

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in **Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street**. This is Meeting No. 1440.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Jennie Helmer
Councillor James Linklater

VIA PHONE (PARTIALLY): Councillor Karen Ross

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Tim Harris, Manager of Operations and Development Services
Jill Brooksbank, Communications & Grants Coordinator
Lisa Pedrini, Village Planner
Sarah Dicker, Legislative Assistant

Public: **8**

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 a.m. Mayor Richman called the meeting to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded
THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA (CLOSED)

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) **Regular Council Meeting No. 1439 - Tuesday, November 1, 2016,**
Moved/Seconded
THAT the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting No. 1439, held Tuesday, November 1, 2016, be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no business arising from Committee of the Whole.

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes to be received.

7. DELEGATIONS

a) David MacKenzie, President & Chair, BC Hotel Association – Short Term Rental and the impacts of the Provincial Sales Tax Act exemption 78 (1) (b).

David MacKenzie, President & Chair of the BC Hotel Association, thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to make a presentation. Mr. MacKenzie spoke to the current challenges for the hotel industry presented by AirBnB and other online nightly rental platforms which include housing and labour shortages as well as a decline in industry growth.

Mr. MacKenzie explained that the BC Hotel Association has been communicating with the Provincial Government on this matter and is seeking the support of local governments to request the Province to rescind the *Provincial Tax Sales Act* exemption 78 (1) (b), which exempts B'n'Bs with less than four rooms from paying provincial sales taxes. Council thanked Mr. MacKenzie for his presentation.

At this time, Item 9 (a) correspondence from Mr. MacKenzie on this matter was brought forward for consideration.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council send correspondence to the Minister of Finance requesting that the *Provincial Sales Tax Act* exemption regulation 78 (1) (b) be rescinded.

CARRIED

b) David Buttery, HUKA Entertainment – Report on 2016 Pemberton Music Festival and update on planning for 2017.

David Buttery of HUKA Entertainment, made a presentation and outlined the growth of the Pemberton Music Festival over the past three (3) years and the benefits this growth has brought to the Pemberton Valley which includes economic benefits as well as the marketing and promotion of the Pemberton area.

Mr. Buttery addressed post event cleanup, rejuvenation and maintenance of the festival land advising that this year the grounds were cleared of litter and waste

within three (3) days. Mr. Buttrey also spoke to the agricultural enhancements that have been put in place on the Festival lands which includes a \$500,000 irrigation system, creation of an irrigation pond, yearly agrology reporting and hops production. As well, Pemberton Music Festival continues to develop partnerships with local suppliers as a means of finding efficiencies.

Mr. Buttrey advised that festival organizers are actively engaging local residents particularly those living in close proximity to the festival site and had just hosted two public meetings Monday night. Plans are being put in place to address security, improved communications including the development of a closed Pemberton residents Facebook group which will be overseen by Michelle Laroux, a local resident, who's services have been contracted by Huka and who will be based in Pemberton year round. Much of the feedback from residents of the Pemberton Plateau was in relation to pre and post event activities with special concern raised over the constant back-up beeping noise from equipment and vehicles. PMF organizers are working to further minimize this disturbance.

Conversation took place regarding the following:

- Impact on agricultural lands, lakes, rivers and sensitive areas near or around the Festival Site – outreach, education and protection
- Attendee projections for 2017
- Statistic collection
- Economic benefits
- Recycling diversion and garbage collection
- Impact on local residents (Plateau and surrounding area) and options for mitigation of their concerns
- Opportunities for local vendors
- Temporary Use Permit - application for renewal in house
- On site security operations
- Fire and safety protection

Council thanked Mr. Buttrey for his presentation.

At 10:07 a.m. the Regular Meeting was recessed.

At 10:12 a.m. the Regular Meeting was reconvened and Councillor Karen Ross joined the meeting by electronic means.

8. REPORTS

a) Office of the C.A.O.

i. CAO Verbal Update:

- 2016 High Water Event

CAO Gilmore provided an update on the high water event which occurred between Wednesday, November 9 & Thursday, November 10 and advised that collaboration between the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), Lil'wat Nation and the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) was smooth and well done.

On Wednesday, November 9, an evacuation alert was issued for Airport Road and a reception centre was established at the Community Centre which facilitated short-term placement for seven (7) families from Electoral Area C.

Village of Pemberton Public Works staff worked alongside the PVDD to stop water flow reaching properties at the Peaks Strata Complex. CAO Gilmore commended the team for preventing up to sixteen (16) townhomes from possible water damage and flooding.

On Thursday November 10th, the Evacuation Alert was lifted and water levels receded

Gilmore noted that there was some damage due to erosion to a small portion of Airport Road and the Ministry of Forest Fire Training Base experienced water in the basement. Gilmore noted that, undertaking upgrades to the dyke on which Airport Road is located would help prevent future flooding in this area, however there are jurisdictional issues that will need to be addressed before the improvements can take place.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive the verbal update for information.

CARRIED

b) Bike BC Grant Application – Friendship Trail Bridge Project

Discussion took place in regards to the amount of funding that should be applied for through this grant program

Moved/Seconded

THAT this matter be deferred until after the In Camera Meeting.

CARRIED

At 11:00 a.m. Councillor Ross left the meeting due to poor phone connection.

c) Mayor

Mayor Richman gave thanks to the following:

- Village of Pemberton Staff, PVDD, SLRD and Lil'wat for their swift response to the high water situation last week,
- The Fire Department, RCMP, and the Legion for their Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony

Mayor Richman reported on the following:

- Pizza with the Mayor, on November 3, at Council Chambers,
- Regional Growth Strategy, Elected Official Forum regarding 'Planned New Communities', on November 10.
- Strategic Plan check in with the CAO, held November 7

Mayor Richman reminded of the following:

- The Library Wine and Cheese Fundraiser, Pemberton Secondary School, November 25, 7pm,
- The Chamber will be hosting their Small Business Christmas Party, Big Sky, December 1,
- St David's Christmas Bizarre, Pemberton Secondary, December 3, 10am,
- Santa Paws, Annual Fundraising Event, Big Sky Golf Club, December 4, 12pm-3pm,
- The Advisory Land Use Commission and Advisory Design Review Commission are seeking new committee members, please visit www.pemberton.ca for more information.
- BC Sea to Sky Transit Survey is still open.

d) Councillors Reports

i. Councillor Linklater

Councillor Linklater attended the following:

- Tourism Pemberton Board Meeting
- Remembrance Day celebrations in the Village of Pemberton.

Councillor Linklater reported on the following:

- Winds of Change Committee Meeting date not confirmed,
- Will be attending the Winterfest Committee meeting next week.

ii. Councillor Craddock

Councillor Craddock attended the following events:

- Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet event on November 3,
- Remembrance Day Celebrations at the Legion
- Regional Growth Strategy, Elected Official Forum regarding 'Planned New Communities', on November 10.

iii. Councillor Helmer

Councillor Helmer had nothing to report at this time

iv. Councillor Ross

Councillor Ross was unavailable due to lost connectivity.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Action

- i. Correspondence from David MacKenzie, General Manager, Pemberton Valley Lodge, dated November 7, 2016,** requesting Council's consideration to write to the Minister of Finance to request that the *Provincial Sales Tax Act* exemption 78 (1) (b) be rescinded.

This request was considered earlier in the meeting. See resolution under Item 7 (a).

b) For Information

There was no correspondence to be received for information.

10. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business for consideration.

11. LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business at this time.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no notice of motion at this time.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Hugh Naylor, Urdal Road (SLRD Electoral Area C), sought clarity regarding the location and proposed timeline for the completion of the Friendship Trail & Bridge.

Graham Turner, Laurel Street (Village of Pemberton), had a question in relation to First Nations attendance at the Regional Growth Strategy Elected Officials Meeting.

At 11:15 a.m. the Regular Council Meeting was recessed.

At 11:24 a.m. the Regular Meeting reconvened and Councillor Ross rejoined the meeting by electronic means.

14. IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

THAT pursuant to Section 90 (1) (i) legal, (k) negotiations & (g) litigation of the *Community Charter*, the Council of the Village of Pemberton serve notice to hold an In-Camera Meeting on today's date for the purpose of dealing with matters for which the public shall be excluded from attending.

CARRIED

At 11:24a.m. Council moved to go In Camera.

At 12:21 p.m. Council rose from In Camera with report and the Regular Meeting was reconvened.

15. Rise with Report

a) Airport Lease

Council rose with report that the Chief Administrative Officer has been authorized to negotiate a lease agreement with John and Cheryl Wheeler for a lease lot at the Pemberton Airport to facilitate the development of a private hangar. As well, staff have been directed to arrange for the appropriate advertising to issue notice of the Village's intent to dispose of land through a lease agreement.

16. Bike BC Grant Application – Friendship Trail Bridge Project

This item was brought forward for consideration after having been deferred earlier in the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the application to the BikeBC Program for the Friendship Trail Bridge in the amount of \$500,000.

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the application to the BikeBC Program for the Friendship Trail Bridge in the amount of \$583,309.35.

MOTION DEFEATED

Pursuant to Section 30 of the Council Procedure Bylaw, Mayor Richman brought forward the first resolution for reconsideration.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the application to the BikeBC Program for the Friendship Trail Bridge in the amount of \$500,000.

CARRIED

17. AJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT Regular Council Meeting No. 1440 be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer