

**VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES-**

Minutes for the **Committee of the Whole** of Council of the Village of Pemberton held Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 7400 Prospect Street. This is Meeting No. 212.

ATTENDING: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Leah Noble
Councillor Amica Antonelli

ABSENT: Councillor Ryan Zant

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lena Martin, Manager of Finance
Robert Grossman, Fire Chief
Lisa Pedrini, Manager of Development Services
Tom Csima, Manager, Operations & Projects
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator
Vinka Hutchison, Communications & Grant Coordinator
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 1

MEDIA: 1

Please Note: This meeting was held electronically, and all members of Council, Staff and Public attended through electronic means. A recording of the meeting was made available to the public & media.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 2:37 p.m. Mayor Richman called the March 2, 2021 Committee of Whole 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. BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN CAMERA MEETING

There was no business arising.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 211, Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 211, held Tuesday, February 16, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. 2021 Draft Budget Information - Tax Implications of 2021 Revised Draft Budget

Lena Martin, Manager of Finance, presented tax implications of 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8%, showing the effect of these increases on an average property in each assessment class. The Village has seen an average increase in assessment of 9.97%, with larger valued residential properties showing a greater increase, large industry showing an increase after last year's decline, and farm, recreation, non-profit and downtown commercial showing values lower than average.

Discussion focused on the tax rates compared to other jurisdictions and the average cost of a tax increase at 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8%. Council discussed the risk of depleting reserves, necessitating larger tax increases in the future if the tax rates remain low. Ms. Martin noted that the cost of maintaining infrastructure created by new development adds to the Village's costs each year.

Councillors requested information on potential tax increases from the Regional District and the Mayor reported that the increase expected this year is negligible.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Staff bring back a final 2021 draft budget to the next Committee of the Whole meeting with a 4% tax increase with the remaining value of taxes posted to Reserves for Future Capital Improvements.

CARRIED

6. Review of Business Licence Fees for Cannabis-Related Businesses

Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant, summarized the information available regarding the costs that cannabis-related businesses impose on municipalities and presented a comparison of business licence fees charged by other municipalities.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Staff be directed to undertake an amendment process to the Village of Pemberton Business Licence Bylaw No. 855, 2019, that will include the following changes:

1. to reduce the business licence fees for Cannabis Retail Stores and Cannabis Production Facilities to 50% of their current rate in 2022; and

2. to further reduce these fees to match our standard business licence fees in 2023; and
3. to add an application fee of \$1,000 to business licence applications for Cannabis Production Facilities; and
4. to increase the application fee for business licence applications for Cannabis Retail Stores from \$1,000 to \$1,000 plus advertising costs for the notification as required by Village of Pemberton Recreational Cannabis Retail Policy DEV-011 and by section 94 of the *Community Charter*.

CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer