

**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 1, 2022 at 10:00am via electronic means through a ZOOM Webinar. This is Meeting No. 225.

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

STAFF: Nikki Gilmore, Chief Administrative Officer
Sheena Fraser, Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Lisa Pedrini, OCP Planner
Alison Jenkins, Climate Solutions Specialist, Community Energy Association
Gwendolyn Kennedy, Legislative Assistant

PUBLIC: 4

MEDIA: 1

A recording of the meeting was made available to the public & media.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 10:23am Mayor Richman called the March 1, 2022, Committee of Whole meeting to order and advised that pursuant to section 10 (a) of the Village of Pemberton Council Procedure Bylaw No. 788, 2015 this meeting will be held electronically with no in-person attendance.

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

At 10:24am Lisa Pedrini, OCP Planner, and Alison Jenkins, Climate Solutions Specialist, Community Energy Association, joined the meeting.

4. COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Ms. Pedrini presented a summary of the draft 2022 Community Climate Action Plan. Ms. Pedrini emphasized that the plan addresses mitigation rather than adaptation and considers territorial rather than consumptive emissions.

The plan focusses on community-wide actions that the Village can take to help community members and businesses lessen their environmental impact, addressing emissions from transportation, buildings, and waste. The targets are a 50% reduction of GHG from 2007 levels by 2020, and a 100% reduction (or net zero) by 2050. These targets are in line with those of neighbouring communities.

The plan was developed by Staff and key stakeholders working together with the Community Energy Association to set greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. The process began by developing a vision for the low-carbon future of Pemberton, and, by backcasting, determined strategies to achieve the vision. Forecasting predicted Pemberton's future emissions if nothing is done, and modelling was used to determine what we can achieve with the plan.

Ms. Pedrini explained that although the plan does not provide all the strategies that will be necessary for achievement of the 2050 target, new technologies that will become available in the future will help Pemberton reach the target. The 2030 and 2050 targets are ambitious but achievable if the Village dedicates the necessary resources to implementation.

The Committee discussed the following concerns related to the draft plan:

- The need to protect old growth forests for sequestration and for environmental, social, cultural, and economic reasons, and the concern that a rigid definition of old growth may hamper sustainable forest management;
- Adequacy of electrical supply to support electrification targets;
- Ensuring opportunities for public engagement;
- Organic waste diversion;
- Electrification of the Village's fleet;
- Implementation and the resources required to ensure the plan is followed;
- Frequency of reviews and updates to the plan; and
- Declaration of a climate emergency.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the following considerations be incorporated into the 2022 Community Climate Action Plan for Council's consideration at time of adoption:

1. the addition of wording regarding the need for an agreed upon definition of old growth forests that addresses the need to balance the protection of old growth ecosystems with sustainable forestry practices that promote the health of the forests;

2. electrification of the Village's fleet;
3. regular reviews and updates of the plan (approximately every 2 years); and
4. declaration of a climate emergency.

CARRIED

Mayor Richman noted that the public will have the opportunity to ask questions when the Community Climate Action Plan is brought back for consideration of adoption at the Regular Council meeting to be held on March 8, 2022. Meanwhile, questions may be addressed to Ms. Pedrini by email.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the March 1, 2022, Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned at 11:24am.

CARRIED

Mike Richman
Mayor

Sheena Fraser
Corporate Officer