### VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON -REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA-

**Agenda** for the **Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton to be held Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1508.

"This meeting is being recorded on audio tape for minute-taking purposes as authorized by the Village of Pemberton Audio recording of Meetings Policy dated September 14, 2010."

Item of Business Page No.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Recommendation:** THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

- 3. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA (CLOSED)
- 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
  - a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1507, Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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**Recommendation: THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1507, held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

- 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

There are no committee minutes for information.

#### 8. DELEGATIONS

There are no delegation presentations.

#### 9. REPORTS

- a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
  - i. Council Meeting Time Change Request for February 25th Verbal Report
  - ii. BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant

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**Recommendation: THAT** an application be submitted to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program, for an amount up to \$260,000, for the construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East portion of the Friendship Trail.

**AND THAT** Council allocate, an amount up to \$80,000, for the matching contribution towards the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant.

**AND THAT** Correspondence be sent to SLRD Area C Director Mack to request a costshare of the applicant contribution.

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**Recommendation: THAT** the proposal be referred to the Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee for consideration in the new Pemberton & District Initiative Fund Program.

#### b) Corporate & Legislative Services

#### i. Lower Mainland Local Government Association Resolutions

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**Recommendation One: THAT** Council provide direction with respect to the draft resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association regarding Provincial funding for dyke upgrades.

**Recommendation Two: THAT** Council provide direction with respect to the draft resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association regarding funding for regional geo-hazards.

- c) MAYOR'S Report
- d) COUNCILLORS' Reports

#### 10. BYLAWS

#### a) Bylaws for Adoption

There are no Bylaws for consideration.

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE

#### a) For Action

i. Kiersten Enemark, Government Relations Director, Shaw Communications Inc., dated January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, requesting the Village's support on a recent petition made to cabinet.

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**Recommendation: THAT** Council provide direction with respect to issuing a letter of petition to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada.

ii. Shannon Story, Executive Director, Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA), dated February 5, 2020, providing registration information for the 2020 LMLGA Annual Conference.

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**Recommendation: THAT** Council advise as to interest in attending the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Annual Conference May 6-8, 2020.

#### b) For Information

 Tony Rainbow, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors, dated December 17, 2019, requesting a joint meeting of Staff to prepare a joint submission to TransLink regarding the recent update of its Regional Transportation Strategy for Metro Vancouver. 50

ii. Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, received January 24, 2020, announcing launch of the annual call for Government of Canada funding applications in support of local environmental initiatives.

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iii. Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, received February 4, 2020, sharing the Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution.

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Recommendation: THAT the correspondence be received for information.

- 12. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS
- 13. LATE BUSINESS
- 14. NOTICE OF MOTION
- 15. QUESTION PERIOD 54
- 16. IN CAMERA

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (k) Negotiations that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

- 17. RISE FROM IN CAMERA
- 18. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

# VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON -REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 1507.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Mike Richman

Councillor Ted Craddock Councillor Leah Noble Councillor Amica Antonelli Councillor Ryan Zant

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative

Services

Tom Csima, Manager Operations & Projects Lisa Pedrini, Manager Development Services

Robert Grossman, Fire Chief

Angela Belsham, Recreation Services Manager

Elysia Harvey, Legislative Assistant

Sarah Toews, Emergency Program Coordinator

Public: 23

Media: 1

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lil'wat Nation.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

#### 3. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA (CLOSED)

Council did not rise with report.

#### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting No. 1506, Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1506, held Tuesday January 14, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** 

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

There was no business arising.

#### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

There was no business arising from the Committee of the Whole.

#### 7. COMMITTEE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION

There were no Committee Minutes for information.

#### 8. DELEGATIONS

 a) Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – Michael Braun, Operations Manager Howe Sound/Sunshine Coast District, and Elena Farmer, District Manager

Michael Braun, Operations Manager, and Elena Farmer, District Manager, provided introductions, acknowledged the good partnership MOTI has with the Village citing the collaboration on the downtown enhancement project and the pedestrian signal installed at Flint Street/Signal Hill Elementary School. Mr. Braun provided an update on the new maintenance contract with Miller Capilano and commented on some priorities for the Sea to Sky Corridor in 2020. Priorities include development of a dredging plan for Pemberton Creek at the highway bridge and road rehabilitation work, which includes repairing potholes and securing the road base, is planned for the Green Lake area in Whistler as well as the stretch of Highway 99 between Pemberton and Mount Currie. In response to concerns raised by residents, MLA Jordan Sturdy, as well as the Lil'wat Nation, preliminary planning is underway for a speed limit review for Highway 99 between Pemberton and Mount Currie. Mr. Braun then invited questions and comments from Mayor and Council; the following issues were raised for discussion:

- Unacceptable condition of curbs within the downtown area of the Village (especially at the roundabout);
- Line painting including crosswalks and prioritization process;
- Frequency of street sweeping;

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- Timing of pedestrian crossing lights at the Portage Road/Hwy 99 intersection;
- Parameters of the speed limit study between Pemberton and Mount Currie;
- Clarification of chip sealant used on rural roads;
- Collaboration with the Village's Public Works department on snow clearing and piling;
- Water drainage issues in front of the Huskey Gas Station on Vine Road;
- Options for the establishment of a bike lane along Portage Road from the Petrocan to the Roundabout
- Importance of a second entrance to the Village;
- Establishment of a safe crossing to One Mile Lake Park from the residential area along Highway 99;

Mayor and Council identified ongoing priorities for the Village which would require collaboration with MOTI in order to facilitate; these include the possibility of a bike lane on Portage Road, and a secondary access to the Village. Mr. Braun and Ms. Farmer encouraged continued communication from Village Staff in sharing proposed concepts for these plans and advised that there could be an opportunity for input from Ministry traffic designers/engineers.

Mayor Richman thanked Mr. Braun and Ms. Farmer for attending the meeting.

#### 9. REPORTS

#### a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

#### i. Pemberton Valley Emergency Committee – Terms of Reference

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Pemberton Valley Emergency Management Committee Terms of Reference be approved as presented.

#### **CARRIED**

#### ii. Village of Pemberton Gateway Sign Relocation

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff facilitate refurbishment of the current southern Gateway Sign and explore the cost to refurbish the sign versus development of a new sign and design options for the addition of "welcome" in Ucmalmicwts and French.

#### **CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** an application to apply for a Crown land tenure through the community institutional program to relocate the southern Gateway Sign to Part of Primary: DISTRICT LOT 239, LILLOOET DISTRICT, Plan 24TR6\_NEW\_WESTMINISTER, PIN 6088620 be endorsed.

**CARRIED** 

# iii. Pemberton and Area Economic Development Collaborative Funding Request

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the request for funding be referred to the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee for consideration under the new Pemberton & District Initiative Fund Program.

#### **CARRIED**

#### b) Corporate & Legislative Services

#### i. Regular Council Meeting - Outstanding Resolutions

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Council receive the report for information.

#### CARRIED

#### ii. Vaping Products Regulation – Local Government Powers

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Vaping Products Regulation – Local Government Powers report be received for information.

#### **CARRIED**

#### c) Development Services

#### i. 2019 Fourth Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the 2019 Fourth Quarter Development Services Report be received for information.

#### **CARRIED**

#### d) Operations & Projects

#### i. 2019 Fourth Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the 2019 Fourth Quarter Operations & Projects Report be received for information.

#### **CARRIED**

#### e) Recreation Services

#### i. 2019 Fourth Quarter Report

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Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the 2019 Fourth Quarter Pemberton and District Recreation Services Report be received for information.

#### CARRIED

#### f) Fire Rescue Service

i. 2019 Fourth Quarter Report

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the 2019 Fourth Quarter Fire Department Report be received for information.

#### **CARRIED**

#### A resolution was passed moving item 10 a) forward in the agenda:

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** item 10 a) Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 872, 2019, and Zoning (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 873, 2019, for adoption be moved ahead in the agenda.

#### **CARRIED**

#### 10. BYLAWS

a) Bylaws for Adoption

Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 872, 2019: and

Village of Pemberton Zoning (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 873, 2019.

i. Public Hearing Minutes - December 10, 2019

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Public Hearing Minutes for Official Community Plan (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 872, 2019 and Zoning (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 873, 2019 be received.

#### **CARRIED**

ii. Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 872, 2019

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Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Pemberton Official Community Plan (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 872, 2019, be given Fourth and Final Reading.

#### **CARRIED**

# iii. Village of Pemberton Zoning (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 873, 2019

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Village of Pemberton Zoning (Pemberton Secondary School) Amendment Bylaw No. 873, 2019, be given Fourth and Final Reading.

#### CARRIED

#### 9. Reports continued:

#### d) MAYOR'S Report

Mayor Richman reported on the following meetings:

- January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee (PVUS). Topics discussed included:
  - Bike skills park update
  - Budget
  - Friendship Trail Bridge plan for completion
- Upcoming Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> to initiate the 2020 budget process;
- Upcoming Nukw7ántwal meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Richman commented on the following community initiatives and news:

- Cycling Network Plan Survey is now open, including Draft Plan and Maps for public review; public survey is available until January 31<sup>st</sup>;
- Local businesses are reminded to complete the Business Retention & Expansion Study Questionnaire by January 31<sup>st</sup> as part of the Village's Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan;
- Reminder of Winter Parking regulations please park on odd side of roads to allow for snow-clearing;
- The recent approval of ride hailing companies Lyft and Uber by the Passenger Transportation Board in the lower mainland including Whistler are anticipated have impacts on our community.

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#### Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare a report on the licensing approvals for ride hailing companies including Lyft Canada Inc. and Uber Canada Inc. and bring back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion.

#### **CARRIED**

#### e) COUNCILLORS' Reports

#### **Councillor Craddock**

Councillor Craddock reported on the following:

- Attended the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD) meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>;
- Attended the Cycling Network Plan Open House hosted by Village Staff at the Community Centre on January 21<sup>st</sup>;
- Reported out on recent discussions of the Economic Development Collaborative.

#### **Councillor Noble**

Councillor Noble reported on recent concerns from community members regarding the lack of recreation opportunities for youth who have aged out of the youth drop-in program as well as seniors.

#### Councillor Antonelli

Councillor Antonelli advised that the Library Annual General Meeting will be held in the evening and she will report out at the next Council meeting.

#### **Councillor Zant**

Councillor Zant did not report.

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE

#### a) For Action

i. Dale Harrison, President, Northern Woods & Water Highway Association, dated January 18, 2020, requesting support in the form of annual memberships.

#### Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the request be forwarded to the Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Pemberton.

#### **CARRIED**

#### b) For Information

- i. Patrick Weiler, MP, West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, received January 21, 2020, inviting input on the 2020 Federal Budget through an online survey <a href="https://www.budget.gc.ca/PBC">www.budget.gc.ca/PBC</a>.
- ii. Silvie Hoobanoff, Corporate Officer, Village of Canal Flats, dated January 22, 2020, regarding Council resolution requesting Canada Post provide postal banking.

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the above correspondence be received for information.

#### CARRIED

#### 12. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

#### 13. LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business for consideration.

#### 14. NOTICE OF MOTION

#### 15. QUESTION PERIOD

Nikki Vankerk, 1347 Elmwood Street, Village of Pemberton, expressed concern regarding the impacts of snow storage on parking on her street.

#### 16. RECESS

At 11:20 a.m. Mayor Richman called a recess of the Regular Council Meeting.

At 11:43 a.m. the Regular Council Meeting was reconvened and Council moved In Camera.

#### 17.IN CAMERA

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (a) Personal Information, (c) Labour Relations, (k) Negotiations, and (l) Municipal Objectives that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

#### **CARRIED**

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#### 18. RECESS

At 12:57 p.m. the Regular Meeting was recessed.

#### 19. RECONVENE

At 2:38 p.m. the Regular meeting was reconvened and Council moved back In Camera.

#### 19. RISE FROM IN CAMERA

At 3:48 p.m. Council rose with report on the following:

#### **Airport Lease Negotiations – Pemberton Hangars**

Staff have been directed to enter into lease negotiations with Pemberton Hangars for a lease lot to house a private hangar at Pemberton Airport.

#### Blackcomb Helicopters – Hydro Line Training Facility Proposal

Staff have been directed to consult with Airport Lease Holders with respect to the proposed Hydro Line Training Facility.

#### 20. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Moved/Seconded **THAT** the Regular Council Meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED** 

At 3:49 p.m. the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman Mayor	Sheena Fraser Corporate Officer	_



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

To: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jill Brooksbank, Sr. Communications & Grants Coordinator

**Subject: BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant** 

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek support for an application to the Province's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program for the construction of a delineated multi-use path on Pemberton Farm Road East, as part of the Friendship Trail.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 200, held on January 28, 2020, Staff presented the draft Cycling Network Plan for the Committee's review and input. As a part of the draft Plan, recommended actions were presented, which were informed by community consultation opportunities. These included two open houses and an online survey.

During the feedback period, stakeholders and community members were given the opportunity to prioritize proposed segments (from the Draft Cycling Network Plan) for improvement. The top three included the following:

- Pemberton Creek Trail (Rail line at Tiyata to Highway 99);
- Pemberton Meadows Road (Camus Road to Collins Road) and Friendship Trail Part 3 (End of Sabre Way to Timber Way); and
- Pemberton Farm Road East (highway 99 to Sabre Way).

Due to the first two priorities being out of the Village's jurisdiction, the Friendship Trail Part 3 option (also known as the Pemberton Farm Road East Connector) was determined to be the most achievable due to the Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant program's funding deadline of February 20, 2020.

The BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant cost shares up to a maximum of \$500,000 per project. The project covers 70% of project costs for communities with a population of 15,000 or less, and 80% of project costs if working in partnership with an Indigenous community.

#### **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

The proposed project includes the construction of a delineated multi-use bike lane on Pemberton Farm Road East, as part of the Friendship Trail. This section is one of the last two sections to be constructed of the Friendship Trail which connects the Village to Lil'wat Nation.

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Preliminary discussions have been had between Village and Lil'wat Nation regarding an application partnership, which would reduce the applicant's cost-share portion to 20%.

At the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services (PVUS) Meeting held on January 16, 2020, preliminary discussions took place regarding cost sharing the applicant's portion between the Village and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD), which would be either 20% or 30% depending on interest from Lil'wat Nation. Should Council support the application, Staff will send an official request to SLRD Area C Director Mack for matching funds as well as finalize the discussions with Lil'wat Nation.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

This initiative does not require a communications element at this time.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

#### **IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING**

Should the Village be successful in obtaining funding, the Village would be required to cost-share 30% of the total project costs. Due to the considerable cost of path lighting, two project options are being presented for consideration:

**Option 1**: Construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East Connector multi-use path without lighting: \$259, 276.

**Option 2:** Construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East Connector multi-use path <u>with</u> lighting: \$502,000.

Staff recommends Option 1, which would require a cost-share contribution of \$77,782.80 (assuming there is no cost-sharing for the applicant's portion with the SLRD). Should Council pursue this option, Staff will continue to monitor other funding alternatives for trail lighting.

Should the Village pursue Option 2, the Village's cost-share contribution would be \$150,600 (assuming there is no cost-sharing for the applicant's portion with the SLRD).

The Village's contribution towards the project's cost-share would be allocated from Gas Tax Community Works Funds.

#### INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL

Should the Village be successful in obtaining funding, the project will be managed by the Village's Operations Department. This work falls within the scope of the Operations Department and can be accommodated.

#### IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

The proposed project is a part of the Friendship Trail, a regional trail that connects the Village of Pemberton, SLRD Area C and Lil'wat Nation. The Friendship Trail project is managed by the SLRD, and is supported by Lil'wat Nation. Staff have had preliminary discussions with the SLRD regarding cost-sharing the applicant portion of the project, however no formal agreements have been made.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Due to the considerable cost of path lighting, two project options are being presented for consideration:

**Option 1**: Construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East Connector multi-use path without

lighting: \$259, 276

Option 2: Construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East Connector multi-use path with

lighting: \$502,000

Staff are recommending Option 1, with the intent of monitoring other funding alternatives for trail lighting.

#### POTENTIAL GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

This initiative aligns with the Strategic Priority of *Social Responsibility* whereby the Village strives to create a strong and vibrant community, recognizing the importance and benefits of healthy, engaged citizens.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** an application be submitted to the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program, for an amount up to \$260,000, for the construction of the Pemberton Farm Road East portion of the Friendship Trail.

**AND THAT** Council allocate, an amount up to \$80,000, for the matching contribution towards the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant.

**AND THAT** Correspondence be sent to SLRD Area C Director Mack to request a cost-share of the applicant contribution.

Prepared by:	Jill Brooksbank, Sr. Communications & Grants Coordinator
CAO Approval by:	Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

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Proposal December, 2019 #2020PQ1

Nukw7ántwał Organizing Committee c/o Jill Brooksbank Senior Communications and Grant Coordinator Village of Pemberton Box 100, 7400 Prospect Street, Pemberton BC V0N 2L0

RE: Nukw7ántwal // The Wellness Almanac, 2020

Proposal to diversify the engagement tactics and the editorial team for the Wellness Almanac with a paid Lil'wat editor/contributor, a videographer on retainer to produce quarterly media rich content, and a quarterly Speaker Series and video screening.

We request your consideration of an increase of contribution from our three funders, from \$4000/year to \$7500/year, with the intention of exponentially increasing our reach and our impact.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of this initiative,

Lisa Richardson

Mt Currie BC V0N 2K0

November 28, 2019

Dear friends,

#### Background/history

For six years, from 2013 – 2018, the Village of Pemberton, SLRD and Lil'wat Nation has each contributed matching funds to support a **\$10,000 budget to operate the Wellness Almanac**, a daily blog amplified across three separate social media channels (Facebook, instagram and twitter). It was run as a one-person operation, with volunteer contributions solicited by dozens of community members.

Since launching in mid 2012, the website has generated almost 200,000 views, over 111,000 visitors, through 2770 posts. The website draws between 1500 and 5000 views for month, and has almost 800 subscribed followers (via email, wordpress or social.) We also boast another 842 followers to instagram.com/thewellnessalmanac.) It is the only cross-community, impartial, apolitical, uncommercial, local news site that is targeted to serve all residents of the Lil'wat Nation, N'quatqua Nation, Village of Pemberton and Area C of the SLRD.

At the end of 2017, an increase in budget to \$12,000 per year from 2018 was requested, given increasing web hosting and domain registration costs. (A grant for \$4000 from CFOW to fund a newsletter was also applied for but was unsuccessful.)

The funding commitment for 2018 wasn't secured until late in the year when the Nukw7ántwal Intergovernmental Relations Committee began to meet (June 6, 2018) and the group agreed that the Wellness Almanac was important part of communications and should be considered as part of the overall Nukw7ántwal engagement process.

So, it was not until 2019 that the budget increased to 12,000/year.

During the course of this past year, a diversification in the content team has been trialled, through the contracting of a brilliant young Lil'watul editor/writer and of a local video production company with ongoing relationships with the Lil'wat Nation and the Lil'wat7úl Culture Centre which supported the Pemberton Secondary School's Orange Shirt Day experiential learning offering in video and photography. These investments (totaling \$1470 in outgoings) were met out of the \$12,000 budget.

The topics explored on the Wellness Almanac – addiction, intergenerational trauma, wellness, reconciliation, justice – have been a learning experience for the current editor. They're a lived experience for Ms Ritchie. Adding her voice to the editorial team and the content, as was demonstrated over the 5 weeks she has trialled in the role in 2019, will increase the relevance and the resonance of the project. It has already proven to be incredibly valuable. During the four weeks of her trial in October, **views to the site doubled** over the previous month, to 3000 – or 96 per day, (from 54 views per day in September), and we welcomed 40 new Facebook followers (going from 580 "friends" to 616.)

#### Request

The request of the Nukw7ántwal Intergovernmental Relations Committee is to support a recommendation to the Village of Pemberton, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and Lil'wat Nation to continue to support the Wellness Almanac through 2020 with an annual stipend, and **to increase that contribution from \$4,000 each, to \$7,500 each**, to facilitate the diversification of the editorial team and the content generated to serve the community:

Proposed Budget	Cost		
To retain the services of Lisa Richardson as project manager and Editor in Chief, to maintain the instagram takeover project, organize the speaker series, to provide mentorship and support and content to Ms Ritchie, and provide story development and creative direction and liaison with community groups with Calling Mountains for short films Includes wordpress website hosting fee \$120	\$6,5	00.00	
To hire a second member of the editorial/content team, Amanda Ritchie, from Lil'wat Nation, to annual budget of \$7,800/year (\$150/week.)	\$7,8	00.00	
Production of quarterly videos and photography to tell rich stories from the region, from Calling Mountains Production, \$6,200/year (\$1550 per video and photo suite – see attached project quote)		\$6,200.00	
Speaker Series: quarterly speaker series of local experts presenting on range of wellness and cultural topics –at which screening of videos would be featured. \$500 per event		\$2,000.00	
Total	\$22,5	00.00	

- 1. Alternative option: *Biannual versus quarterly support content.* Recommend the video and speaker series be biannual vs quarterly for annual budget of \$18,400 (or **\$6133 each**).
- 2. Alternative option: *Welcome new editor to team.* Support increase in budget to bring Amanda Ritchie onto editorial team, but focus energy on website, without supporting speaker series or videos. (\$15,000 or \$5000 each).
- 3. Alternative option: Status quo. Continue with existing budget and endorse status quo, with either the current or a new editor. Risk is that current voice is becoming stale and has tapped its potential reach, or new voice, without support mechanisms, may be overwhelmed. (\$12,000 or \$4000 each).



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 11, 2020

To: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate and Legislative Services

Subject: Lower Mainland Local Government Association - Resolutions for

Consideration

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present to Council proposed resolutions to be submitted by the Village of Pemberton for consideration by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) at their Annual Meeting to be held May 6 - 8, 2020 in Whistler.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 201, held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, discussion took place respecting submitting resolutions to LMLGA to inspire action on issues important to local governments. As a result, the following resolutions were passed:

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare draft resolutions regarding the seismic requirements for dyke upgrades in the Pemberton area.

#### **CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** Staff prepare draft resolutions regarding increased provincial funding for major geohazards which affect regions and the travelling public.

#### **CARRIED**

It should be noted that submissions related to resolutions already considered and forwarded by local area associations to UBCM or those already considered, and direction provided at a previous UBCM Convention will not be entertained to avoid duplication.

#### **DYKE UPGRADES - DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

The current Dyking infrastructure in the Pemberton Valley provides essential flood protection for residents, however, requires continuous maintenance and upgrades as the infrastructure ages. Currently, funding opportunities for dyke upgrades through the Provincial government require that all upgrades meet specific seismic standards to withstand potential earthquake events. However, dyke upgrades meeting these seismic standards bear significant costs and require specific structural fill which would have to be brought in, which increases the costs even more.

A seismic hazard map prepared by Geological Survey Canada indicates Pemberton is outside of the high-risk zone. Therefore, understanding that there are several significant projects being planned to remove sediment from the Lillooet River, Council discussed the possibility of utilizing the fill that is removed for the upgrades to the current dykes. It is understood that it is likely that Regular Council Meeting No. 1508 Tuesday, February 11, 2020 Lower Mainland Local Government Association - Resolutions Page 2 of 3

this fill may not meet the seismic, or structural standards; however, the rationale is that if some upgrades could be facilitated it would be better than none at all.

As such, Staff has prepared the draft resolution regarding Provincial funding for non-seismic dyke upgrades for Council's consideration attached as **Appendix A**.

On January 29, 2019, the Province issued an Information Bulletin on the status of seismic design of dikes in British Columbia. A copy of this Bulletin is attached as **Appendix B**, for information.

#### **REGIONAL GEOHAZARDS - DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

The landscape of the Sea to Sky Corridor, including the Pemberton Valley, is susceptible to multiple, large-scale natural hazards such as forest fires, landslides and flooding. While there is Provincial funding currently available related to emergency programs and cost relief associated with post-emergency response, there is a lack of funding availability for activities associated with risk management for the prevention of disaster events.

At the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council discussed that geohazards in this area affect residents on a region-wide scale as well as the travelling public and suggested putting forward a resolution to the LMLGA in this regard. Provincial funding for preventative risk management including consistent and regular monitoring would be beneficial for the safety and well-being of residents and those traveling through the region, especially during peak tourist seasons.

The Village is committed to the preservation of our natural environment, the safety of residents and visitors, and to the economic sustainability of the community. As such, Staff have prepared the draft LMLGA resolution for consideration attached in **Appendix A**.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

No communication components are required at this time.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no legal, legislative or regulatory considerations at this time.

#### **IMPACT ON BUDGET & STAFFING**

There is no impact on budget and staffing at this time.

#### INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL

There is no interdepartmental impact or approval required at this time.

#### IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

A review of this initiative has no impact on other jurisdictions at this time.

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#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

There are no alternative options for consideration at this time.

#### POTENTIAL GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

Consideration of submitting these resolutions to the LMLGA meets with Strategic Priority Four: Social Responsibility in which the Village strives to create a strong and vibrant community recognizing the importance and benefits of both healthy and engaged citizens as well as an accessible and well managed natural environment.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** Council provide direction with respect to the draft resolution to the LMLGA regarding Provincial funding for dyke upgrades.

**AND THAT** Council provide direction with respect to the draft resolution to the LMLGA regarding funding for regional geohazards.

#### **Attachments:**

**Appendix A** – Village of Pemberton draft LMLGA 2020 Resolutions.

**Appendix B** – Information Bulletin January 29, 2019

Submitted by:	Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate and Legislative Services
CAO Approval by:	Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

Lower Mainland Local Government Association 2020 Resolutions

#### **APPENDIX A**

#### **Dyke Upgrades**

#### **Village of Pemberton**

**WHEREAS** the Dyking infrastructure in the Pemberton Valley is crucial to flood mitigation for residents and the general public;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial government will only allocate funding for dyke upgrades which meet high-cost seismic standards;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial government consider applications for funding for dyke upgrades which may not meet seismic standards, but would allow for essential and cost-effective upgrades.

#### **Regional Geo-Hazards**

#### **Village of Pemberton**

**WHEREAS** the landscape of the Sea to Sky Corridor faces exposure to multiple hazards with potential for natural disaster, such as forest fires, landslides and flooding which impact residents as well as the traveling public;

**AND WHEREAS** the majority of Provincial funding that is available is for response-related activities after an event has occurred;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province be requested to allocate funding to support more proactive measures for risk management of regional geohazards through the establishment of consistent and regular monitoring.

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January 29, 2019 File: 35050-01/IOD-DIKE SAF

#### INFORMATION BULLETIN

To: Diking Authorities and professional engineers involved in the design process of dikes in British Columbia

Re: Update – Status of Seismic Design of Dikes in BC

The 2014 Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes  $-2^{nd}$  Edition ("the guidelines") apply to the design and construction of new and major upgrades to high consequence dikes in high seismic zones. Seismic assessments and designs should be consistent with these guidelines to obtain *Dike Maintenance Act* approval from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development prior to construction.

Currently there are two projects that may impact the application of the guidelines: The Dike Consequence Classification (lead by the Province) and the Seismic Assessment and Geotechnical Investigation of Lower Mainland Dikes (lead by the Fraser Basin Council). The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarity to professionals and diking authorities planning or undertaking design work on dikes while these projects are underway and prior to any new direction implemented by the Province. A short summary of each project and potential impacts to the seismic design or construction of dikes are provided below.

- Dike Consequence Classification: This project will result in the consequence classification of all dikes which are regulate under the *Dike Maintenance Act*. This project is anticipated to be completed in 2019. Impacts relating to seismic design may include:
  - Updating which dikes the guidelines are applicable to
  - Other, as developed through the Province's implementation process
- Seismic Assessment and Geotechnical Investigation of Lower Mainland Dikes: This project aims to work with local governments to develop a program to increase the seismic resiliency of high consequence dikes in the Lower Mainland. This program includes geotechnical investigations and seismic assessment of existing dikes, as required for development of the program. The project is guided by an advisory group to ensure a robust program that considers both the economics of achieving seismic resilience and the need for flood protection after a significant seismic event. This project is anticipated to be completed in 2021. Impacts to seismic design may include:
  - Recommendations for updated seismic design criteria
  - Increased geotechnical information for existing dike alignments
  - New professional practice guidelines for professionals undertaking seismic design and construction of dikes
  - Recommendations for alternatives to meeting the guidelines
  - Others, as developed by the advisory group or through the Province's implementation process

Resource Stewardship Division

Until notified, all applicants for  $Dike\ Maintenance\ Act$  approvals are to continue to follow the 2014 Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes  $-2^{nd}$  Edition, where the dike is considered a high consequence dike as defined in the guidelines or as determined by the Inspector or Deputy Inspector of Dikes. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their regional Deputy Inspector of Dikes to confirm the applicability of the guidelines to their project prior to undertaking detailed design or submitting applications to senior government funding programs for new dikes or major dike upgrades.

The following clarifications to the guidelines are presented and are to be followed where applicable:

- 1. **Section 7 Definitions.** Addition of definition for Major dike upgrade: a major dike upgrade generally would be considered when a dike is to be raised by 0.5m or more on a significant portion of the dike segment, or as determined by the Inspector (as defined in the *Dike Maintenance Act*).
  - a. Note funding agreements administered by, or cost shared in part or in whole with the Province typically require the guidelines are met in full. The inability to meet the guidelines due to inadequate funding will not be considered by an Inspector as a reason to relax the guidelines, unless specifically negotiated <u>prior</u> to their funding application. Any negotiation prior to funding approval must still meet the criteria listed in Clarification 4 below.
- 2. **Section 13 Performance Based Design Criteria.** Horizontal and vertical displacement for all three performance categories, as listed in Displacement Table 2 Summary of Maximum Allowable Dike Crest Displacement Corresponding to Performance Categories, must be analysed and submitted.
  - a. If the analysis indicates maximum displacement is exceeded for ANY of the performance categories, an analysis of remediation measures to improve dike/ground performance needs to be submitted.
  - b. If the maximum displacement criteria cannot be met through any manner of dike/ ground improvement, this should be clearly documented, with indication of best performance achievable.
  - c. Note Designs incorporating the dike into massive fills (i.e. "superdike" concept) must submit analysis to confirm the "superdike" retains its hydraulic integrity in each performance category.
- 3. **Section 13 Performance Based Design Criteria.** "The designer shall independently confirm that the displaced configuration of the diking system would provide at least 0.3 m of postearthquake freeboard above 1:10-yr return period water level to meet performance expectations." This requirement is IN ADDITION to satisfactory meeting the displacement requirements of Table 2 in the same section. It is not to be viewed in isolation and meeting this alone does not satisfy the requirements of the guidelines (i.e. displacement criteria must be met for all three performance categories as well).
  - a. If the freeboard is not meet, then remediation must be applied to improve dike performance until met. Refer to Figures 8b-8d in the guidelines.
- 4. **Section 13 Performance Based Design Criteria.** If a diking authority seeks a relaxation of the maximum displacement requirements AND ONLY IF there is sufficient 1:10 year return period flood freeboard post-earthquake, then the diking authority shall present the rationale as to why and shall include for sufficient details on the proposed alternate means of mitigating post-earthquake flood risk. A detailed plan should be included as to how and when the guidelines can be met in the future.

- a. Note the application MUST still include the analysis for all three performance categories and include the analysis of any dike/ground improvements required to meet the guidelines (if attainable).
- b. If the applicants reason for relaxation is due to significant financial increase (i.e. an order of magnitude or more the cost of a non-seismic dike, or as agreed to by the Inspector), detailed cost estimates to undertake the various remediation methods explored to meet the guidelines must be included. This should also include for dike realignment, "superdike" concept, or mass fill of development site.
- 5. **Section 15 Analysis Methods.** For determining displacements, the Newmark method must be used <u>first</u> for all Liquefaction Indices (unless authorized otherwise by the regional Deputy Inspector of Dikes). Where deemed appropriate by the qualified professional engineer (QP) or required in the guidelines or determined by the regional Deputy Inspector of Dikes, rigorous methods should then be used to compare against the Newmark analysis. Discrepancies in results between the simple and rigorous methods should be highlighted and discussed, with the recommended set of results explained sufficiently by the QP.

Regards,

Mitchell Hahn, P.Eng. Inspector of Dikes

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**From:** Kiersten Enemark < <u>Kiersten.Enemark@sjrb.ca</u>>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:31 PM **To:** Mike Richman <a href="mailto:mrichman@pemberton.ca">mrichman@pemberton.ca</a>

**Cc:** Nikki Gilmore < ngilmore@pemberton.ca >; Sheena Fraser < sfraser@pemberton.ca > **Subject:** Shaw | Petition to Cabinet - Public Consultation Period Open until Feb. 14, 2020

Hello Mayor Richman,

As you are aware, Shaw reached out the SLRD regarding our appeal to the federal cabinet regarding a recent CRTC decision that will impact investment in rural broadband services. We are asking that the CRTC take a balanced approach to achieving the government's key public policy objectives of affordability, competition, investment, innovation and the expansion of high-speed internet access to rural and remote communities. Please know the consultation was launched and we believe it's important for stakeholders who are interested in continual investment in internet service participate in this consultation before **February 14, 2020**.

Attached, please find a letter that provides an outline of the issue, along with a sample template letter for the consultation. The consultation has opened and the comment period on our petition closes February 14, 2020. The Gazette Notice can be seen here: <a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11569.html">http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11569.html</a>.

All petitions can be found here: <a href="http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11568.html">http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11568.html</a>. We are asking that cabinet send the decision back and ask the CRTC to broaden the policy lens applied to the rates to ensure that rural broadband expansion happens.

As connectivity has been an issue of interest to the Village of Pemberton, perhaps there would be interest in participating in the consultation.

Regards,

Kiersten

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January 29, 2020

Mayor Mike Richman Village of Pemberton Box 100, 7400 Prospect Street Pemberton, BC VON 2L0

Dear Mayor Richman and Members of Council,

We are reaching out to raise awareness of a consultation opened by the Department of Innovation, Science and Industry (ISI) following our petition to cabinet regarding Third Party Internet Access (TPIA).

The CRTC requires network owners like Shaw to open their networks to third-party resellers who use our infrastructure to resell internet to consumers. The purpose of this regime is to increase competition for consumers. The CRTC sets wholesale broadband rates for network owners to sell internet to these resellers. In August, the CRTC established new wholesale rates that are radically lower than those that have applied since 2016 and require network owners like Shaw to sell access at rates that are below our own costs.

This decision will cause the cable carriers to reduce their investment in broadband infrastructure **by up to 54%.** This reduction in investment, **which could range from \$2.5 billion to \$3.7 billion over the next five years** will have an impact on both the expansion of rural broadband and the aim of keeping British Columbia broadband speeds in the top 10 worldwide which is critical to growing Canada's digital economy.

Shaw Communications, along with other major cable companies in Canada, filed an appeal to the federal cabinet asking them to direct the CRTC to reconsider its decision and when doing so, take a balanced approach to achieving the government's key public policy objectives of affordability, competition, investment, innovation and the expansion of high-speed internet access to rural and remote communities. This is the first time Shaw has filed an appeal to cabinet, which underscores how concerned we are about this issue. To be clear, we are not opposed to third-party resellers, but we are deeply concerned that these new rates will have a negative effect on the growth and quality of the internet in B.C.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Kiersten Enemark

Government Relations Director, British Columbia

Shaw Communications Inc.

cc: Nikki Gilmore, CAO



#### VIA EMAIL ic.telecomsubmission-soumissiontelecom.ic@canada.ca

#### [<mark>Name]</mark> [Address]

Patricia Brady
Director General, Telecommunications and Internet Policy Branch
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
235 Queen Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H5

Dear Ms. Brady,

RE: Canada Gazette, Part 1, December 14, 2019, Petitions to the Governor in Council concerning Telecom Order CRTC 2019-288 (Notice No. TIPB-002-2019)

I am writing to you today on behalf of [name of organization/ municipality] which represents [provide description of organization / municipality]. We believe that its critically important for our [residents/members] to have access to high-speed internet, which is critical for [our community] [the delivery of services by our members]. We support the federal government's objective of balancing affordability, competition, investment, innovation and expansion to rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

We have had the opportunity to review the recent decision by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) which establishes new wholesale rates for the owners of telecommunications network infrastructure and the petition to the Federal Cabinet filed jointly by the cable companies (Eastlink, Cogeco, Rogers, Shaw and Videotron) which requests that Cabinet direct the CRTC to reconsider its decision in light of all of the government's policy objectives.

[Version focused on rural] [The network owners have raised serious concerns in their petition, and we believe that those concerns need to be addressed by the CRTC. Our [municipality / organization] is very concerned that this decision could adversely impact the expansion of broadband internet to rural, remote and Indigenous communities and increase the digital divide that currently exists between urban and rural Canada. We are also concerned that this decision could cause Canada to fall behind other countries in terms of broadband speed, which will affect the ability of our [business / members] to compete in an increasingly global and digital economy.]

[Version focused on economy] [The network owners have raised serious concerns in their petition, and we believe that those concerns need to be addressed by the CRTC. Our [organization] is concerned that this decision could cause Canada to fall behind other countries in terms of broadband speed, which will affect the ability of our [business / members] to compete in an increasingly global and digital economy. Furthermore, we are concerned that this decision could adversely impact the expansion of broadband internet to more rural, remote and Indigenous communities and increase the digital divide that currently exists between urban and rural Canada.]

Our organization/municipality is requesting that Cabinet direct the CRTC to reconsider its decision. That reconsideration must be done by:

- Applying a rural lens to the decision to ensure that the new wholesale rates set by the CRTC will not adversely impact investment by network owners in the expansion of networks in rural and remote communities to ensure Canada meets our ambitious broadband targets.
- Applying an economic development lens to the decision to ensure that revised wholesale rates do not adversely impact investments required to keep Canada in the top ten internet speeds on world indices.

Access to high-speed internet is critically important for Canada's economic and social well-being and it's critical that the CRTC gets this decision right.

Sincerely,

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# Challenges to Canada's Digital Future

How the recent CRTC decision will impact investment in your community

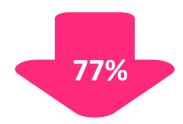
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# Background on Canada's Internet Reseller Regime

- Facilities-based phone and cable companies (the "Network Owners")
  provide broadband internet access to homes and businesses in a
  community through network infrastructure they have invested in over
  time.
- The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (the "CRTC") decided that in order to increase competition in broadband internet, Network Owners would be required to open up their networks to third-party resellers such as TekSavvy, Primus and Cipher TV (the "Resellers") at wholesale rates set by the CRTC.
- Resellers repackage the services of the Network Owners and sell them to the public using the Network Owner's infrastructure.
- In 2016, the CRTC established interim wholesale rates for the Network Owners to sell their services to the Resellers.

# **CRTC Decision on Third-Party Internet Access**



In August, the CRTC established wholesale rates that are **up to 77% lower than the interim 2017 rates** (These rates have **not yet been implemented**).



The CRTC also established a single rate for Network Owners to resell their services to Resellers, regardless of speed. (ie. 50 Mbps download speed is the same price as 600 Mbps service).



The CRTC did not impose any requirements on Resellers to invest in upgrades or expansions to network infrastructure.





The CRTC did not consider the impact its decision will have on the deployment of network infrastructure in rural and remote communities or on the ability of Canadian businesses to compete in the digital economy.

# **Status of the Decision's Implementation**

Cogeco, Eastlink, Rogers, Shaw, and Videotron (the "Cablecos") are pursuing three distinct remedies:

# Federal Court of Appeal

• The Cablecos are asserting that the CRTC made **an error in law** in establishing the new rates. The Federal Court of Appeal has granted leave to appeal and stayed implementation of the new rates pending its decision.

# Petition to Cabinet

On November 13, the Cablecos filed a Petition to the Federal Cabinet requesting that they direct
the CRTC to reconsider its decision and balance all the government's policy objectives –
affordability, competition, investment, innovation, growing the digital economy and the
expansion to rural and remote communities.

# Application to the CRTC for Review and Vary

• The Cablecos will be filing a petition by December 13, 2019 requesting that the CRTC review and vary its decision with a focus on the methodology it used to determine the new rates.

# **Why This Matters**

1

The CRTC Decision has jeopardized the balance between affordability and competition on one hand and the government's other public policy objectives (investment, innovation, growing the digital economy and rural and remote connectivity) on the other hand.

2

Resellers have **no** requirements to **invest** in infrastructure to improve networks, deliver higher speeds or reach rural communities. We are the only country with no investment requirements for Resellers.

3

Canada's big cities and larger communities, will see reduced investment in network upgrades that will make it more difficult to attract and retain businesses in the digital economy.

4

Rural, remote and Indigenous communities, for which the business case for private investment is more challenging, will be significantly impacted by the reduction in investment.

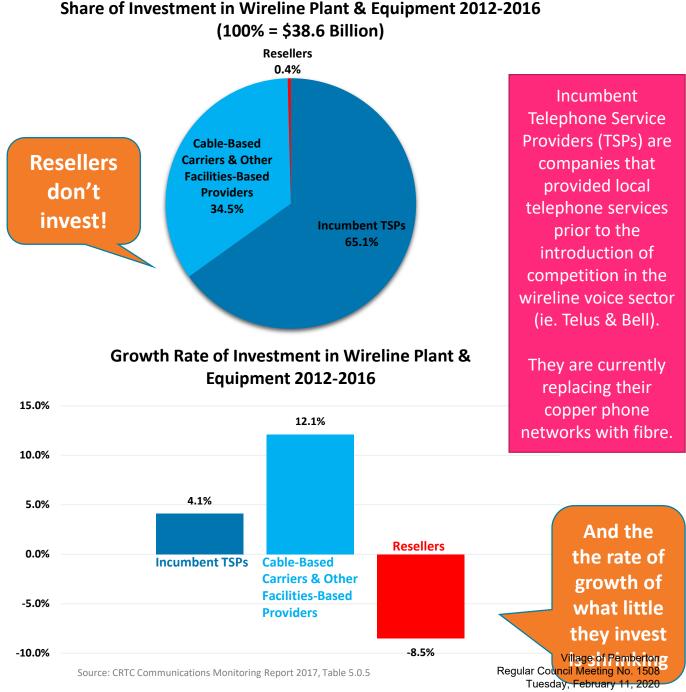
### **Impact on Investment**

An economic analysis by **The Brattle Group** estimates that:

- The new rates will reduce the ability of the Cablecos to invest by \$2.6 to \$3.7 billion over the next 5 years.
- This will result in capex reductions between 38% to
   54% of planned broadband capital expenditures over
   5 years.

A TD Securities analysis echoes these findings, estimating:

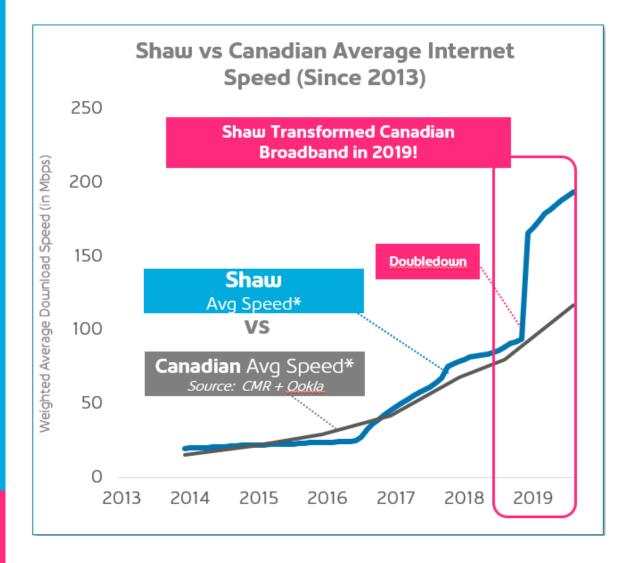
- Per annum investment in telecommunications infrastructure will decline by ~22% per year.
- This would be a reduction of \$1.68 billion per year in investment by the six publicly traded telecommunications companies (i.e Bell, Cogeco, Rogers, Shaw, Telus and Quebecor (Videotron). The amount is higher if we include Eastlink and SaskTel)
- Cable operators will be 1 to 2 years behind in the technology investment cycle which will reduce Canada's ability to climb global speed rankings.



# Impact on Investment | Speed

- Canada's ambitions of being a leader in the digital economy will require significant investment to achieve higher internet speeds and build 5G networks.
- The CRTC decision establishes a flat rate of \$11.47 for wholesale resellers accessing the Shaw network, regardless of internet speed. 600 Mbps service is now priced the same as 10 Mbps service.
- Had the new TPIA rates been in effect in 2018, the business case to support Shaw's investments would not have existed.

This decision will cause Canadian cities to fall behind due to lower investment – putting our small businesses, entrepreneurs and academics at a disadvantage to those in other jurisdictions.



In 2018, Shaw doubled our internet speeds twice, which moved Canada to the 7<sup>th</sup> fastest network speeds on the world speed index – an increase of 9 points.

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# Impact on Investment | Digital Economy

"Since the announcements on the wireless MVNO hearings and the reduced TPIA rates, we have already altered our plans with respect to launching new, higher speed internet tiers and additional wireless expansion beyond our current footprint."

- B. Shaw, F19 Q 4 Analyst Call, October 25,. 2019

- Canadian businesses will struggle to compete with foreign competitors
  who will have access to more advanced networks due to the reduction in
  investment caused by the CRTC Decision.
- The CRTC decision will have a material negative impact on the deployment of 5G across Canada, including in our large urban centres.
  - Deployment of 5G requires fast and high capacity broadband networks.
  - The CRTC Decision will reduce investment in broadband networks, which will have a direct and negative effect on 5G deployment.
  - Investment will concentrate in urban centres, leaving rural areas further behind.
- Slower networks will discourage investment in innovation in Canada by Canadian business.
  - Business and entrepreneurs will focus their investments in higher speed jurisdictions.
  - Business may struggle to recruit and retain talent without access to the best networks.
- The CRTC Decision does not support innovation by the telecom industry as Resellers only repackage existing products and do not bring any new technology or differentiated products to the market.

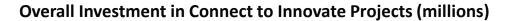
# **Impact on Investment | Rural Connectivity**

- The CRTC decision will specifically undermine the federal government's objective of increasing rural and remote connectivity by reducing investment in expansions to rural communities. It will be more difficult for Canadians living and working in rural and remote communities to participate in the digital economy.
- The Competition Bureau warned in Delivering Choice, A Study of Competition in Canada's Broadband Industry, that rural and remote communities will be adversely affected by an aggressive decision on wholesale rates:

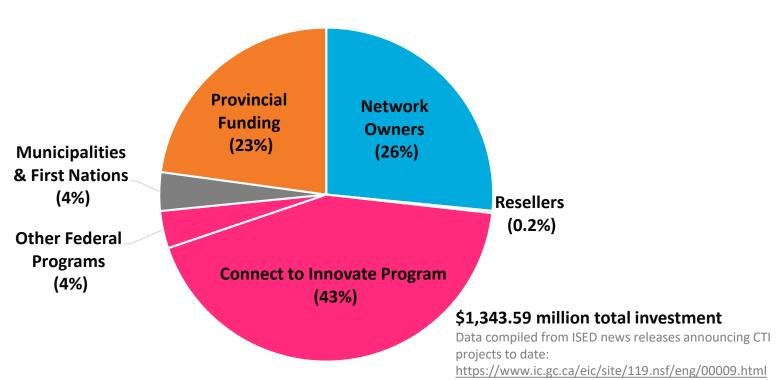
"...this negative effect on investment incentives will most likely be felt at the fringes of a network. Some areas may be so densely populated, strategically important, or otherwise relatively cheap to deploy that investment will occur except under the most onerous conditions. That means that the strongest reduction in investment is most likely to be felt in areas where population is relatively sparser. This has significant implications for rural and remote customers, who tend to have fewer and less advanced internet access options in Canada."

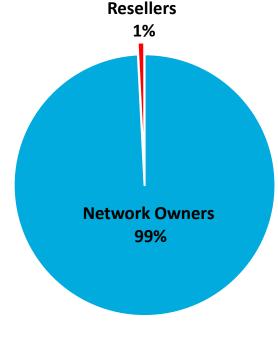
## **Impact on Investment** | Rural Connectivity

- With capital expenditures expected to go down by at least 38% per year by Network Owners, the success of the
  Universal Broadband Fund (and other funding programs, such as the CRTC's broadband fund) is at risk due to the
  CRTC Decision.
- 99% of private funding delivered through the Connect to Innovate (CTI) program was from Network Owners.



#### **Private Investment in Connect to Innovate Projects**

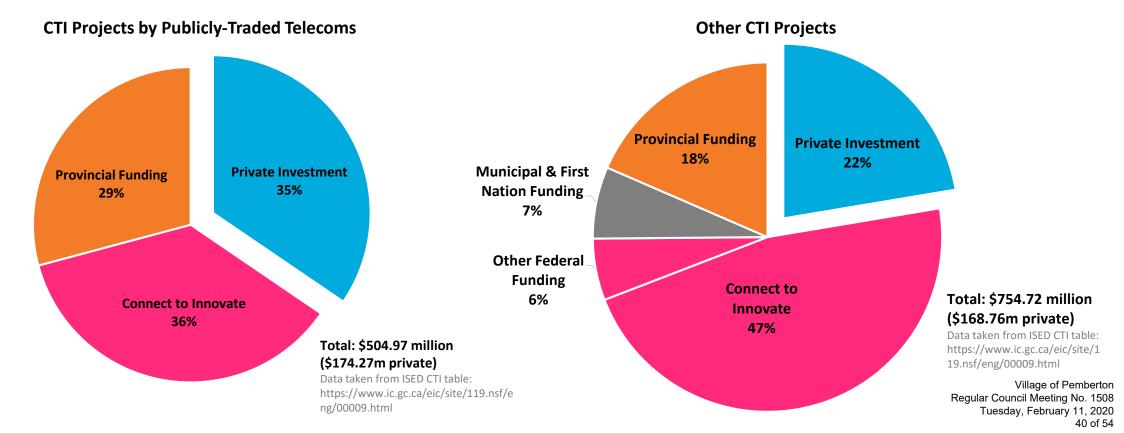




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## **Impact on Investment** | Rural Connectivity

- The Universal Broadband Fund, like CTI, is based on federal funds leveraging additional private sector support to achieve broadband expansion targets. Without significant support from Canada's publicly traded telecommunications companies, federal and CRTC targets will not be achieved.
- This is because projects funded by publicly traded telecommunications companies have a higher share of private investment as both a percentage and in terms of total project spend. If publicly traded telecoms cut wireline capex, Federal funding will have to increase significantly to achieve the same targets.



# Impact on Investment | Conclusion

- 1. The CRTC Decision has **jeopardized the balance** among all the government's public policy objectives: affordability, competition, investment, innovation, growing the digital economy and rural and remote connectivity.
- The CRTC Decision does not support growth and innovation in Canada's digital economy, as it will leave Canada's businesses with access to slower broadband networks.
- 3. The CRTC Decision reduces the ability to invest in rural, remote and Indigenous communities by the Cablecos, leaving residents in these communities further behind.
- The CRTC Decision does not support innovation by the telecom industry.
- 5. The CRTC Decision essentially **confiscates the tools** Shaw and the other Cablecos need to continue building and upgrading our network for Canadians.

# The Solution

1

Require the CRTC to factor-in the investment requirements needed to upgrade and expand facilities-based networks to keep Canada within the top 10 fastest networks in the world in order to compete in the digital economy.

2

Require the CRTC to apply a 'rural lens' on the impact wholesale rates will have on investment to improve and expand connectivity to rural and remote communities

With your support we can restore the balance between affordability and ensuring Canada meets our targets for rural broadband expansion and world-leading speeds.



# **Our Ask**

- Shaw and the other
   Cablecos have appealed
   this decision to the federal
   cabinet.
- A letter from the Village of Pemberton supporting a review of the decision will be very influential in the appeals process.
- The formal consultation process has been initiated by the federal government where comments may be submitted by February 14<sup>th</sup>

We are asking stakeholders to consider taking the following steps to support our appeal to the Federal Cabinet:

- 1. Write a letter to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry requesting that Cabinet direct the CRTC to reconsider its decision on wholesale resale rates by:
  - a. Applying an economic development lens to ensure that revised wholesale rates do not adversely impact investments required to keep Canada in the top ten internet speeds on world indices, thus preserving our ability to compete in the digital economy;
  - **b. Applying a rural lens** to ensure that revised wholesale rates do not adversely impact investment by Network Owners in the expansion of networks in rural and remote communities; and
  - **c.** Balancing all the government's policy objectives, namely affordability, competition, investment, innovation, growing the digital economy and rural and remote connectivity.
- 2. Raise awareness with your members about this issue and encourage them to send a similar letter to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry Pemberton

From: Shannon Story < sstory@lmlga.ca > Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 10:46 AM

To: shannon.story22@gmail.com

Subject: Lower Mainland Local Government Association-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Dear Lower Mainland Local Government Association Member:

This years' Lower Mainland Local Government Association Conference will be held from May 6-8, 2020 in Whistler BC. Registration and the hotel block are now open and can be reached at the link below:

https://www.lmlga.ca/events/2020-agm-conference/

The theme of this year's conference is Social, Natural and Financial Assets: Accounting for the Unaccounted. Our Executive have put together a timely, relevant and dynamic program. The draft program can be seen in the above link.

As always, I am available to answer any of your questions.

I hope to see you there!

Shannon

Shannon Story
Executive Director
Lower Mainland Local Government Association
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Each year we welcome Elected Officials and those involved in Local Government to attend this  $2\frac{1}{2}$  day conference. This event includes a tradeshow along with keynote speakers, panels and presentations, a gala dinner and our annual AGM and resolutions session.

This years' conference theme is Social, Natural and Financial Assets: Accounting for the Unaccounted.

The conference is your best opportunity to make connections across the region and ensure that what matters most to you finds its way into policy so that the communities and regions of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia continue to thrive.

#### **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

#### Member pricing:

Early Bird (before March 31st): \$400 plus GST and \$75 for Annual Banquet

After March 31st: \$500 plus GST and \$85 for Annual Banquet

Non-Members: \$700 plus GST and \$85 for Banquet

**Spouse Meal Package**: \$200 plus GST (banquet tickets sold separately)

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association appreciate that members often travel in their role as an elected official, resulting in time away from loved ones. In an

effort to facilitate joint travel, we continue to subsidize a spouse meal package. This includes 4 coffee breaks, 2 receptions, 2 lunches and 2 breakfasts. Banquet tickets

are sold separately at above listed member pricing.

**Sponsor/Exhibitor Additional Registration Package:** \$275 plus GST (banquet tickets sold separately)

**Cancellation Policy:** 

Cancellations received in writing on or before Friday, April 24th will incur a \$50 administration fee. All cancellations after that date will not receive a refund.

REGISTER NOW

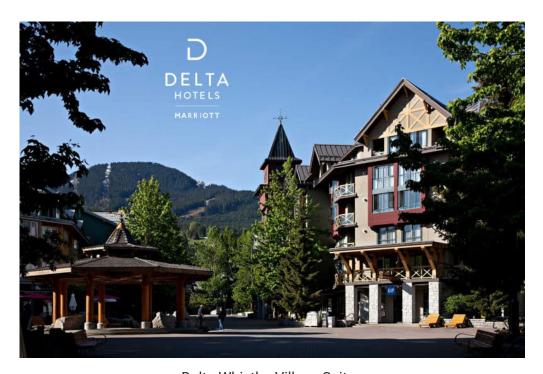


#### PROGRAM DETAILS



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#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**



Delta Whistler Village Suites

Hotel rooms at the **Delta Whistler Village Suites** can be booked at a discounted convention rate:

#### **RATES**

■ \$159 for a standard guest room

**\$185** for a one-bedroom suite

TO BOOK

CALL 1-800-268-1133

BOOK GROUP RATE ONLINE

**Important:** Please note that the first night room and taxes are non-refundable and due at the time of booking. The remainder of the room and tax is processed at the time of check-in.

The group rate is available May 5 – May 7, 2020, based on availability at the time of booking.

#### **CONFERENCE START & END TIMES**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

- Pre-conference session begins at 2:00 pm. Pre-Conference Housing tour begins at 3:00 pm
- The official opening begins at 7:00 pm.

Friday, May 8, 2020

The conference ends at approximately 2:30 pm

Most attendees arrive in Whistler on Wednesday afternoon and depart the Friday afternoon following the conference.

# SPONSORSHIP & TRADE SHOW PARTICIPATION

The Lower Mainland LGA is pleased to present the Sponsorship Opportunities for the 2020 Conference. Below you will find a link to the sponsorship package. Returning sponsors will be given until January 10, 2020, to secure the same sponsorship as last year.

Allocation of tradeshow booth spaces will first be provided to returning sponsors followed by returning exhibitors. New sponsors are welcome to the remaining trade show spaces on a first-come, first-served basis after January 10th, 2020.

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Lower Mainland LGA offers four youth from the Harrison Hot Springs, Pemberton, Whistler and Squamish areas an opportunity to apply for and secure a scholarship to attend the Annual Conference in May of each year. UBCM also offers a scholarship to three youth from the Lower Mainland LGA area to attend UBCM.



READ SCHOLARSHIP TESTIMONIALS

#### MORE CONFERENCE DETAILS

PDF files open in a new window.



December 17, 2019

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District of Squamish Mayor and Council 37955 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 310 Squamish, BC V8B 0A3

#### Re: Request to Participate in Meeting to Prepare a Joint Submission to Translink

At the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board (SLRD) meeting on November 27, 2019, the SLRD Board considered a letter dated October 31, 2019 from Translink regarding Translink's Regional Transportation Strategy for Metro Vancouver. This letter is attached as Item 11.1 on the SLRD Board agenda located here:

https://slrd.civicweb.net/191031TranslinkT2050Engagement.pdf

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Regarding this matter, the SLRD Board passed the following resolution:

THAT a joint meeting be convened with staff from the following organizations to prepare a joint submission (for review by the respective Councils and Board) regarding TransLink's update of its Regional Transportation Strategy for Metro Vancouver and specifically with respect to the area of interregional connections for its Transport 2050 Call for Ideas, taking into account relevant information including the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy, Official Community Plans, growth projections, and the envisioning of technological changes and trends that could occur over the next 30 years:

- District of Lillooet
- Village of Pemberton
- Resort Municipality of Whistler
- District of Squamish
- Líl'wat Nation
- Squamish Nation
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

I am writing to advise you that SLRD staff will be contacting staff from your respective organizations to determine a date and location for convening this joint meeting. We hope that your organizations will be able to participate in this regional initiative to develop a joint submission for Translink.

Regards,

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Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors

CC: SLRD Board of Directors (by email only)

Lynda Flynn, SLRD Chief Administrative Officer (by email only)



# Patrick Weiler Member of Parliament West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Across the country, Canadians are leading grassroots action to protect our environment, tackle plastic pollution, conserve nature, and protect our waterways. Our Government is committed to working in partnership with Canadians to advance these efforts. That is why I am proud to inform you of two great opportunities for funding from the Government of Canada to support local environmental initiatives.

This week, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, **launched our annual call for applications for eight funding programs to support community-based, environmental projects**. These eight programs aim to support Indigenous communities, environmental groups, schools, other levels of government and businesses in taking environmental action. Relevant to BC are the following programs:

- Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk
- Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk
- EcoAction Community Funding Program
- Environmental Damages Fund
- Zero Plastic Waste Initiative

Projects part of this funding program will be protecting the environment in a myriad of ways. For example, potential projects funded this year could help contribute directly to the recovery of species at risk, address plastic pollution and climate change, restore and protect water quality, and improve long-term sustainability of ecosystems. Canadians across the country—Indigenous communities, landowners, non-governmental organizations, schools, other levels of government and businesses—are invited to apply. For more information on eligibility criteria and how to apply for funding, please visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/38r2a38">https://bit.ly/38r2a38</a>.

I would also like to inform you of a joint funding program from the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, which is now accepting applications for their second intake. The *Green Infrastructure*Environmental Quality Program aims to allocate \$150 million to support cost-sharing of green infrastructure projects in communities across the province. To learn more about the program and to apply, please visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/36oqCAS">https://bit.ly/36oqCAS</a>. Please feel free to share these programs with your networks.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP

West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country



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Dear Friends & Neighbours,

Plastic pollution has emerged globally as a key environmental issue with increasing concerns on the impacts it has on the environment, human health, and the economy. Plastic ends up in our landfills; litters our parks and beaches; and pollutes our rivers, lakes, and oceans. Small particles of plastic are also pervasive in our environment, and people and wildlife are exposed through air, water, and food. To protect human health, safeguard the environment, and grow the economy, we must take action to reduce plastic pollution.

That is why I am proud to share with you the Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution, which sheds light on the extent of the plastic pollution problem in Canada.

The Assessment confirms that larger plastic items like bags and straws can physically harm animals and negatively affect their habitat. Wildlife worldwide are injured or die when they mistake plastic for food or become entangled. The report also highlights microplastic pollution, noting evidence of negative effects on animals and the environment and uncertainties regarding the potential for effects on humans, which require more research. That is why, the Government of Canada will further invest in research that will help expand our understanding of the impacts of plastic. Scientists are invited to apply for funding here.

The Assessment reviews the available scientific information regarding the impact of plastic pollution on the environment and human health. It confirms that plastic pollution is everywhere in the environment, including on shorelines, in surface waters, sediment, soil, groundwater, indoor and outdoor air, drinking water, and food. This draft science assessment of plastic pollution will help inform the Government of Canada's actions and policies as it follows through on its commitment to ban harmful single-use plastics. The Government is working to have new regulations in place as early as 2021, including moving towards a ban on single-use plastics by the end of next year.

The Draft Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution was published on January 31, 2020, in Part I of the Canada Gazette for a 60-day public comment period. Public comments will inform the final science assessment. More information on the public comment period and instructions to submit your contribution can be found here.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Weiler, MP

West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country

Regular Council Meeting No. 1508 Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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Village of Pemberton

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#### **OPEN QUESTION PERIOD POLICY**

**THAT** the following guidelines for the Open Question Period held at the conclusion of the Regular Council Meetings:

- 1) The Open Question Period will commence after the adjournment of the Regular Council Meeting;
- 2) A maximum of 15 minutes for the questions from the Press and Public will be permitted, subject to curtailment at the discretion of the Chair if other business necessitates;
- 3) Only questions directly related to business discussed during the Council Meeting are allowed;
- 4) Questions may be asked of any Council Member;
- 5) Questions must be truly questions and not statements of opinions or policy by the questioner;
- 6) Not more than two (2) separate subjects per questioner will be allowed;
- 7) Questions from each member of the attending Press will be allowed preference prior to proceeding to the public;
- 8) The Chair will recognize the questioner and will direct questions to the Councillor whom he/she feels is best able to reply;
- 9) More than one Councillor may reply if he/she feels there is something to contribute.

Approved by Council at Meeting No. 920 Held November 2, 1999

Amended by Council at Meeting No. 1405 Held September 15, 2015