

**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, April 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 215.

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

STAFF: Sheena Fraser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Vinka Hutchinson, Communications & Grant Coordinator
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

ABSENT: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer

PUBLIC: 0

MEDIA: 0

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 1:03 p.m. Mayor Richman called the April 27, 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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 214, Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 214, held Tuesday, April 13, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

At 1:04 p.m. Krystle tenBrink joined the meeting.

4. DELEGATIONS

a) Good Food Program – Krystle tenBrink, Squamish Food Policy Council

Krystle tenBrink, Executive Director, Squamish Food Policy Council, presented the draft Good Food Program for the Committee's consideration, and asking that the Committee recommend to Council endorsement of the Regional Procurement Policy and Pledge based on the five good food values that guided the development of the pledge. After endorsing the pledge, the Village would have the opportunity to participate in the next steps, including the Good Food Procurement Program, currently under development.

Questions from the Committee focused on the Village's obligations after endorsing the pledge and policy. Ms. tenBrink noted that funding to date has come from sources outside local government and that there is no plan to require funding from participating local governments. Rather, the Squamish Food Policy Council will pursue outside funding options, leveraging local government endorsement of the policy and pledge as demonstration of the extent of support for the program.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Village endorse the Good Food Pledge as follows:

WHEREAS we recognize that the adoption of food procurement policies has the power to reform the food system, create opportunities for smaller farmers to thrive and for workers to receive just compensation and fair treatment, support sustainable farming practices, reward good environmental stewardship, and increase access to fresh and healthy foods;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we pledge our purchasing power to support the following Good Food Values:

- local economies and communities;
- environmental sustainability and stewardship of natural resources;
- nutrition;
- valued workforce, treated with dignity and fairness; and animal welfare;

AND THAT we pledge to undertake the following commitments in support of Good Food:

1. To meet, to the best of our ability, the Good Food Values definitions.
2. To purchase direct from local farms and producers when possible.

3. To establish supply chain accountability and engagement with vendors/distributors.
4. To work towards implementing Good Food Values into our procurement policy and practices.

CARRIED

The above recommendation will be brought forward to the Regular Meeting on May 11th for consideration by Council.

At 1:20 p.m. Ms. tenBrink left the meeting.

At 1:20 p.m. Mayor Richman declared a conflict of interest pursuant to section 100 (2) (b) as his business owns a Food Truck and left the meeting.

At 1:20 p.m. Acting Mayor Craddock assumed the Chair.

5. Draft Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program Policy

Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant, presented a draft mobile food vendor pilot program policy for the Committee's consideration. The pilot program, based on the model currently used by the Resort Municipality of Whistler whereby vendors select dates and locations from a calendar, would allow qualified mobile food vendors to operate from selected locations on public lands within the Village for the 2021 summer season. Ms. Kennedy noted that, should the pilot program be supported, the Committee may wish to recommend a relaxation of the current limit of business licences available to mobile and temporary vendors.

Discussion focused on the benefits a mobile food vendor program could bring to local entrepreneurs and the opportunities to further the goals of the Good Food Program presented to the Committee earlier in the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends that Staff present an amended draft Mobile Food Vendor Pilot Program Policy at the next Regular meeting of Council that incorporates the following amendments:

- that the pilot program be extended from one year to two years, running for the summer seasons of 2021 and 2022;
- that preference be given to local vendors;
- that preference be given to vendors proposing healthy food options; and
- that preference be given to vendors proposing to source food locally.

CARRIED

At 1:41 p.m. Mayor Richman returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Committee of Whole be adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer