

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

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of the Village of Pemberton held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 1541.

IN ATTENDANCE*: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Leah Noble
Councillor Ryan Zant

ABSENT: Councillor Amica Antonelli

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE*: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services
Laura Murphy, Project & Research Coordinator
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 0

MEDIA: 1

****ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY***

A RECORDING OF THE MEETING WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC & MEDIA

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING

At 12:32 p.m. Mayor Richman called the Special 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 presented.
CARRIED

3. REPORTS

a) Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

i. Verbal Report

(1) Canada Day Celebration

Christine Burns, Manager of Recreation Services, provided an overview of the planned Canada Day activities, noting that COVID-19 restrictions had curtailed the usual celebrations. Ms. Burns also noted that, due to Staff concerns that the celebratory nature of one planned activity was inappropriate under the current atmosphere of grieving in the First Nations communities, this activity had been removed from the plan.

Discussion focused on the conflicting needs to provide activities for children and families as the long-standing COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, and to acknowledge and share the grief of First Nations communities in the wake of the discovery of the graves of children who died while attending residential schools. Suggestions regarding rebranding the activities as a community event were considered.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Richman and Staff work together to craft a message, to be posted on the Village website and FaceBook page, emphasizing that the planned activities for July 1st are not intended to be celebratory, and explaining why the Village considers it important that Canada Day 2021 be a time of reflection rather than celebration.

CARRIED

(2) Flood Update

CAO Gilmore announced that the flood alert and evacuation orders have been rescinded as water levels in the local rivers and Lillooet Lake are dropping. Bus transportation was provided for the return of evacuees this morning. While trails have been reopened, the Village is advising against camping and using recreation sites next to rivers and lakes. The Pemberton Valley Dyking District is monitoring the situation and information is available on their web page.

Ms. Gilmore thanked Staff and community partners who worked to ensure that the emergency was managed smoothly and noted that the activation of the Emergency Operations Centre provided an opportunity for Staff to practice skills learned at a recent training exercise.

(3) Water Use

CAO Gilmore informed Council that water use during the hot weather has increased excessively, from 3,700 m³ to 4,200 m³ in the past two to three days, and that the Village is seeking ways to reduce water consumption due to the stress the high use places on infrastructure. Stage 3 water restrictions have been put in place and the Village will adjust water flow at the spray park to achieve a 25% reduction in consumption.

Ms. Gilmore noted that while increased water use related to the heat was likely responsible for the spike in water consumption, any leaks should be reported so they may be addressed promptly.

Council spoke of the need to ensure that the spray park remains available as a cooling spot during the heat wave.

4. ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Special Council Meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

At 1:10 p.m. the Special Council Meeting was adjourned.

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer