-clearing in the event of a big dump. Residents are reminded that offending vehicles will be towed.

### New exhibits in Community Display cases.

New displays in the lobby of the Village of Pemberton office showcase the Community Centre and Library plans, as well as a celebration of the Laoyam Eagles' success at the World Dragonboating Championships. Drop by and admire the team photos, alongside their hard-earned trophies and medals.

The exhibit cases, which have also featured displays from the Pemberton Library and the Pemberton Valley Trails Association, are refreshed on a seasonal schedule. Community groups interested in putting together a display are invited to contact [admin@pemberton.ca](mailto:admin@pemberton.ca) with an expression of interest.

### Downtown mini face-lifts.

The Village's Works Department is undertaking a series of small beautification projects, starting with the installation of rock traffic control features outside Signal Hill Elementary. Watch for these aesthetic initiatives as they roll out throughout the winter.

### Committee Vacancies.

The Advisory Design Review, Advisory Land Use and Community Garden Committees have openings for community members who would like to contribute to our community. Interested persons are invited to submit an expression of interest by November 30 to [admin@pemberton.ca](mailto:admin@pemberton.ca). Visit [www.pemberton.ca](http://www.pemberton.ca) for more information.

### Olympic Planning Workshop.

The Village of Pemberton will host a hands-on planning workshop to develop an Olympic event strategy with facilitator Dolly Hopkins on Saturday November 25 from 10am-3pm. Fifteen seats at the planning table are available and will be filled by representatives of the Chamber, the Arts Council, the Community Centre, the Lions, the Legion, the Rotary, and the SLRD, with several open chairs held for individuals who express interest. To take part, contact Paul Selina on 604 902 1688.

### Treatment facility for Pemberton region.

The Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Council have received approval in principle for \$35,000 to carry out a feasibility study on providing a treatment facility for the Pemberton area. Providing local treatment for individuals and families facing addiction issues will fill a major gap in services supporting healthy living.