

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-INAURGURAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-**

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1350 Aster Street. This is Meeting No. 1384.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Jennie Helmer
Councillor James Linklater
Councillor Joanne Molinaro
Councillor Karen Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Paige MacWilliam, Legislative Assistant

Public: 30

1. CALL TO ORDER – NIKKI GILMORE, CHIEF ADMININSTRATIVE OFFICER

At 6:58 Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer, called the meeting to order.

2. OVERVIEW OF PROCEEDINGS

Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the meeting proceedings.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Corporate Officer Administered The Oath Of Office to:

Mayor – Elect Mike Richman
Councillor – Elect Jennie Helmer
Councillor – Elect James Linklater
Councillor – Elect Joanne Molinaro
Councillor – Elect Karen Ross

At the conclusion of the Oath of Office Mayor and Council took their seats at the Council table and the Mayor took over as Chair of the meeting. Mayor Richman acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Lil'wat Traditional Territory.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded
THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY MAYOR RICHMAN

Mayor Richman began by thanking Councillor Craddock and Councillor LeBlanc for their six years of service and contributions. Mayor Richman thanked the electorate for endorsing him. He spoke of challenges ahead as Mayor and promised to work hard and will welcome the input of citizens.

Mayor Richman spoke about his optimism building a relationship with the new Chief Administrative Officer and the learning ahead of them. He also acknowledged the dedication of Village staff.

Mayor Richman welcomed all Council members to the table. He expressed enthusiasm for the group of individuals and the knowledge and experience they bring. Mayor Richman also spoke about the group's early commitment to an open-minded, teamwork approach, although he cautioned that the commitment will be tested and will need to be renewed. He expressed confidence that all members were prepared to work together and that great work should get done.

Mayor Richman stated that Pemberton is poised for change due to infrastructure challenges, budget restrictions, and potential for growth. He spoke about the opportunity to guide the growth of the community. Mayor Richman concluded by saying he is excited to work with new Council at this critical point.

6. INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor Molinaro

Councillor Molinaro thanked the public for attending the inaugural meeting, for voting and for being engaged. She congratulated members of new Council and thanked them for their commitment to the community. She stated that she is excited to be working with the team that has been elected, which represents the diversity of the community. Councillor Molinaro commented she is looking forward to working together for solutions and the opportunity to learn through productive discussions, respecting differences. She concluded by encouraging the public to be engaged and participate, hold new council accountable and help shape Pemberton's future.

Councillor Ross

Councillor Ross opened by stating it is an honour and a privilege to serve the people of Pemberton. She congratulated the members of new Council and noted a common vision and commitment to working together in the best interest of the community. Councillor Ross noted that Pemberton will face a number of important issues that will need strong leadership. She encouraged council to explore opportunities and ensure sound financial management. She concluded by expressing confidence in new Council working together to make constructive decisions, focus on moving forward and finding solutions that work for Pemberton.

Councillor Linklater

Councillor Linklater congratulated new Council and thanked all of the candidates for running in the election. He thanked Councillor Craddock and Councillor LeBlanc, his family, his employer, his team, and the community for their commitment and support. Councillor Linklater expressed hope that the new Council will support the work of the previous council and continue to develop relationships with Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Lil'wat Nation. Councillor Linklater concluded by encouraging new Council to work together and engage in healthy dialogue to make hard decisions that foster good government, good service and economic vitality.

Councillor Helmer

Councillor Helmer thanked the people of Pemberton for electing her, and her family and friends for their support. She thanked the staff for welcoming and encouraging new Council. Councillor Helmer announced her support of new Council and staff, while at the same time stating her allegiance and priority lie with the people of Pemberton. Councillor Helmer encouraged new Council to support straightforward debate concerning public matters, thoughtful and open deliberations, and fiscal responsibility. Councillor Helmer concluded by saying that she looks forward to working with the new Council who will be loyal stewards of Pemberton's future.

7. SQUAMISH-LILLOOET REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Mike Richman be appointed as the Village of Pemberton representative to the SLRD Board;

AND THAT Councillor Joanne Molinaro be appointed as the Village of Pemberton alternate to the SLRD Board.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee:

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor James Linklater and Councillor Joanne Molinaro be appointed as the Village of Pemberton representative to the Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee.

CARRIED

Councillor Helmer requested the appointment of an observer to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Agriculture Advisory Committee. Council opted to postpone making other board/committee appointments until the next Regular Council Meeting to be held on December 16th, 2014 to allow for further discussion.

9. FINANCE

I. Banking Resolution - Authorized Signatories

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following be named as signing authorities for the Village of Pemberton:

EITHER one of the following two:

Nikki Gilmore – Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser – Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services

AND one of the following five:

Mike Richman – Mayor
Jennie Helmer – Councillor
James Linklater – Councillor
Joanne Molinaro – Councillor
Karen Ross - Councillor

AND THAT accounts in the name of the Village of Pemberton (hereinafter called the "Corporation") be kept at the Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter called the "Bank") and the Village Chief Administrative Officer/Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services and the Mayor or Councillors are hereby authorized for and in the name of the Corporation to sign, make, draw, accept, endorse and deliver cheques, promissory notes, bills and exchange, orders for the payment of money and such agreements and instruments as may be necessary or useful in connection with the operation of the said account:

AND THAT any one of the aforementioned officers is hereby authorized for and in the name of the Corporation to endorse and transfer to the Bank for deposit or discount with or collection by the Bank (but for the credit of the Corporation only) cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, orders for the payment of money and other instruments, to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and accounts with the Bank to sign receipts for vouchers.

CARRIED

II. Municipal Finance Authority – Authorized Signatories

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following be named as signing authorities for the Village of Pemberton:

EITHER one of the following two:

Nikki Gilmore – Chief Administrative Officer
Manager of Finance & Administrative Services (to be determined)

AND one of the following five:

Mike Richman – Mayor
Jennie Helmer – Councillor
James Linklater – Councillor
Joanne Molinaro – Councillor
Karen Ross – Councillor

CARRIED

Upon recruitment of the Manager of Finance & Administrative Services, the Municipal Finance Authority-Authorized Signatories will be brought back to Council for review and approval.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the December 2nd, 2014 Regular meeting be adjourned at 7:25 pm.

CARRIED



Mike Richman
Mayor



Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer