

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in **Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street**. This is Meeting No. 1441.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Ted Craddock

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Tim Harris, Manager of Operations and Development Services
Lisa Pedrini, Village Planner

Public: 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.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)

Council Rose with Report on the following items from the Regular In Camera No. 1440, held Tuesday, December 13, 2016:

a) Community Forest Partnership

The Village of Pemberton and Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will be entering into discussions respecting a partnership agreement for a Community Forest. Staff have been directed to work with Lil'wat Forestry Ventures on developing a public engagement program and timeline.

b) Pemberton Search and Rescue Airport Lease

The Chief Administrative Officer has been authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Pemberton Search and Rescue for a lease lot at the airport for

the sole purpose of providing facilities to house equipment, train and use as a staging area for search and rescue operations in the Pemberton Area. The lease agreement is proposed to be for a thirty year period and notification of the disposition of the lease lot area will be posted in the newspaper. Staff were also directed to prepare a Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw for consideration once the lease agreement has been registered.

c) Advisory Commission Appointments

The following appointments have been made to the Advisory Commissions.

Advisory Land Use Commission

Richard Nott and Kristen McLeod have been appointed to the Advisory Land Use Commission for a two year term to expire in December, 2018.

Advisory Design Review Commission

Tracy Napier and Saad Hassan have been appointed to the Advisory Design Review Commission for a two year term to expire in December, 2018.

d) River Forecast Centre – Capacity Improvements for Flood Monitoring in the Pemberton Valley – draft correspondence to Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Council supported the intent of a draft letter from the SLRD to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations respecting concerns related to flood monitoring in the Pemberton Valley and suggested that the letter be more specific with respect to the requests being made of the Minister regarding the following:

- Ensuring that the BC River Forecast Centre has updated river models
- Addresses both the location and integration of monitoring on the Lillooet River to the public safety benefit of Pemberton Valley residents
- That the Ministry take all necessary actions to address public safety issues and ensure the BC River Forecast Centre can effectively predict and warn of high water conditions in a timely manner

e) SLRD Regional Growth Strategy 2016 Review – Garibaldi at Squamish

Council reviewed a draft letter from the SLRD to the Minister of Environment and Minister of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations regarding the proposed Garibaldi at Squamish Development and directed that the recommendation respecting this matter be brought forward at the Open meeting tonight.

Mayor Richman called upon Lisa Pedrini, Village Planner to present on this matter.

Lisa Pedrini, Village Planner, provided an overview of the Regional Growth Strategies review and an update on discussions that have been taking place at the Elected Official Forum held in November.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the attached draft letter from the SLRD regarding the proposed Garibaldi at Squamish (GAS) Development which serves to notify the Province that:

1. The SLRD Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) is being amended to exclude Destination Resorts outside of established community areas;
2. The RGS amendment needed to facilitate GAS can only be initiated by a local government;
3. No local governments in the SLRD are planning to bring forward an amendment to the RGS to facilitate GAS.

AND THAT staff advises the SRLD of the decision before the December 14th, 2016 Regional District Board Meeting.

CARRIED

f) Fire Service Agreement – Extension to January 31, 2017

Council supported an extension of the interim Fire Service Agreement between the Village of Pemberton and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District to January 31, 2017.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1440 – Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1440, held Tuesday, November 15, 2016, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

a) 2017 Pemberton Music Festival – Attendance Numbers

Discussion took place respecting concerns over the potential increase in attendance numbers being considered for the 2017 Pemberton Music Festival and beyond. Discussion also took place with respect to whether consideration is being given to holding a second festival the weekend before the Pemberton Music Festival and the impacts that would have on the community.

Concerns noted were as follows:

- Safety issues
- Impacts on the community as a whole
- Impacts on local businesses
- Need for feedback from residents on increasing attendance numbers
- Impacts on the environment (riparian areas/rivers/lakes etc.)
- Impacts on the Festival Lands
- Traffic flows pre/post festival
- Festival transportation issues (shuttle services)
- Impact on the agricultural lands (contamination, compaction – how is this being measured)
- Festival footprint expansion (will this be required)
- Plateau Resident concerns

With Council's permission Mayor Richman called upon David Buttrey, from HUKA Entertainment, to speak to some of the concerns raised. Mr. Buttrey provided the following comments and noted that:

- Improvements to the shuttle system are being developed that will include an increase in the number of busses and drivers per bus by close to double, adding programming at the shuttle stops to improve the patron experience while waiting.

- Working with MOTI and the RCMP on improved management of the departure day which includes changes to the traffic light program and increased traffic management at intersections.
- Consideration of developing a ride share program and offering camper shuttle's from the lower mainland and Squamish.
- Commitment to continue to follow riparian setbacks of at minimum 30 metres.
- Confirmation that each year a review is undertaken by an Agrologist noting that there is a difference between sub soil compaction versus surface compaction and that no concerns have been raised related to impacts on the soil.
- Public engagement with local residents and in particular the neighbouring properties is a key priority. A local Facebook Page has been established and has over 300 members. The purpose is to ensure residents are up to date on information related to Festival planning. A newsletter will also be developed to ensure those not using social media tools are kept informed.
- Security will be increased in the Plateau area which will include fencing, security personnel at entrances and patrolling the neighbourhood, implementation of a local vehicle decal program and improved and increased signage.
- Confirmation that there is no plan to increase the Festival footprint beyond those properties currently being used for Festival related purposes.
- Anticipate that attendance would grow each year for the next three years with an aim to cap at 60,000. The Festival site as is can accommodate up to 60,000 patrons from an operations standpoint and taking into account all safety and emergency management best practices.
- Outlined how safety is measured on the site which includes a formula that takes into account the square footage per person, show schedule, staffing numbers and considers different times of the day. This is reviewed by the RCMP.
- Seeking feedback and suggestions from the business community (Chamber/Council) with respect to impacts on local business.
- Confirmation that at this time a second Festival is not being contemplated and if it is something for consideration in the future application for a Temporary Use Permit would be prepared.

Mayor Richman thanked Mr. Buttrey for being in attendance and speaking to the concerns raised. Mayor Richman advised that Council will be considering the Temporary Use Permit for the Pemberton Music Festival in the new year.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

There was no business arising from Committee of the Whole.

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no minutes to be received.

8. DELEGATIONS

- a) **Joseph Le, S.W.E.D. Society** – overview of medical cannabis dispensary operations and products in relation to a zoning bylaw amendment.

Mr. Adam Blender, Director of Operations, and Ms. Ginny Stratton, Store Manager thanked Council for the opportunity to speak on this issue and noted that Mr. Le sent his regrets as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Blender spoke about the operations of the S.W.E.D Society, their commitment to provide medical cannabis to their members and the Society's operating guidelines including how the products are marketed and monitored.

Ms. Stratton provided updated information on the current status of the proposed legislation noting that the Federal Governments Task Force on Marijuana Legalization and Regulation released its final report, "*A Framework for Legalization and Regulations of Cannabis in Canada*" earlier in the day. Ms. Stratton spoke about how other communities have addressed medical marijuana dispensaries and referenced the City of Vancouver, Victoria and most recently Penticton and requested that the Village consider similar approaches.

Council had several questions related to the choice of Pemberton for a dispensary, testing protocols on products, where product is from, what will the store front look like if sale for recreation purposes is approved, other communities' approaches and the zoning amendment process.

Mayor Richman thanked Mr. Blender and Ms. Stratton for their presentation.

9. REPORTS

a) Office of the CAO

i. BC Air Access Program Application – Pemberton Regional Airport Apron & Taxiway Rehabilitation

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the application to the BCAAP for Phase II Airport Rehabilitation works up to an amount of \$65,000.

CARRIED

ii. Fire Truck Donation to Pemberton Meadows

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council authorize the donation of both Engine 12 and Engine 13, in their current condition, to the Pemberton Meadows Fire Association.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff place an advertisement in the newspaper advising that Engine 12 and Engine 13 will be disposed of by donation to the Pemberton Meadows Fire Association.

CARRIED

b) Finance & Administration

i. Third Quarter Financial Statements

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Third Quarter Financial report, dated December 13, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED

ii. 2017 – 2021 Five Year Financial Plan Timeline

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Five Year Financial Plan and Tax Rates Bylaws' timeline be approved as presented.

CARRIED

c) Operations & Development Services

i. One Mile Lake Master Plan – Adoption

Lisa Pedrini, Village Planner, presented the One Mile Lake Master Plan and provided an overview of comments received from stakeholder and referral agencies respecting the draft plan.

Mayor Richman, with the permission of Council, opened the meeting to provide those in attendance an opportunity to provide comment on the plan and hearing none closed this portion of the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the report on the One Mile Lake Master Plan be received.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the One Mile Lake Master Plan, dated December 13, 2016, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

d) MAYOR

Mayor Richman provided an update on the November SLRD Board meeting and reported on the following:

Advised that the SLRD received notification from MFLNRO and EMBC that funding has been made available for a Rockfall Hazard Assessment for Mount Currie. The details and media release visit www.pemberton.ca

SLRD Board Meetings held in November at which discussion took place on the following:

- Chair and Vice Chair Appointments
- Signing Ceremony of the Naylor Right of Way Agreement for the riverside trail. Mayor Richman thanked Mr. Naylor, who was in attendance at the Council meeting, on behalf of the community for their generosity.
- Report on audiovisual streaming and archiving of meetings
- Budget discussions
- Illegal dumping – this will be an issue that will be brought forward at LMLGA and UBCM
- Whistler Centre for Sustainability – funding support approved
- Joint Council Meeting scheduled for April

Regional Growth Strategy – Elected Officials Forum:

- Affordable Housing discussions

Meeting with Base Wireless:

- implementation of improved high speed internet will be in place for Meadows residents and those up to Poole Creek and the Industrial Park

Mayor Richman noted the following:

- The Village of Pemberton was presented an Award of Recognition for our Outstanding Contributions to the Success and Sustainability for British Columbia's Film and Television Production Industry
- Congratulations to the Friends of the Library on a very successful Wine & Cheese Event
- Saturday, December 17, come to the Christmas Craft Fair at Úlús Community Complex. Open between 10am and 4pm
- Don't forget that Utilities are due December 31st. Next year, utilities and taxes will be combined on one bill – visit www.pemberton.ca for details
- This year the Pemberton Arts Council joins The Gingerbread Project - for the Pemberton Food Bank with their first Artisan Market on Saturday 17 December from 11am to 4pm under the big white tent at Pemberton Valley Lodge BC.
- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday December 17th from 9am -11am at PSS. This is their annual fundraiser for prom.
- The Village of Pemberton will be launching it's brand new website in January 2017. Stay tuned to www.pemberton.ca for our new look!

Mayor Richman concluded his report by thanking RONA for the donation of Christmas lights for the trees at The Barn and wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season.

D. Councillors Reports

i. Councillor Linklater

Councillor Linklater reported on the following:

- Library Board Meeting at which the Strategic Plan was adopted
- Confirmed that WinterFest will be held January 20-22
- Thanked the Friends of the Library on another successful Wine and Cheese at which \$10,000 was raised
- Thanked the Village Fun Committee for organizing a great Christmas party

Councillor Linklater concluded by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) For Action

- i. **Correspondence from Desiree Lee, dated November 18, 2016**, business license permit fees in the Village of Pemberton.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence from Ms. Desiree Lee be received and a response sent advising that the business licence fees are cost recovery for permit processing.

CARRIED

- ii. **Correspondence from Jack Crompton, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors, dated November 30, 2016**, inviting Mayor and Council to the Community to Community Forum, to be held Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 31, 2017.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence be received;

AND THAT Council advise staff as to their availability.

CARRIED

b) For Information

- i. **Correspondence from the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, dated November 24, 2016**, regarding the passenger rail service between North Vancouver and Prince George.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council receive this correspondence for information.

CARRIED

10. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business for consideration.

11. LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no Notice of Motions presented.

13. QUESTION PERIOD

Niki Vankerk – Aspen Boulevard (Village of Pemberton)

Ms. Vankerk had questions regarding the Temporary Use Permit for the Pemberton Music Festival and whether or not discussions have taken place respecting the future of the airport.

14. AJOURNMENT

At 8:03 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer