

# THE VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON

## -COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – - MINUTES -

**Minutes** of a Committee of the Whole of the Village of Pemberton held Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Office, 7400 Prospect Street.

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**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Jordan Sturdy  
Councillor Kirsten McLeod  
Councillor Jennie Helmer  
Councillor Mark Blundell

**ABSENT:** Councillor David MacKenzie

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Lori Pilon – Administrator  
Sheena Fraser – Deputy Clerk  
Russell Mack- Works Manager, Fire Chief  
Richard Diamond – Planning Technician

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### 1) **CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 a.m. Mayor Sturdy called the Meeting to Order.

### 2) **SPRINKLER BYLAW – Discussion**

Council reviewed the report on Fire Sprinkler Systems to be presented at the Regular Council Meeting in the evening.

The report was generated as a result of the need for the Chamber of Commerce building and offices located at the Industrial Park to install sprinklers as per Section 20 of Village of Pemberton Building Bylaw 518, 2003. Council had questioned the need for sprinklers in temporary buildings and requested staff to research what other communities do with respect to sprinkler requirements.

A discussion took place regarding the ability to exempt this requirement and the impact it would have should Council move forward with a bylaw amendment related to sprinkler requirements:

- There should be some considerations of cost if requiring temporary buildings to install sprinklers
- “There is nothing more permanent than a temporary building” and appears to be no effective way to ensure a building or use is terminated at the end of the temporary period.
- No protection against the use in a temporary building being changed by the owners ie: Art Barn to Coffee Shop
- Cost of installation of sprinklers are offset by savings in a reduction of other building requirements and in insurance premiums.
- This was a safety issue and would put Council’s in a difficult position in determining who/what are to be exempted.

It was generally agreed that the bylaw not be amended to provide for exemptions. Mayor Sturdy was opposed.

### 3) **BOUNDARY EXTENSION - Discussion**

Maps were presented in order to identify boundary expansion area generally described as:

- West to include Pemberton Creek watershed

- South to Soo River Highway Crossing at height of land
- North and East along 2500 foot contour including Green River Dirt Bike Track area and Nairn Falls to meeting of Green and Lillooet Rivers.
- Due North to Lillooet River incorporating Ministry of Forests land

Area to the north including area known as Ravenscrest and lands in between to be determined at a later date dependent on interest of property owners.

Staff to research existing positions with regard to:

- Ownership of lands
- Status of roads and services and special agreements (ie: Rutherford Power Plant)

#### 4) **ART BARN – Verbal Update from Building Inspector**

Richard Diamond provided an update on discussions that have taken place with Mike Tyler, Chair, Pemberton Arts Council, regarding the use of the Art Barn for public displays. In particular the following issues/concerns were reviewed:

- need for washrooms
- access and egress
- flood plain concerns
- structural concerns
- Architect sign off requirement

Work continues with regard to finding ways to ensure the building complies with the Code and that all safety concerns are addressed.

Further discussion took place regarding the following:

- The need for an Architect to sign off on the project
- Tenant improvements
- Opportunity for the installation of public washrooms
- Access and egress
- Sprinkler requirements

Diamond summed up by advising Council that the Arts Council will be meeting to discuss issues related to the Art Barn and in particular issues related to how structurally sound the building is. Tyler and Diamond will arrange to meet to review next steps after the meeting.

#### 5) **TERMINATION**

At 11:25 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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Administrator