

#### -COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA-

Meeting #: Date:

Location:

251 Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 1:00 pm Council Chambers & Zoom Webinar 7400 Prospect Street

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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.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES				
	3.1	Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 249, Tuesday, October 24, 2023 Recommendation: THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 249, held Tuesday, October	2		
		24, 2023, be adopted as circulated.			
	3.2	Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 250, Tuesday, October 31, 2023 Recommendation: THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 250, held Tuesday, October 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.	5		
4.	DELE	GATIONS			
5.	REPO	RTS			
	5.1	Village of Pemberton Climate Action 2023 Update Recommendation: THAT the Climate Action 2023 Update report be received for Information.	8		
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6.	ADJO Recor THAT	URNMENT nmendation: the Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned.			

#### VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON

#### -COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES--

Meeting #: Date: Location:	249 Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 3:00 pm Council Chambers 7400 Prospect Street
COUNCIL:	Mayor Mike Richman Councillor Ted Craddock Councillor Katrina Nightingale Councillor Laura Ramsden
REGRETS:	Councillor Jennie Helmer
STAFF:	Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Fredeen, Deputy Corporate Officer Colin Brown, Planner II Mia Bojic, Planning Assistant Cameron Chalmers, Planning Consultant Elena Aranguren, Office Coordinator
PUBLIC:	6
MEDIA:	1

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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

In honour of the Lílwat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Lílwat Nation.

At 3:00pm Mayor Richman called the October 24, 2023 Committee of Whole meeting to order.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded THAT the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

# 3.1 Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 248, Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Moved/Seconded THAT the minutes of Committee of the Whole No. 248, held Tuesday, September 12, 2023, be adopted as circulated. CARRIED

#### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

#### 5. **REPORTS**

#### 5.1 Second Nkwúkwma Workshop

Cameron Chalmers, Planning Consultant, presented background and supporting information for the second Committee of the Whole workshop on the Nkwúkwma development application. The workshop aims to continue the open dialogue with Committee on the Sub-Area Plan and zoning for the Nkwúkwma neighbourhood.

Mr. Chalmers introduced the updates on the previous resolutions passed by the Committee, noting several items are still in process. Since the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 23, 2023, Staff have worked closely with the proponents to address, each of the recommendations put forward by the Committee at that meeting.

The Nkwukwma Sub Area Plan was updated further in the context of trails, open spaces, and housing as it relates to the Housing Needs Report. New schedules have been added to the Sub Area Plan to reflect these changes.

Mr. Chalmers presented a preliminary draft of the Zoning Bylaw, noting the bylaw is still in its early stages. The bylaw defines a Comprehensive Development Zone that establishes various sub-zones with specific land use regulations. During this stage, Mr. Chalmers requested feedback from the Committee on the permissive approach to alternative forms of housing. Specifically, the proposal introduces up to 20% of all lots as Houseplexes (fourplexes to look as if it were a single-family dwelling).

Discussion took place respecting the following:

- Parking concerns
- Consideration for infrastructure and services
- Accessible public information
- Secondary home market concession

- Vacant home concerns
- Consideration of secondary suites
- Concerns regarding the increase in people density and traffic flow
- Importance of transportation and green spaces
- Clarification on the Affordable Housing definition
- Concerns regarding the excess number of homes beyond Pemberton's needs
- Use of Ebikes on the trails

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:21pm the meeting was adjourned.

Moved/Seconded THAT the Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Mike Richman, Mayor

Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer

#### VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON

#### -COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES--

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REGRETS:	Councillor Jennie Helmer
STAFF:	Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer Ethan Fredeen, Deputy Corporate Officer Thomas Sikora, Finance Manager* Elena Aranguren, Office Coordinator
PUBLIC:	0
MEDIA:	0

#### \*Denotes Partial Attendance

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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

At 1:00pm Mayor Richman called the October 31, 2023 Committee of Whole meeting to order.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded THAT the Agenda be approved as presented. CARRIED

#### 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4. **DELEGATIONS** 

#### 5. **REPORTS**

#### 5.1 Code of Conduct Bylaw No. XXX, 2023

Ethan Fredeen, Acting Manager of Corporate and Legislative Services, presented the draft new Code of Conduct Bylaw and proposed amendment to the Council Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw to receive feedback and direction prior to bringing the bylaws forward to a Regular Council meeting for consideration of readings.

Staff requested direction and feedback from Council with respect to:

- Appointing a third-party investigator and their role;
- Budget Implications
- Wording in relation to the informal and formal resolution process; and
- Language around the reporting structure to the public.

Mr. Fredeen provided background regarding Council's Current Code of Conduct and the review that took place at a Committee of the Whole held in April.

Mr. Fredeen noted the definitions in the presented code of conduct are consistent with the current bylaws and policies. The new code of conduct includes the following foundational principles:

- Accountability
- Integrity
- Respect
- Leadership and Collaboration

Discussion took place regarding the following:

• Application of remuneration penalties and how other municipalities are addressing penalties.

Moved/Seconded **THAT** the report be received;

**AND THAT** staff research how other municipalities have addressed punitive measures related to remuneration and report back to the Committee of the Whole.

#### CARRIED

#### 5.2 Spelkúmtn Community Forest Spending Policy

Ethan Fredeen, Acting Manager of Corporate and Legislative Services, presented the spending policy for Spelkúmtn Community Forest and requested feedback from the Committee.

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- Clarification regarding the funding allocation
- Concerns about how the expenses will be allocated
- Administration cost of the policy
- Clarification on the budget process and allocation of the funds
- List of comprehensive projects and items

Moved/Seconded

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend that Council adopt the Spelkúmtn Community Forest Spending Policy as presented. CARRIED

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:52pm the meeting was adjourned.

Moved/Seconded THAT the Committee of Whole meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Mike Richman, Mayor

Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer



Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

To: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Scott McRae, Manager of Development Services

Subject: Village of Pemberton Climate Action 2023 Update

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee of the Whole on the Village's efforts related to climate action over the past year and provide information on upcoming initiatives and anticipated next steps.

#### BACKGROUND

Climate change is commonly accepted as the ongoing increase in global average temperature caused in part by humans burning fossil fuels. Burning fossil fuels generates greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the sun's heat, and raising temperatures. The main greenhouse gases that are causing climate change include carbon dioxide and methane. These come from using gasoline for driving a car or coal for heating a building, for example.

Efforts to slow or stop climate change caused by humans by reducing emissions from burning fossil fuels is commonly called mitigation. Emissions can be measured and attributed in different ways, for example by:

- counting emissions that occur within a geographical boundary
- counting emissions that are produced by the activities of an individual, organization, or industry
- analyzing all the emissions resulting from the production of a good or service

The figure below provides a simple comparison between common approaches to counting and reducing emissions.

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Figure 1: Mitigation, Adaptation, and ways of categorizing emissions

Efforts to prepare for the impacts of a changing climate are commonly called adaptation. Each region is anticipated to be affected by climate change somewhat differently than others. Current weather-related risks, such as rain on snow events or wildfires, may become elevated due to increased precipitation or more severe heat waves that may be the localized result of climate change. Efforts to adapt to the changing risk landscape frequently focus on the following areas:

- Education, for example raising community awareness through early warning and response systems
- Policy and program development, such as updating bylaws and plans to prepare for more severe wildfire or flooding scenarios
- Advocacy, outreach, and engagement
- Capital investment, including in projects to boost the resilience of existing infrastructure or in natural assets to contribute towards adaptation goals

At Regular Council Meeting No. 1557, held on March 8, 2022, the Village adopted the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). The CCAP, attached as **Appendix A**, is a mitigation plan that uses a territorial emissions methodology to inventory community and corporate emissions, and provides strategies and actions to reduce those emissions to help the Village meet a goal of a 50% reduction in territorial greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below 2007 levels by 2030, and a 100% reduction below 2007 levels by 2050. Since adoption of the plan, staff have worked towards initiating or completing as many of the individual actions as possible within the current budgetary framework.

The CCAP provides an inventory of all emissions that are counted as occurring within the community of Pemberton as shown in the figure below. Mobility fuels, a category made up primarily of gasoline and diesel, are the source of well over 80% of the community's emissions.



Figure 2: Inventory of Territorial emissions by fuel source (tCO2e)

The CCAP provides 6 'big moves' which are overarching themes under which the strategies and actions identified in the plan are grouped. The moves, shown below, offer simple language and categorization to enable greater discussion of the actions and help community members understand how they are linked.



Figure 3: Big Moves framework

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Each strategy in the CCAP has one or more actions associated with it that are intended to provide guidance on how the Village can reduce community emissions. The executive summary of the plan provides an overview of these strategies which are presented below, and the detailed actions can be found in the body of the plan.

Big Move	Strategy
	SHIFT 1: Optimize land use planning tools to enable compact community growth
	SHIFT 1.1 – Optimize land use policies and bylaws for compact growth
	SHIFT 2: Enable walking, cycling and other forms of zero emission mobility
	SHIFT 2.1 – Enable active transportation through plans and policies
Shift Beyond the Car	SHIFT 2.2 – Build safe routes for walking, cycling and other forms of zero emission mobility
	SHIFT 2.3 – Develop and deliver an active transportation outreach strategy
	SHIFT 2.4 – Normalize car-free and zero-emission zones
40	SHIFT 2.5 – Promote micro e-mobility and on-demand mobility services
	SHIFT 3: Promote transit ridership and support a zero-emissions transit network
	SHIFT 3.1 – Collaborate with government stakeholders to increase service and promote transit ridership
	SHIFT 3.2 – Collaborate with transit providers to transition to a zero-emissions transit network
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 472 tCO2 $_{\rm e}$ in 2030
	ELECTRIFY 1: Enable charging on-the-go
	ELECTRIFY 1.1 – Design, fund and build a public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging network
	ELECTRIFY 2: Enable charging at home and work
Electrify	ELECTRIFY 2.1 – Accelerate EV-ready building requirements for new buildings
Transport	ELECTRIFY 2.2 – Enable EV charging in existing residential, multi-family and commercial buildings
	ELECTRIFY 3: Encourage Electric Vehicles (EVs) through outreach and supportive policies
	ELECTRIFY 3.1 – Develop and deliver an EV outreach strategy
	ELECTRIFY 3.2 – Accelerate EV adoption through supportive policies and incentives
	ELECTRIFY 4: Support businesses to transition to a low-carbon fleet
	ELECTRIFY 4.1 – Engage commercial stakeholders to facilitate transition
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 2,945 $tCO2_e$ in 2030
Step Up New	NEW BUILDINGS 1: Adopt the Energy Step Code with a Low Carbon Approach
Buildings	NEW BUILDINGS 1.1 – Accelerate implementation of the BC Energy Step Code
	NEW BUILDINGS 1.2 – Adopt a low carbon approach to the BC Energy Step Code
	NEW BUILDINGS 2: Build Industry Capacity to Deliver High Performance Buildings

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Big Move	Strategy
	NEW BUILDINGS 2.1 – Continue to provide outreach and incentives
	NEW BUILDINGS 2.2 – Continue to provide training and coordination
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 184 tCO2 $_{ m e}$ in 2030
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 1: Improve Energy Efficiency
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 1.1 – Encourage and enable deep energy retrofits
Decarbonize	EXISTING BUILDINGS 2: Encourage and Enable Fuel Switching
Buildings	EXISTING BUILDINGS 2.1 – Encourage and enable building electrification
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3: Build Industry Capacity and Increase Demand
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3.1 – Establish a long-term energy efficiency and decarbonization campaign
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3.2 – Build industry capacity for energy efficiency and
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 448 tCO2, in 2030
	WASTE 1: Divert Organics from Landfill
Close the	WASTE 1.1 – Collaborate to adopt policies that increase organics diversion
Loop on Waste	WASTE 1.2 – Partner to enhance organics collection and processing
(1)	WASTE 1.3 – Identify strategies to Divert construction, demolition, agricultural and industrial wood waste
	WASTE 1.4 – Promote the Regional District's comprehensive zero-waste outreach program
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 980 tCO2 $_{ m e}$ in 2030
Organizational Leadership	LEADERSHIP 1.1 – Establish Broad Support for the Community Climate Action Plan
	LEADERSHIP 1.2 – Building Staff and Financial Capacity for implementation
	LEADERSHIP 1.3 – Institutionalize the Community Climate Action Plan
	LEADERSHIP 1.4 – Communicate the Village's Intended Actions on Climate Change
	Total Annual Plan Reductions by 2030: 5,029 tCO2 <sub>e</sub>

#### **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

#### **CCAP** Implementation

The Village has made steady progress towards many of the strategies listed in the plan. Initiatives or projects related to almost every "big move" in the plan have been completed, and in some cases multiple strategies have been actioned. Below are some highlights of the works and projects which relate to strategies in the CCAP that were completed or are in progress as of writing:

- The Official Community Plan (OCP) update has progressed, albeit now paused, which will help optimize land use policies for compact growth. Compact complete communities enable community members to live lower emission lifestyles.
- An important section of the Friendship Trail along Pemberton Farm Road East has been upgraded to meet all ages and abilities standards for year around use. This will encourage residents to leave their cars at home and complete more trips by bicycle.
- Staff have had early conversations with car sharing providers to explore the feasibility of on demand mobility services in the community.
- The Village of Pemberton and its partners have formally submitted a request through BC Transit to the Province for funding to increase service hours on the 99 Commuter bus route.
- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations have been installed on Aster Street at Pioneer Park. EV charging stations encourage people across the region to replace fossil fuel powered vehicles with EVs which do not emit greenhouse gases during operation.
- The Village has adopted Step 4 in the BC Energy Step Code. This means that all new buildings must meet extensive energy efficiency standards and will consume less energy over their lifetime.

Looking forward, staff anticipate mitigation activity in each of these areas to continue in the years ahead as new EV chargers come online, the OCP update is completed, and more active transportation infrastructure is built. In this regard, staff have been in discussions with BC Hydro on installing more EV chargers at the Downtown Community Barn. The cost of these EV chargers will be borne by BC Hydro with the Village benefiting as more EV chargers are made available for use by the public and residents. Further, staff are preparing a grant application for a retrofit assist service to help homeowners access grants and incentives to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings. Other mitigation measures are likely to be pursued as funding becomes available.

#### Adaptation Efforts

A great deal of work is occurring to help the community adapt to a changing climate. Emergency preparedness and incident response is one of the critical functions of the organization. Emergency preparedness and emergency management initiatives have been adapted through the following:

- Projections for more intense and frequent extreme weather events
- Contingencies for capacity and flexibility to deal with climate hazards occurring simultaneously or in quick succession
- Ensuring operational readiness and business continuity by continuously reviewing, testing and validating emergency response plans and offering opportunities for staff to participate in exercises and training
- Promoting emergency preparedness through public education initiatives to increase community resilience

The Village has a community disaster resilience plan (CDRP) focused on being able to cope with the impacts of a disaster, recover afterwards and quickly adapt to changed circumstances. The plan identifies hazards, risks and vulnerabilities while also identifying strategies and action plans to increase resilience to our unique hazards. The CDRP is a fundamental building block towards establishing plans and strategies that effectively protect the people and assets of the community.

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The recognition of and response to the continued growth in the frequency and intensity of wildfire activity close to the community is another significant climate adaptation activity, primarily led by the fire department. The fire department has adapted specific training and equipment for wildfire resiliency and built an open relationship with the Pemberton Coastal BC Wildfire Service base to foster collaboration and equipment sharing.

The implementation of the FireSmart program in Pemberton has contributed a great deal towards adapting for the future of wildfire risk in the region and has enabled the following:

- Development of the Community Wildfire Resilience Plan (CWRP), which helps identify wildfire risks and provides implementation priorities for reducing those risks
- Removal of potential wildfire fuels from within the Village boundaries to lessen the intensity of a fire
- Public education on the FireSmart principles for residents to understand what actions they should undertake to boost the wildfire resiliency of their neighbourhoods

The Village shares many responsibilities and activities for flood specific adaptation with the Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD). The PVDD furthers adaptation efforts in the valley through education, program development, advocacy, and capital investment among other things. The PVDD is an invaluable partner in adaptation efforts for the community.

#### **Corporate Emissions**

The CCAP is a valuable tool for helping the community to reduce their emissions. The CCAP has some actions that point towards corporate emissions, which are the emissions directly attributable to the operations and activities of the Village of Pemberton, such as the development of a plan or roadmap to help reduce corporate emissions. A corporate emissions plan has been added to the list of projects planned but not yet resourced.

In the meantime, staff calculated the corporate emissions footprint using tools provided by the province. It was found that Village operations generate approximately 150 tCO2e in emissions. While these numbers are rough calculations, they are accurate in comparison to the corporate emissions of the district of Squamish (~1,500 tCO2e). This calculation serves as a starting point for future work on a corporate emissions strategy.

Staff continue to investigate opportunities to reduce corporate emissions. Various initiatives have been pursued, including the purchase of battery electric power tools, with mixed success. The procurement of one electric bicycle has provided staff with the opportunity to use alternative forms of transportation for their day-to-day work, thereby reducing the number of kilometres driven in a fossil fuel powered vehicle.

#### Strategic Plan Alignment

Two themes in the Village of Pemberton Strategic Plan 2023 align closely with climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The strategic priority "Be Prepared" includes an objective to increase community safety to keep pace with growth and climate change impacts. This will bolster the efforts of staff towards continuing to enhance emergency preparedness and incident management for multiple events in a changing climate. Another objective under this priority is to develop regional emergency and post-disaster recovery plans. These plans will help further prepare the community for possible

Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 251 Community Climate Action Plan Update Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Page 8 of 9 negative events which climate change may exacerbate. Taken together, these efforts will and directly contribute towards the community's climate change adaptation.

The "Protect Our Environment" strategic priority includes two objectives that speak directly to climate change mitigation:

- 1. Increase transportation alternatives to support options beyond the car. This will support the adoption and development of infrastructure that will offer multi-modal transportation options beyond single vehicle travel.
- 2. Reduce corporate emissions. Corporate emissions are those produced directly by the operations and activities of the Village. The Village has the most control over, and responsibility for, these emissions.

Two other objectives within the strategic priorities will further support climate adaptation efforts. The objective to deliver a water conservation plan will help the community adapt to changes in water supply and demand from a changing climate. The objective to preserve and enhance natural assets will support adaptation efforts by ensuring these assets are healthy and fulfil their function for the community.

The Green Team was formed in October 2022 and is made up of 7 members of Village Staff who share a passion for all things sustainable and environmentally friendly. To date, the team has moved forward with several initiatives, the most successful being the coordination and engagement of Pitch-In Week 2023 where over 400 members of the community came out to collect nearly 500kg worth of garbage and recycling off of our streets and park spaces.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

This CCAP update does not require a communications element.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

This report was prepared within the normal workplan capacity of the Development Services department.

#### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

There are no interdepartmental impacts or approvals required as this report is provided for information.

#### COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

This report detailed the CCAP and the organization's efforts to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.

#### IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS

Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 251 Community Climate Action Plan Update Tuesday, November 21, 2023 Page 9 of 9 This report has no impact on other jurisdictions.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

For Information.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**THAT** the Climate Action 2023 Update report be received for Information.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: Community Climate Action Plan

Prepared by:	Scott McRae, Manager of Development Services
CAO Approval by:	Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A

# **Community Climate Action Plan**

# Village of Pemberton March 2022







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### Acknowledgments

The Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) was developed by the Village of Pemberton in collaboration with the Community Energy Association (CEA). Partial funding for this CCAP was provided by BC Hydro. We would like to acknowledge the many stakeholders, both individuals and organizations, who participated in the development of this Plan. We truly appreciate your time and comment.

#### Village of Pemberton Team

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## **Executive Summary**

The Village of Pemberton Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) carves a path towards a low carbon future, one in which residents thrive in a connected, healthy, and prosperous community and act collaboratively and individually to address the challenges of climate change.

The Village of Pemberton has a legislative requirement to set targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and develop plans to mitigate emissions. Having a CCAP ensures the Village of Pemberton is ready to apply for federal and provincial funding to implement strategies for climate change mitigation.

Village of Pemberton Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets 50% reduction from 2007 levels by 2030 100% reduction from 2007 levels by 2050

The development of the Village of Pemberton CCAP included extensive research, analysis, modelling and engagement with the community. The CCAP identifies priority areas for actions to reduce community-wide GHG emissions. The CCAP focuses on lowering emissions created from local transportation, buildings and waste by applying six "Big Moves".

The six Big Moves are broad categories of actions that have the biggest impact on reducing the types of emissions over which the Village of Pemberton has the most influence, and that are unique to our emissions inventory.

The six Big Moves are:

Shift Beyond the Car	Electrify Passenger Transportation	Step Up New Buildings	Decarbonize Existing Buildings	Close the Loop on Waste	Organizational Leadership
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The Community Climate Action Plan lays out strategies and actions under each of the Big Moves, based on the following municipal powers:

Infrastructure		Policy & Regulation		Engagement & Outreach		
Investments in owned infrast residents to m choices, such networks and stations.	in Village of Pemberton tructure that enable nake lower-emissions as active transportation public charging		Changes to Village of Pemberton policy and regulations that lead to energy and emission reductions in the community, such as requirements and incentives for enhanced energy efficiency in new buildings.	000	Outreach, education, and incentives that inspire residents and businesses to make informed choices to reduce energy and emissions and prepare for a low carbon future.	

The Village of Pemberton's energy and emissions inventory reveals that the community's largest source of carbon emissions is tied to passenger and commercial vehicles. Eighty-three per cent (83%) of Pemberton's emissions are generated by the combustion of mobility fuels such as gasoline or diesel. The remaining 17% of emissions mainly come from residential buildings and the community's waste decomposing in landfills. These statistics make it clear that the greatest potential emissions reductions will come from reducing the use of mobility fuels.

The Community Energy Association (CEA) modeled Pemberton's 'Business as Usual' scenario based on current demographic projections and technological developments with clear government policy support. The actions in this plan are designed to close the gap between the 'Business as Usual' scenario and our emissions reductions targets. The following table lists all the actions required for full implementation of Pemberton's CCAP:

	Strategy		Timeframe		
Big wove			Med	Long	
	SHIFT 1: Optimize land use planning tools to enable compact community growth				
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Electrify Transport	ELECTRIFY 2.1 – Accelerate EV-ready building requirements for new buildings							
	ELECTRIFY 2.2 – Enable EV charging in existing residential, multi-family and commercial buildings							
	ELECTRIFY 3: Encourage Electric Vehicles (EVs) through outreach and supportive policies							
	ELECTRIFY 3.1 – Develop and deliver an EV outreach strategy							
	ELECTRIFY 3.2 – Accelerate EV adoption through supportive policies and incentives							
	ELECTRIFY 4: Support businesses to transition to a low-carbon fleet							
	ELECTRIFY 4.1 – Engage commercial stakeholders to facilitate transition							
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 2,945 $tCO2_e$ in 2030							
	NEW BUILDINGS 1: Adopt the Energy Step Code with a Low Carbon Approach							
Step Up New	NEW BUILDINGS 1.1 – Accelerate implementation of the BC Energy Step Code							
Buildings	NEW BUILDINGS 1.2 – Adopt a low carbon approach to the BC Energy Step Code							
	NEW BUILDINGS 2: Build Industry Capacity to Deliver High Performance Buildings							
	NEW BUILDINGS 2.1 – Continue to provide outreach and incentives							
	NEW BUILDINGS 2.2 – Continue to provide training and coordination							
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 184 tCO2 $_{ m e}$ in 2030							
`Decarbonize Existing	EXISTING BUILDINGS 1: Improve Energy Efficiency							
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 1.1 – Encourage and enable deep energy retrofits							
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 2: Encourage and Enable Fuel Switching							
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 2.1 – Encourage and enable building electrification							
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3: Build Industry Capacity and Increase Demand							

	Stratogy	Timeframe					
Dig Wove	Strategy		Med	Long			
Buildings	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3.1 – Establish a long-term energy efficiency and decarbonization campaign						
	EXISTING BUILDINGS 3.2 – Build industry capacity for energy efficiency and decarbonization						
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 448 tCO2 $_{ m e}$ in 2030						
Close the Loop on Waste	WASTE 1: Divert Organics from Landfill						
	WASTE 1.1 – Collaborate to adopt policies that increase organics diversion						
	WASTE 1.2 – Partner to enhance organics collection and processing						
(	WASTE 1.3 – Identify strategies to Divert construction, demolition, agricultural and industrial wood						
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	WASTE 1.4 – Fromote the Regional District's comprehensive zero-waste outreach program						
	Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 980 tCO2 <sub>e</sub> in 2030						
Organizational	LEADERSHIP 1.1 – Establish Broad Support for the Community Climate Action Plan						
	LEADERSHIP 1.2 – Building Staff and Financial Capacity for implementation						
	LEADERSHIP 1.3 – Institutionalize the Community Climate Action Plan						
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	LEADERSHIP 1.4 – Communicate the Village's Intended Actions on Climate Change						
	Total Annual Plan Reductions by 2030	5,029 tCO2 <sub>e</sub>					

## Introduction

#### **Pemberton's Commitment to Climate Action**

Climate change is occurring, and local governments, like the Village of Pemberton, have a unique role to play to help residents reduce community-wide emissions of greenhouse gases. In June 2008, the Village signed the **BC Climate Action Charter**, a voluntary agreement between the Province of British Columbia, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and individual local government signatories. By signing the Charter, the Village of Pemberton committed to:

- Create complete, compact, and more energy-efficient communities;
- Measure and report corporate greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Become carbon neutral in corporate operations.

Provincial legislation, the *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act* (Bill 27, 2008), requires local governments to incorporate tailored GHG targets, policies, and actions into their Official Community Plans (OCPs).

Developing a Community Climate Action Plan allows the Village to establish those targets, strategies and actions and do our part to reduce global emissions. It also ensures that the Village of Pemberton is ready to apply for federal and provincial funding to implement strategies in the Plan. Implementing the Plan will deliver numerous social, economic, and environmental co-benefits to the Village of Pemberton, as outlined in

Figure 1. A summary of Climate Action occurring at provincial and federal government levels is attached as **Appendix A**.



Figure 1 - Climate Action Co-Benefits (Source: Community Energy Association or CEA)

#### The Process Used to Develop the Community Climate Action Plan

The development of the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) CCAP included extensive research, analysis and engagement with key community stakeholders, subject-matter experts and residents. The steps taken to create the CCAP are outlined in Figure 8. The Village worked with the Community Energy Association (CEA) to complete the modelling and data analysis. Throughout the process, the Village offered several community engagement opportunities. A summary of the engagement and the results is presented in **Appendix B**.

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#### Modelling & Analysis

- Review and analyze community energy use and emissions in relation to baseline year
- Model "business as usual" projections

#### Engagement

- Conduct a staff meeting to review existing and possible future actions, and discuss GHG emission reduction targets
- Facilitate a stakeholder workshop to gather feedback on potential climate actions and how stakeholders may collaborate on climate initiatives
- Host a public open house and survey to receive input from community members on priority action items
- Present information to Mayor and Council to receive input and advise on the status of the Plan



#### **Recommend Actions and Draft Plan**

- · Draft potential actions and recommend targets based on engagement, modelling and analysis
- Model the possible impact of new proposed actions and targets on energy use and emissions
- Create an implementation strategy



#### **Deliver Final Plan**

- Present CCAP process overview to Council at Committee of the Whole
- · Refine draft plan following feedback from staff/stakeholders
- Final presentation to Council

Figure 2 - Process Diagram for Community Climate Action Plan Creation (Source: CEA)

#### A Note on Community Engagement

While **Appendix B** presents a full description of community engagement undertaken to help inform the CCAP, the inclusion of various findings from the community climate action survey are presented throughout the CCAP in the following way:



**91% of survey respondents either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that** *climate change constitutes an emergency for Pemberton.* 



When asked what their household was doing on climate action, the top three responses in the survey were; buying second-hand items, eating less meat and dairy, and growing their own food.

#### What is the focus of the Community Climate Action Plan?

Climate action consists of both reducing greenhouse gas<sup>1</sup> (GHG) emissions, known as mitigation, and preparing for the impacts of a changing climate, known as adaptation. The CCAP focuses on mitigation efforts to reduce or prevent GHG emissions<sup>2</sup>. As shown in Figure 3, emissions can be categorized in different ways. Consumptive emissions are all the GHG emissions that are released in the process of producing and transporting the goods and services we consume. Territorial emissions are all emissions that occur within a certain geographic boundary (for example, within our municipal boundary).





Figure 3 - Ways of Categorizing Emissions (Source: CEA)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A greenhouse gas (or GHG for short) is any gas in the atmosphere that absorbs and re-emits heat, and thereby keeps the planet's atmosphere warmer than it otherwise would be. The main GHGs in the Earth's atmosphere are water vapour, carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), nitrous oxide (N2O) and ozone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> GHGs occur naturally in the Earth's atmosphere, but human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, are increasing the levels of GHG's in the atmosphere, causing global warming and climate change.

Local Government has greater influence over territorial emissions than over consumptive emissions or embodied carbon<sup>3</sup>, so the CCAP focuses on mitigating territorial or 'place-based' emissions. While consumptive emissions and embodied carbon are currently outside the scope of the CCAP, they are important considerations for Village of Pemberton residents and businesses when buying goods or services. Survey engagement results demonstrate Pemberton residents are already making sustainable purchasing decisions like buying second-hand and growing their own food, which is very positive. It is important to critically examine how far a consumer item must travel, and how it is packaged when making purchasing choices. One obvious alternative is to 'buy local' and support local food production where possible, which supports our local economy, reduces the community's carbon footprint, and helps create a net zero future. Many other online resources exist to help individuals reduce consumption-related emissions and become more conscientious consumers<sup>4</sup>.



Figure 4 - A Net Zero Future (Source: BC Climate Leaders Playbook/CEA)

Territorial emissions can be further broken down into emissions directly resulting from the operations of the local government, referred to in this report as corporate emissions, and those that result from the activities across the entire community, called community emissions. The CCAP outlines broad actions that the municipality can influence at a community-wide level to mitigate community territorial emissions. While mitigation is an important component of Pemberton's overall climate action strategy, an adaptation plan is also critical, which is why development of an Adaptation Plan is also identified as an action in this plan. An updated Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan is another action that is recommended in the CCAP.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Consumptive emissions are emissions influenced by consumer activity and refers to the volume of imports and the mix of energy sources used to produce the goods consumed. Embodied carbon is another way to categorize emissions and refers to the emissions associated with extracting raw materials, manufacturing products, and transporting materials throughout the value chain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See for example: <u>https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2020/12/16/buying-stuff-drives-climate-change /; https://www.wri.org/climate/expert-perspective/changing-behavior-help-meet-long-term-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change /; https://www.wri.org/climate/expert-perspective/changing-behavior-help-meet-long-term-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change /; https://www.wri.org/climate/expert-perspective/changing-behavior-help-meet-long-term-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change /; https://www.wri.org/climate/expert-perspective/changing-behavior-help-meet-long-term-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change /; https://drives-climate-change /; https://drives-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change /; https://drives-climate-change</a> // https://drives-climate-targets\_and <a href="https://drives-climate-change/">https://drives-climate-change</a> // https://drives-climate-target</u>

#### Leveraging Municipal Authority to Reduce Community Emissions

The Village of Pemberton CCAP focuses on leveraging municipal powers or authorities to help residents and businesses reduce emissions and thereby help mitigate the effects of climate change. These actions will have the added benefit of helping community members save money on energy. Residents and businesses in the Village of Pemberton also play a key role: a significant reduction in territorial GHG emissions depends on individual and communal choices about how to get around, where to live and how to handle food waste and yard material. The CCAP lays out actions the Village can undertake to influence individual and communal choices across six 'Big Moves' related to transportation, buildings, waste and organizational leadership:

Shift Beyond the	Electrify Passenger	Step Up New	Decarbonize	Close the Loop on	Organizational
Car	Transportation	Buildings	Existing Buildings	Waste	Leadership
<b>A</b>					

The actions identified in the CCAP fall into three categories of municipal powers:

Infrastructure		Policy & Regulation		Engagement & Outreach		
X	Investments in the Village of Pemberton owned infrastructure that enable residents to make lower- emissions choices, such as active transportation networks and public charging stations.		Changes to Village of Pemberton policy and regulations that lead to energy and emission reductions in the community, such as requirements and incentives for enhanced energy efficiency in new buildings.		Outreach, education and incentives that inspire residents and businesses to make choices to reduce energy and emissions and prepare for a low carbon future.	

#### Where We Are Starting From - Current Energy, Emissions and Costs

The CCAP utilizes detailed data on energy use, emissions and energy expenditures from British Columbia's Community Energy & Emissions Inventory (CEEI) data. This data set was chosen as it is the most granular available to understand Pemberton's territorial emissions. It includes community specific data gathered from utilities and industry associations. See **Appendix C** for further discussion on the inventory and modelling methodology.

Pemberton is a small community with a population of 3,407 people according to the 2021 Census. Pemberton is comprised of several neighbourhoods that are relatively close to each other. About one third of our residential buildings are single-family homes, just over one third are townhouses and the remaining are mostly apartments. About 75% of residents own their home, and the remaining 25% rent. Over half of all dwellings were built between 1990 and 2005. Pemberton does not have natural gas utility services, but some homes are heated with propane. Data on the number of structures heated with propane was not available when the CCAP was prepared.

Most residents get around by car and truck; however, Pemberton does have local transit and is expanding its cycling network. The Village of Pemberton currently provides two Level 2 electric vehicle-charging stations. There is also charging stations available through a commercial accommodation business within the Village. Some of Pemberton's organic waste goes to a nearby compost processing facility for local processing.



Energy, Emissions and Expenditure by Sector

Figure 5 - Current Energy, Emissions and Expenditure by Sector (Source: CEA - Appendix A)

Figure 5 shows energy consumption (GJ), GHG emissions (tCO2e) and energy expenditure (estimated \$) by sector in 2018. The chart includes the five main sources of territorial emissions:

- Passenger Vehicles
- Commercial Vehicles
- Residential Buildings
- Commercial and Small-Medium Industrial (CSMI) buildings
- Waste

In 2018, for the whole of the Village of Pemberton:

- Total energy consumption was estimated at 470,808 gigajoules (GJ)
- Total GHG emissions were estimated at 24,485 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ('tCO2e'<sup>5</sup>)
- Total energy expenditure was estimated at \$14,662,202

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 'Carbon dioxide equivalent' or 'CO2e' is a term for describing different greenhouse gases in a common unit. For any quantity and type of greenhouse gas, CO2e signifies the amount of CO2, which would have the equivalent global warming impact.

Eighty-three per cent (83%) of Pemberton's emissions are generated by the combustion of mobility fuels such as gasoline or diesel. Passenger vehicles account for 58% of Pemberton's GHG emissions and commercial vehicles account for 25%. Residential buildings account for 7% of GHG emissions and emissions from Commercial, Small, and Medium Industry (CSMI) buildings account for 1%. The decomposition of Pemberton's waste in landfill accounts for 9% of emissions. The Village of Pemberton does not have a landfill within its boundaries, so our waste decomposes in landfills located in other jurisdictions.

Passenger vehicles are responsible for 51% of energy expenditure with the Village of Pemberton. This is the money spent by Pemberton residents at the pump filling the tank of their personal vehicles, and most of the money spent on fuel leaves the community. As well, a significant amount of money is spent on residential energy consumption, accounting for 18% of Pemberton's total energy expenditure. Most of a residential energy bill is due to heating, and this can be a financial burden for many people.

There is no energy consumption or expenditure associated with waste in this inventory. The energy consumption and expenditure required to transport the waste to the transfer station and then on to a landfill is included in the Commercial Vehicles category. The Village does not operate a landfill, therefore, the transport of waste does use fuel sources, and its decomposition in external landfills contributes to GHG emissions attributable to our community.



Figure 6 - Energy Expenditure (\$) and Emissions (tCO2e) by Fuel Source (Source CEA – Appendix E)

Figure 6 shows Pemberton's energy expenditure and emissions in terms of fuel source rather than sector. Looking at expenditure and emissions in this way can reveal some interesting trends. Pemberton is not connected to the natural gas grid and therefore most homes use electricity for heating. Electricity in British Columbia (BC) has very low emissions associated with it, but it is more expensive per unit of energy than natural gas. Electricity is primarily used in buildings, but small amounts may be used in other sectors, such as passenger vehicles (electricity for electric vehicles or EVs). Heating oil, propane and wood account for 7% of emissions and 6% of expenditure combined because they are not the main source of energy in most buildings.

Gasoline and diesel are mobility fuels. These are the fuels that are used to power most personal and commercial vehicles. They contribute 83% of total community emissions and account for 72% of energy expenditure. These statistics highlight that the greatest potential emissions reductions will come from reducing the use of mobility fuels.

#### A Note on Climate Change and Health

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) was an important stakeholder in the development of the CCAP. VCH urged the Village of Pemberton Staff to consider the health impacts of climate change, which have been well documented.<sup>6</sup> Our Health Region has begun to see an increase in illness and morbidity related to severe weather events, and it is anticipated that negative effects will become more frequent and severe as the climate continues to change. Collectively, we must take action to reduce these growing human health impacts. To align with the *Paris Agreement<sup>7</sup>* goal of keeping warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius, actions to reduce emissions now will be key to preventing negative health impacts in the future.



#### Figure 7 - Climate Change Health Impacts / Populations at Highest Risk (Source: Vancouver Coastal Health)

Climate change presents a number of risks to human health that range from heat-related illness to exacerbations of cardiovascular and respiratory disease, to impacts on food security. These impacts are felt disproportionately across our population, and targeted actions are needed to mitigate the negative health and equity impacts for those who are most susceptible. Figure 8 summarizes current and expected risks as well as the populations at highest risk of being impacted.

In 2021 alone, BC has experienced unprecedented heat waves that resulted in deaths across the VCH region. Significant wildfire events across the province over the past few years leading to smoke in the region impacted respiratory and cardiovascular health; and several extreme weather events in the fall, including strong winds and heavy precipitation leading to flooding, landslides, and displacement caused impacts to agriculture and our supply chain, in addition to injury and death. Forecasts predict that these events will not only become more common over time, but they will also be more intense with greater potential for damage. It is anticipated that along with these predictions, the negative health effects associated with climate change will also become more frequent and severe as the climate continues to change. This is an important consideration for a small community with limited health services and an aging population. Figure 8 shares a VCH infographic to help communities envision a healthy, low-carbon, climate-resilient future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sources include https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/climate-change-and-health; https://www.cma.ca/news/cma-continues-support-actions-tackling-climate-change-ahead-cop26; https://climatechoices.ca/reports/the-health-costs-of-climate-change/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015. https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement

# CREATING A HEALTHY, LOW-CARBON, CLIMATE-RESILIENT FUTURE

- A HEALTH-FOCUSED VISION FOR INCLUSIVE, COLLABORATIVE ACTION -



#### Figure 8 - Creating a Healthy, Low-Carbon, Climate-Resilient Future (Source: Vancouver Coastal Health)

In contrast, climate action has numerous positive health effects. For example, complete, compact, and connected communities encourage the use of active transportation increasing residents' physical activity and strengthening social connections. Land uses that do not prioritize vehicle movement with high speed, wider roads and large distances between destinations, are associated with decreases in collisions and fatalities. Moving away from a dependence on fossil fuel vehicles decreases exhaust, a major source of air pollution in our region. Scientific evidence shows that pollution of this type is associated with negative health outcomes including asthma onset and exacerbation, reduced lung function, lung cancer and cardiovascular disease.
#### **Backcasting and Forecasting**

There were two different approaches used in the development of the Village of Pemberton CCAP: Forecasting and Backcasting. Forecasting is a common approach used to create estimates of future emissions using current inventory data and projections. Backcasting, on the other hand, starts by imagining the desired future scenario that is not limited by current projections or past experiences. Used in combination, these two approaches provided us with a clear positive vision of the future and a measurable plan to start us on the pathway to our destination.



Figure 9 - Backcasting Diagram (Source: The Natural Step 2011)

Backcasting is a planning approach that starts by defining the future vision before working backwards to identify and prioritize creative solutions to reach that desired future

The concept of backcasting as used in this planning processes was developed by The Natural Step.

Over the course of two workshops, Village of Pemberton staff and stakeholders developed a Vision of their desired low carbon future, focusing on three sectors: transportation, buildings, and waste, which included

- Identifying the current state of the sectors
- Brainstorming creative solutions to compliment the Big Moves
- Prioritizing the solutions.

#### The Vision - Pemberton's Low Carbon Future

During the CCAP planning process, community stakeholders went through a visioning backcasting exercise to imagine what a low carbon future for the Village of Pemberton could look like. The group chose the year 2040 as our visioning year to allow for a slightly longer time horizon than to 2030 (less than eight years from now) to give sufficient time to imagine the changes happening. Pemberton's low carbon future vision is stated below:

In 2040, emissions in Pemberton will be reduced by more than 50%. The water and the air we breathe will be cleaner and natural systems will be in thriving. In 2040, you will walk out the front door into a liveable community where concrete has dwindled and natural spaces are abundant. A variety of new mobility services are available to support the needs of all residents and visitors. Congestion is reduced and you arrive at your destination more efficiently. You can also choose to travel by e-bike, scooter or zero-emission public transit.

The air in Pemberton is cleaner because there are far fewer cars on the street and most are electric. There is less noise and much more space for parks and pedestrian-only streets as active and alternative transportation has been prioritized.

People are trying out new types of living arrangements with more shared functions and spaces. More houses are built with wood, which makes them more comfortable to live in and much better for the climate than concrete buildings with less embodied carbon.

Almost all waste generated in Pemberton is diverted from landfill. Residents take their food scraps and yard trimmings to a local organics processing facility which produces compost for local food production.

In addition to this community vision, stakeholder participants defined success for each major sector of community emissions:

The Future of Transportation	The Future of Buildings	The Future of Waste
A complete zero-emission transportation system connects our community and region.	Our community's buildings are exceptionally energy efficient, and powered, heated and cooled with 100% renewable energy.	Our community diverts all organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, from landfills and recovers value from everything that enters the waste stream.

#### Pemberton's Targets for Reducing Emissions

Provincial legislation – the *Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act* (Bill 27, 2008) requires that each local government establish emission reduction targets to mitigate climate change. Setting a 'target' is the first step towards accomplishing a goal. Stakeholders and residents agreed that the Village of Pemberton needs an ambitious target to help spur change. Our region should also attempt to align our targets with those established at provincial, federal, and international levels. International treaties, such as the legally binding *Paris Agreement* reached during the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21), call for emissions to peak as soon as possible to limit the impact of climate change. The *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*, which became law on June 29, 2021, enshrines in legislation Canada's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. These ambitious agreements create a strong call to action to reduce our GHG emissions.

The Village of Pemberton's long-term community target for territorial emissions mitigation aligns with the *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (*IPCC*)<sup>8</sup> and are as follows:

The Village of Pemberton's Community Emissions Reduction Targets are:

50% reduction in territorial GHG emissions below 2007 levels by 2030 100% reduction in territorial GHG emissions below 2007 levels by 2050

To meet the 2030 target, the Village of Pemberton needs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 10,688 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e) per year, relative to 2007 levels. As the CCAP will demonstrate, under a 'Business as Usual' Scenario, annual emissions are expected to be reduced by 4,248 tonnes CO2e as a result of federal and provincial climate policy. The actions that will be presented later in the CCAP are designed to address this gap.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/

#### Modelling the 'Business as Usual' Forecast

'Business as Usual' and or 'BAU' is a way of describing what is estimated to happen to Pemberton's emissions if the Village takes no further action to decrease emissions beyond what they are already doing and plan to do. another to show Pemberton's GHG emissions inventory from 2007 to 2018 and its 'Business as Usual' forecast from 2019 to 2050. The modelling methodology used to by the Community Energy Association to determine these calculations for the Village of Pemberton is described in detail in **Appendix C**.



**Business as Usual Emissions by Sector** 

Figure 10 - 'Business as Usual' GHG Emissions by Sector (Source CEA – Appendix C)

Other factors that were considered to develop the Village of Pemberton's BAU emissions scenario for this report include how climate patterns are changing. IPCC (2021) predicts drier, hotter summers and warmer winters that will change the way energy is consumed in buildings. The BAU projection also attempts to factor in technological improvements that are supported by policies already adopted by other levels of government, such as: renewable and low carbon fuel standards implemented by the provincial government which reduce the carbon intensity of mobility fuels

- Vehicle tailpipe emissions standards which mandate fuel efficiency improvements for all new vehicles sold
- Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandates as part of the CleanBC Plan, requiring 10% of new vehicle purchases by 2025 as ZEVs, 30% by 2030, and 100% by 2040

Several factors are considered

to develop 'Business as Usual'

population growth being one

of the most important. As the

number of people increase in a

community, more buildings

are needed/used and more

vehicles are expected on local

emissions scenarios,

roads.

• The greening of the *BC Building Code* ready buildings by 2032 (progressive steps towards net zero energy).

The Business as Usual projection does not account for technological improvements such as electrification of commercial vehicles that do not have a clear policy time horizon.



Figure 11 shows emissions by fuel source. Between 2007 and 2018, emissions increased by 14.5%, with some annual fluctuations in between. Emissions are expected to decline from 2021 onwards. Under a Business as Usual scenario, annual emissions are expected to be reduced by 4,248 tonnes per year as a result of federal and provincial climate policy. The biggest reductions are expected to come from passenger vehicles and mobility fuels. This is due to Provinical Climate Policy such as the Zero Emission Vehicles Act in British Columbia.

The red line indicates Pemberton's emissions reduction target. As can be seen from the chart, in a Business as Usual scenario, Pemberton will not meet this target at any point between now and 2050.

#### **Forecasted Emissions Reductions Through Full Implementation**

The actions in this plan are designed to address the gap between BAU emissions reductions and the Village's emissions reductions targets. Figure 12 shows the modelled emissions reduction by each Big Move, relative to Business as Usual. If all **Big Moves** are implemented to the degree outlined in the CCAP, the Village of Pemberton will nearly meet its 2030 target. Although the 2050 emission reduction target is not met, it is anticipated that new technologies will become available, supported by clear government policy requirements for adoption, which will close the gap.

Figure 13 shows the emissions reduction per Big Move in 2030 relative to BAU. While the BAU scenario assumes a certain level of passenger vehicle electrification, this Big Move presents the greatest opportunity for further emission reductions, at 2,945 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. Retrofitting the existing building stock to make homes more energy efficient and fuel switching for those still using fossil fuel heating presents savings of 448 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e. Improving the rate of organics diversion from landfill could save 980 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e annually by 2030.



Figure 12 - Modelled Emissions Reduction (Source CEA – Appendix C)





Figure 13 - Emissions Reduction by Big Move in 2030, Relative to BAU (Source CEA – Appendix C)



#### **Action Plan Guide**

The following pages outline each of the six Big Moves – and their associated objectives, strategies and actions – organized by sector (transportation, buildings, waste and organizational leadership) that will allow us to achieve our 2030 target. It is recommended that the CCAP be revisited every two to three years to keep it relevant and effective. Below is an example of a strategy from 'Shift Beyond the Car', showing the type of information displayed. Implementation details for each of the Big Moves is presented in **Appendix D**.

/	Objective							Т	imeframe	e (short, med, long	)		
Strategy		Actions Sur	nmary								Lever	Time	Cost
SHIFT 1: Comp	act community	growth											
SHIFT 1.1 – Optin policies and byla compact growth Legend	mize land use lws for Strateg	Employ Regi policies, Dev policy tools transportations	onal Grow relopment that focus on corrido Summa	vth Sti Perm devel ors and ry of a	rategy (RGS) strategic nit Area guidelines, Zon lopment in complete, d nodes. actions under the strat	direct ning E comp egy	tion Bylav act	s, Offi w regu centre	cial Comn Ilations and es and mu Primary lo ever (infra eng	nunity Plan (OCP) nd other land use lti-modal ocal government structure, policy, gagement)	/////	vestment med, hig	\$ t (low, gh)
	Leve	er			Timeframe				Cost	Definition		]	
	Infrastru	cture	X		Short (1-2 years)				Low	<\$25,000	\$		
	Policy & Re	gulation			Medium (3-5 years)				Med	\$25,000 - \$100,000	\$\$		
	Engagement &	& Outreach			Long (6+ years)				High	>\$100,000	\$\$\$		

Notes:

- Lever: Many strategies utilize more than one local government lever. The following tables show only the primary lever; however **Appendix D** indicates all levers involved.
- Timeframe: Many strategies span more than one timeframe, with some actions starting in the short term and full deployment of the strategy occuring in the longer term.

#### The Way We Move



#### Vision:

A complete zero-emission transportation system connects our community and region.

#### **Current State:**

Passenger and Commercial vehicles are responsible for 83% of the greenhouse gas emissions generated by residents and businesses in Pemberton. Transportation fuels such as gasoline and diesel are the largest expenditure on energy in the community at \$10.6 million per year.

#### **Big Moves for Transportation**



### The Way We Move



#### Shift Beyond the Car

Encourage active and accessible transportation and transit

#### Overview

Walking and cycling are very popular recreational activities in Pemberton – but they are more than pure enjoyment - they are viable, beneficial, economical and environmentally friendly modes of transportation. The Village of Pemberton's Cycling Network Plan (2020) outlines a strategy to design and build well-connected, accessible, safe and enjoyable routes that will encourage residents and visitors to choose an active mode of travel such as walking and cycling. Including sidewalks, bike lanes and trails in development plans make active transportation a viable choice when traveling through and between neighbourhoods. The same infrastructure also affords access for those who use mobility aids, such as scooters and wheelchairs.

However, planning for a zero-carbon transportation system requires a paradigm shift. Pemberton residents are quite dependent on fossil-fuel powered cars and trucks; at the same time, they show little tolerance for increased traffic and perceive a scarcity of parking. Instead of solving traffic and infrastructure problems by expanding roads or building more parking lots, the Village can support all transportation options and facilitate alternative travel choices by investing in active transportation infrastructure and transit. Not only does this reduce local transportation-related emissions, but this shift can also result in reduced infrastructure and lowered maintenance costs not to mention improved community health benefits.

#### Looking Forward to 2030

- Half of all trips taken in our community are with active/assisted transportation or transit.
- Streets have been reimagined to prioritize active, public and low carbon transportation options.
- New neighbourhoods are designed to maximize car-free options and are fully connected via bike paths and transit options.
- Appropriate facilities for bike storage and e-bike charging are located in strategic hubs to support emission-free commuting.

#### Objectives

- 1. Optimize land use planning tools to enable compact community growth
- 2. Enable walking, cycling and other forms of zero emission mobility
- Promote transit ridership and support a zero-emissions transit network

#### **Provincial Action**

As part of the Province of British Columbia's commitment through <u>CleanBC</u> to embrace clean and renewable energy across the board, the government developed <u>Move Commute</u> <u>Connect – B.C.'s Active Transportation</u> <u>Strategy</u>. The strategy established a new target for active and assisted transportation:

• By 2030, double the percentage of trips taken with active transportation.

#### **Federal Action**

The Government of Canada's <u>Pan Canadian</u> <u>Framework on Clean Growth and Climate</u> <u>Change</u> commits to supporting a shift from higher- to lower-emitting modes of transportation, as well was investing in infrastructure.

# Strategies for Shifting Beyond the Car

Strategy	Actions Summary		Т	ime	Cost
SHIFT 1: Optimize land use planning for compact community growth					
SHIFT 1.1 – Optimize land use policies and bylaws for compact growth	a. Employ SLRD Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) strategic directions, Official Community Plan (OCP) policies, Development Permit Area Guidelines, Zoning Bylaw regulations and other land use policy tools that focus development in complete, compact centres and multi-modal transportation corridors and nodes.				
	b. Use density bonusing <sup>9</sup> in strategic areas like the hillsides and infill locations to encourage compact developments. This will help achieve densities that can support transit, commercial centres and protect more green space.				\$
	c. Implement fast tracking as an incentive to encourage lower emissions in new, compact developments. Give processing priority to applications for compact developments that meet certain energy-efficient and sustainability criteria. For example, use an established rating system such as LEED <sup>™</sup> or Built Green <sup>™</sup> or create a Pemberton-specific list of desired features for compact community growth.				
SHIFT 2: Enable walking, cycli	ng and other forms of zero emission mobility				
	a. Address active transportation through the Official Community Plan review, which will further identify gaps in the network and prioritize transportation options in the following recommended order: walking, cycling, public transit, commercial vehicles and then private vehicles.				
SHIFT 2.1 – Enable active transportation through plans and policies	b. Implement supportive policies such as a 'Complete Streets Policy' <sup>10</sup> and update the Subdivision & Development Control Bylaw and other relevant bylaws to require all ages and abilities (AAA) cycling infrastructure.				\$
	c. Prioritize the creation of a multi-modal transportation hub (expanded park and ride facility) along a main commuter route with infrastructure designed to support active transportation combined with public transit.				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://www.toolkit.bc.ca/tool/density-bonusing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.completestreetsforcanada.ca/what-are-complete-streets/

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Т	ime	Cost
SHIFT 2.2 – Build safe routes for walking, cycling and other forms of zero emission mobility	a. Accelerate the implementation of the Cycling Network Plan that prioritizes end-of-trip facilities (more bike racks and showers), an expanded cycle network and safer routes.				
	b. Continuously improve public and private active transportation infrastructure including reconfiguring existing streets and building safe and convenient active transportation paths to connect all neighbourhoods.	X			\$\$\$
	c. Ensure new developments include suitable pedestrian corridors for active transportation and consider the need for shade/tree canopy coverage to protect users from the heat/sun.				
SHIFT 2.3 – Develop and deliver an active transportation outreach strategy	a. Connect with community members to learn about their active transportation needs in support of the development of an Active Transportation Strategy.				
	b. Dedicate staff time for promotion and education around active transportation. Align with the Cycling Network Plan.				\$
SHIFT 2.4 – Normalize car-free and zero-emission zones	a. Beginning with a single car-free day on a key Village street (i.e., Frontier Street) one day a year, progress to more frequent car-free days in different locations over the year (i.e., one in the spring/one in the fall) combined with sidewalk sales, farmers markets or other special events, such as the Pemberton Slow Food Cycle Event.				
	b. Support and encourage participation of Village of Pemberton Staff, residents, businesses and students in annual Bike-to-Work and Bike-to-School events. Wager friendly competitions with other businesses/government offices to spark interest and celebrate victories.				\$
	c. Reward residents who use active transportation to commute or run errands by 'issuing' good karma tickets (opposite of parking tickets) on bikes, strollers, scooters, etc.				
SHIFT 2.5 – Promote micro e- mobility <sup>11</sup> and on-demand mobility services	a. Host awareness events for e-bikes (and other forms of micro e-mobility like e-scooters) in association with other community events like Canada Day Celebration, BMX track nights or local bike races. Offer test drives or contests to encourage up-take.				\$
	b. Work with vendors to promote the availability of e-mobility devices (e.g. e-bikes and e- scooters) locally and encourage bulk discounts from outside suppliers.	-			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Micro e-mobility refers to a range of small, lightweight vehicles operating at speeds typically below 25 km/h (15 mph) and driven by users personally (unlike rickshaws). Micro e-mobility devices include bicycles, e-bikes, electric scooters, electric skateboards, shared bicycles, and electric pedal assisted (pedelec) bicycles.

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Time	Cost
	c. Support on-demand mobility services (e.g. bike sharing and ride hailing). Undertake research and understanding of when and where on-demand services are most useful. Seek measures to remove policy barriers, acknowledging that the role of e-mobility transportation must fit with a multi-modal transportation approach.			
	d. Purchase e-bike(s) for shared use by Village Staff use and encourage other large employers to do the same. Install additional bike racks around town to accommodate e- bike parking.			
SHIFT 3: Increase transit rider	ship and a support a transition to a zero-emissions transit network			
SHIFT 3.1 – Collaborate with transit providers to identify innovative options to increase service and promote transit ridership	<ul> <li>a. Continue to advocate for and collaborate with the Province, regional partners and BC Transit for a regional transit service to increase transit service and ensure implementation of regional objectives and local needs of Pemberton/Mount Currie.</li> <li>b. Promote transit ridership by offering free transit days and celebrating new additions to the transit schedule. Lobby the local School Districts to offer free bus passes to students. Ultimately, explore universal free transit with potential partnership with neighbouring communities in promotion of free transit programs.</li> <li>c. Review ridership model with options to supplement services with community-based models such as on-demand transit.</li> </ul>			\$\$
SHIFT 3.2 – Collaborate with transit providers to transition to a zero emissions transit network	<ul><li>a. Work with BC Transit and neighbouring communities to ensure that transit progressively transitions to zero emissions vehicles (e.g. electric busses).</li><li>b. Advocate for and pursue opportunities for grant funding to install electric vehicle (EV) charging capabilities for transit vehicles.</li></ul>			\$

#### Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 472 tCO2 $_{\rm e}$ in 2030



When asked what would encourage bicycle, e-bike or e-scooter use more frequently for getting around the Village, the top three responses were improved end of trip facilities (e.g. bike racks and lockers), an expanded cycle network, and safer transportation nodes

#### The Way We Move



#### **Electrify Transportation**

Accelerate the adoption of zero-emission vehicles

#### **Overview**

Zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) are clean, efficient and cost-effective. In British Columbia, where at least 94% of all electricity is renewable and non-emitting, electric vehicles (EVs) are already a viable near zero-emission option.

The Village of Pemberton can make zero-emission vehicles an easier choice for residents and businesses by investing in more charging infrastructure, enacting supportive policies and by engaging with companies and organizations that operate fleets, such as school districts, car-sharing and ride-hailing providers. Local governments can also deliver community outreach and education on zero-emission transportation choices.

If every local government in British Columbia implemented this Big Move, by 2030 they would collectively reduce the province's total greenhouse gas emission inventory by 1.5 to 2 million tonnes, because it would lead to removing half a million internal combustion (fossil fuel) vehicles from our roads. At the individual community level, this move could yield 5 to 25% emissions reductions by 2030.

#### Looking Forward to 2030

- Half of the kilometers driven in our community are by zero emission vehicles.
- New buildings are required to provide an electrified, dedicated service for EV charging.
- A robust and strategically designed charging network ensures infrastructure is available at workplaces and public parking spaces.
- The Village of Pemberton continues to demonstrate leadership by prioritizing electric for their fleet replacement policy and all service contracts require low emission vehicles as part of municipal contracts.

#### Objectives

- 1. Enable charging on-the-go
- 2. Enable charging at home and work
- 3. Encourage EVs through outreach and supportive policies
- 4. Support businesses to transition to a low-carbon fleet

#### **Provincial Action**

In May 2019, the Province of British Columbia enacted the *Zero Emissions Vehicle Act* to follow through on the transportation commitments in its <u>CleanBC</u> climate plan. The legislation requires manufacturers to ensure that a steadily increasing proportion of all new light-duty cars and trucks sold or leased in British Columbia will be zero-emission vehicles, leading up to 100% by 2040.

The province established its <u>Clean Energy Vehicle</u> <u>Program</u> to support the transition. The program provides incentives to reduce the price of new zeroemissions vehicles and charging stations and works to raise awareness of the benefits of such vehicles.

#### **Federal Action**

The Government of Canada also provides purchase and lease <u>incentives</u> for new zero-emission vehicles, and offers tax deductions for businesses.

# Strategies for Electrifying Transportation

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Time	Cost
ELECTRIFY 1: Enable charging	on-the-go			
ELECTRIFY 1.1 – Design, fund and build a public EV charging network	<ul> <li>a. Leverage grant opportunities to install more EV charging stations at key locations throughout the community on a continual basis.</li> <li>b. Collaborate with other local governments on a regional charging network strategy.</li> <li>c. Plan for the installation of a certain percentage of EV fast chargers in all new public parking lots.</li> </ul>	R		\$\$\$
ELECTRIFY 2: Enable charging	at home and work			
ELECTRIFY 2.1 – Accelerate EV- ready <sup>12</sup> building requirements	<ul><li>a. Require all parking for new homes to be EV-ready.</li><li>b. Require 25% of stalls at new non-residential buildings to be EV ready.</li></ul>			\$
ELECTRIFY 2.2 – Enable EV charging in existing residential, mixed-use and commercial buildings	<ul><li>a. Advocate strata corporations and property management companies to begin navigating the process to retrofit existing parking stalls with EV charging equipment.</li><li>b. Consider implementation of incentives to encourage installation of EV chargers.</li></ul>			\$
ELECTRIFY 3: Encourage elect	ric vehicle (EV) use through outreach and supportive policies			
ELECTRIFY 3.1 – Develop and deliver an EV outreach strategy	<ul> <li>a. Educate residents, builders and developers on the benefits of zero-emissions vehicles, available rebates and EV charging requirements though Builders' Bulletins and the Village's social media channels.</li> <li>b. Collaborate with other organizations to host public demonstration events for e-bikes, e-scooters and EVs such as test-drive and ride-along events.</li> </ul>			\$
ELECTRIFY 3.2 – Accelerate EV adoption through supportive policies and incentives	<ul> <li>a. Maintain residential speed limits of 30 km/hr to enable low-speed EVs on select residential streets.</li> <li>b. Provide perks to EV drivers such as priority parking.</li> <li>c. Encourage ride hailing, taxi operators and other fleet operators to switch to EVs by providing information during the Business License Application Process.</li> </ul>			\$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 'EV Ready' means that residential and commercial developments must have energized electrical outlets installed at the time of construction that can charge an EV when a charging station is installed the future.

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Time		Cost	
	d. Create a policy that leads to the reduction of parking requirements in multi-family developments based on provision of more EV parking, EV car shares, more bike parking and other active transportation amenities.					
ELECTRIFY 4: Support businesses to transition to a low-carbon fleet						
	a. Engage with businesses to understand how the Village can support them in their transition to a low-carbon fleet.					
ELECTRIFY 4.1 – Engage commercial stakeholders to facilitate transition	b. Provide information to businesses about the <u>Specialty Use Vehicle Incentive (SUVI)</u> <u>Program</u> .				\$	
	c. Encourage fleet operators to switch to EVs by providing information during the Business License Application Process.					
Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 2,945 tCO2 $_{ m e}$ in 2030						



When asked where would be your preferred locations for more electric vehicle charging stations, survey respondents #1 answer was "additional chargers at the Pemberton Community Centre"; #2 at a dedicated Park 'n Ride, #3 Downtown next to the Barn, #4 Den Duyf Park (Rec Site) and #5 Downtown next to Pioneer Park.

# Where We Live and Work



Vision:

Our community's buildings are exceptionally energy efficient, and powered, heated and cooled with 100% renewable energy.

Our homes and commercial buildings are responsible for 8% of the greenhouse gas emissions generated in Pemberton. The main source of emissions are propane, wood and heating oil used for space and water heating.



#### Where We Live and Work



#### Step Up New Buildings

Enhance energy efficiency and low carbon heating in new buildings

#### **Overview**

While existing buildings generate most building-related GHG emissions, local governments have greater authority to influence new construction. The *BC Energy Step Code* is a section of the *BC Building Code* that enables local governments to require or incentivize better-than-code energy performance in new construction. While the *Step Code* is a great tool for improving overall building energy performance, it does not completely address emissions from new buildings. Local governments can also influence emissions by implementing the *Energy Step Code* in tandem with incentives that target zero-emission heating and cooling systems.

The Village of Pemberton is experiencing the rapid development of new housing. Since the Village of Pemberton implemented the *Energy Step Code* in 2020, many new homes have already been constructed to high performance standards. Pemberton also boasts a multi-family development built to the highest energy efficient standards in Canada. Every new building built to exceed code standards is an opportunity to establish Pemberton as a leader for improved building energy efficiency and one less building that will have to be retrofitted down the road.

#### Looking Forward to 2030

- All new buildings meet the highest step (Step 5) of the *Energy Step Code* and use only zero-carbon energy sources for space and water heating.
- The building industry is now focused on whole building performance, as opposed to prescriptive code requirements.
- Energy performance is quantified and verified, so homeowners and buyers have a better understanding of the long-term operational cost of the home.
- Homes are quiet, comfortable and durable. Energy costs are minimized through efficient design that reduces energy demand.

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Accelerate adoption of a low carbon Energy Step Code
- 2. Build industry capacity for energy efficiency and decarbonization

#### **Provincial Action**

The Province of British Columbia's <u>CleanBC</u> climate plan outlines the dates when the base *BC Building Code* will adopt *BC Energy Step Code* performance targets:

- In 2022, all new buildings will be 20% more energy efficient than those built to the previous minimum code requirements.
- By 2027, all new buildings will be 40% more energy efficient.
- By 2032, all new buildings will be "net zero energy ready".

CleanBC <u>Better Homes</u> links homeowners and residential builders to rebates and resources, and CleanBC <u>Better</u> <u>Buildings</u> provides funding and capital incentives to encourage energy efficient design, construction and renovation in larger buildings.

#### **Federal Action**

Natural Resources Canada's <u>Build Smart: Canada's</u> <u>Buildings Strategy</u> establishes the goal that all provinces and territories will adopt a net-zero energy-ready model building code by 2030.

# Strategies for Stepping Up New Buildings

Strategy	Actions Summary		Time	Cost
NEW BUILDINGS 1: Adopt the	Energy Step Code with a Low Carbon Approach			
NEW BUILD 1.1 – Accelerate implementation of the <i>BC</i> <i>Energy Step Code</i>	<ul> <li>a. Plan to move up through the Step Code levels for both <i>BC Building Code</i> Part 9 (residential) and Part 3 (more complex, i.e. commercial, industrial, and mixed-use) buildings, based on industry support, before the provincially mandated timeline.</li> <li>b. Adopt policies and programs to incentivize adoption of higher steps before they are due, e.g., density bonus, rebates.</li> </ul>			\$
NEW BUILD 1.2 – Adopt a low- carbon approach to the <i>BC</i> <i>Energy Step Code</i>	<ul> <li>a. Adopt the op-in provincial carbon pollution standards for new buildings, based on industry support as soon as more information becomes available.</li> <li>b. Add low carbon energy system requirements to the Village's Building Bylaw, based on industry support, to implement carbon pollution performance standards that reduce emissions and achieve higher levels of energy efficiency.</li> </ul>			\$
NEW BUILDINGS 2: Build Indu	stry Capacity to Deliver High Performance Buildings			
NEW BUILD 2.1 – Continue to provide outreach and incentives	a. Continue to promote existing Clean BC new construction incentives and provide additional incentives, as available, to subsidize costs of heat pumps, working with an energy advisor and airtightness testing.			\$
NEW BUILD 2.2 – Continue to provide training and coordination	a. Continue to collaborate with educational institutions and regional partners to provide relevant training to the building industry and realtors. Assemble a list of local or regional Energy Advisors to share with builders.			\$
Total annual GHG emissions r	eductions for this Big Move: 184 tCO2, by 2030			

Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 184 tCO2<sub>e</sub> by 2030



74% of survey respondents said when purchasing a new home, a low-carbon heating system was either the top priority or that it was very important.

#### Where We Live and Work



# **Decarbonize Existing Buildings**

Support deep energy retrofits and fuel switching

#### Overview

In 2030, over three quarters of all buildings in Pemberton will be those that were already standing in 2021. Many buildings use more energy than is necessary. Owners of 20-year-old propane-heated homes can lower their energy bills by as much as 30% through energy efficiency retrofits and reduce about 2 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year. Homeowners can pursue various degrees of building energy retrofits—from replacing individual pieces of equipment to comprehensive overhauls of the whole building, known as deep energy retrofits.

Deep energy retrofits involve changes to the entire building, including insulation, windows and doors, and air barrier, as well as ventilation and space and water heating equipment. To ensure emissions reductions as well as energy reductions, the energy retrofit must include switching from fossil fuel sources to zero-carbon sources such as electricity. Such projects usually rely on the expertise of an energy advisor, who conducts energy modelling and airtightness testing.

The Village of Pemberton has limited jurisdiction over requirements for existing building retrofits but has an opportunity to influence and enable building owners to make investments in the energy efficiency of their buildings.

#### Looking Forward to 2030

- 25% of our existing building stock has undergone a deep energy retrofit.
- All replacement heating and hot water systems are zero emissions.

#### Objectives

- 1. Improve energy efficiency
- 2. Encourage and enable fuel switching
- 3. Build industry capacity and increase demand

#### **Provincial Action**

CleanBC <u>Better Homes</u> links homeowners and renovators to rebates and resources, and CleanBC <u>Better Buildings</u> provides funding and capital incentives to encourage energy efficient renovation in larger buildings. The Province is currently working on an Existing Buildings Renewal Strategy, which will enable increased energy efficiency retrofits in the existing building stock.

#### **Federal Action**

The Government of Canada's <u>Home Energy Retrofit</u> <u>Initiative</u> provides grants for energy efficiency upgrades and free EnerGuide assessments. The program also supports training energy advisors across Canada to meet increasing demand.

#### **Strategies for Decarbonizing Existing Buildings**

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Time	Cost
EXISTING BUILDINGS 1: Impro	ve Energy Efficiency			
EXISTING BUILD 1.1 – Encourage and enable deep energy retrofits	<ul> <li>a. Educate building owners on how to make their home or business more energy efficient and the benefits of doing so, using resources such as <u>Better Homes BC</u> and <u>Better Buildings BC</u>.</li> <li>b. Continue to post information that helps building owners understand the rebates and incentives available or financing options that might assist with implementation of energy retrofits.</li> <li>c. Encourage the use of energy labelling and benchmarking.</li> </ul>			\$
EXISTING BUILDINGS 2: Encou	rage and Enable Fuel Switching	-		-
EXISTING BUILD 2.1 – Encourage and enable building electrification	<ul><li>a. Identify and remove barriers to heat pump installation, including streamlining permitting processes, optimizing noise regulations and restructuring permit fees.</li><li>b. Top-up Provincial air source heat pump incentives.</li></ul>			\$
EXISTING BUILDINGS 3: Build	Industry Capacity and Increase Market Demand			
3.1 – Establish a long-term energy efficiency and decarbonization <sup>13</sup> marketing campaign	a. Establish a 10-year program for a community-wide marketing campaign to encourage building envelope improvements, electrification or other low carbon fuel sources.	, ,		\$
3.2 – Build industry capacity for energy efficiency and decarbonization	a. Educate renovators and realtors on energy efficiency and low carbon choices for space and water heating.			\$

Total annual GHG emissions reductions for this Big Move: 448 tCO2<sub>e</sub> by 2030



When asked what they would look for when considering an energy retrofit, the top three survey responses were *increased resale value*, *reduced emissions*, and less than a 5-year payback.

<sup>13</sup> Decarbonization is the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions using low carbon power sources, achieving a lower output of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere.

#### How We Manage 'Waste'



#### Vision:

Our community diverts all of our organic waste, such as food scraps and yard trimmings, from landfills and recovers value from everything that enters the waste stream.

Organic waste ending up in the landfill accounts for 9% of our community's GHG emissions. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is responsible for waste management for the Village of Pemberton. Some of Pemberton's organic waste is currently diverted from landfill and goes to a local organic waste processing facility located 10km south of Pemberton.

# Close the Loop on Waste

from waste

### How We Manage 'Waste'



#### Close the Loop on Waste

Divert organics and capture value from waste

#### Overview

Emissions from waste occur when organic waste mixed in with garbage decomposes in the landfill and produces methane, a potent greenhouse gas that is released into the atmosphere. In general, organic waste makes up about 35-40% of landfill waste<sup>14</sup>, and includes food waste from homes and businesses, yard and garden waste, wood waste and paper that cannot be recycled, such as food-soiled paper. Organic material decomposes over approximately 10 years in the landfill. Organic diversion reduces or eliminates the amount of new waste added to the regional waste stream every year.

By diverting organic waste from the waste stream, it can be converted into valuable compost that can be sold and used to support local food production. Pemberton is fortunate that an organic waste processing facility is located just 10km south of the Village centre and is the destination of some of the community's organic waste.

#### Looking Forward to 2030

- All our community's residential food and yard waste will be converted to useable compost at the existing facility or at another regional processing facility.
- The Village of Pemberton, in coordination with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, will be a leader in Integrated Resource Management.

#### **Objectives**

1. Divert organics from the waste stream

#### **Provincial Action**

The Province of British Columbia has committed to ensuring that, by 2030, 95% of organic waste will be diverted from landfills, and 75% of landfill gas will captured. The province has also committed to fund workforce training.

#### **Federal Action**

The Government of Canada, through its Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) provides funding for infrastructure that enables resource recovery, such as generating renewable fuel from waste.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> SLRD Waste Composition Audit for the Pemberton Transfer Station, 2020

#### Strategies for Closing the Loop on Waste

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Tin	ne	Cost
WASTE 1: Divert Organics from	m Landfill				
WASTE1.1 – Collaborate to adopt policies that increase organics diversion	<ul><li>a. Work with the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) to adopt organics diversion targets for Pemberton and initiate public consultation on organics, processes and targets.</li><li>b. Work with the SLRD to engage with businesses and strata corporations to provide opportunities for source-separation of waste into three streams; organics, recyclables and waste to landfill.</li></ul>				\$
WASTE 1.2 – Partner to enhance organics collection and processing	<ul> <li>a. Work with SLRD to evaluate local opportunities for organics handling and diversion, including the provision of suitable containers for storage.</li> <li>b. Work with the SLRD to consider implementing curbside organic (kitchen/yard-waste) collection for single-family home neighbourhoods.</li> <li>c. Work with the SLRD to install central collection points for organics that are regularly picked up for multi-family units or strata neighbourhoods, etc.</li> </ul>	R			\$\$
WASTE 1.3 – Identify strategies to divert construction, demolition, agricultural and industrial wood waste	a. Work with the SLRD to identify producers of wood waste in the community, develop inventory and attempt to evaluate opportunities for resource recovery. Identify and pursue options to support and grow the market for salvaged forest clearing and deconstruction materials.				\$
WASTE 1.4 – Promote the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's comprehensive zero- waste outreach program	<ul> <li>a. Work with the SLRD to share more zero-waste messaging on Village social media channels.</li> <li>b. Post information on the SLRD partnership with local non-profit community organizations to provide a Zero Waste Outreach program in schools.</li> <li>c. Continue to participate in and promote the "Love Food Hate Waste" campaign.</li> </ul>	<b>,</b>			\$
Total annual GHG emissions r	eductions for this Big Move: 980 tCO2 <sub>e</sub> by 2030				



When asked what would encourage themto separate their household organicwaste, the top two survey responses werecurbside collection and provision of asuitable container for storage.

# **Organizational Leadership**



#### Institutionalize Action

Embed Climate Action into Village of Pemberton Operations

#### Overview

Research conducted by Community Energy Association (CEA), QUEST Canada Organization, and Smart Prosperity highlights several key factors that are important for the successful implementation of a Community Climate Action Plan. These include establishing broad support for implementation, building staff and financial capacity for implementation, and institutionalizing the plan to withstand political change and staff turnover. In addition, it is important for the Village to communicate its efforts and share success stories on not only what needs to be done, but also on what has been done.

#### Funding

Funding sources that communities typically use for climate action are shown in the table below.

Internal Funding Sources	External Funding Sources
	1. UBCM Gas Tax Agreement Funds
1. General revenue (e.g. property taxes)	2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Funds. These support plans,
2. Building permit fees and other service fees	studies, capital projects and pilot projects for environmental initiatives in several focus areas
charged by Development Services	3. Federal government programs such as the Low Carbon Economy Challenge and Clean Energy Innovation Program
	4. Provincial government programs such as the Clean Energy Vehicle Program, BikeBC Program, and CleanBC Communities Fund
	5. Emotive grants for EV educational events to foster greater EV adoption
	<ol><li>CleanBC and BC Hydro energy efficiency incentives for new home construction and for increasing energy efficiency in existing buildings</li></ol>
	7. BC Housing for education or demonstration projects to encourage the building industry to
	construct low energy and low GHG emission homes

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Village of Pemberton Community Climate Action Plan is critical for its success. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) enable the Village to measure the outcomes of the Plan's implementation. When KPIs are monitored regularly, the community can determine how to best allocate resources to support implementation, and clearly evaluate what success different actions are having.

Suggested indicators are presented in Appendix E.

# Strategies for Organization Leadership

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Time	Cost
LEADERSHIP 1.1 – Establish Broad Support for the Community Climate Action Plan	<ul> <li>a. Host regular meetings to discuss implementation with internal and/or external stakeholders.</li> <li>b. Support the efforts of other levels of government, First Nations, improvement districts, not-for-profit and community organizations who are undertaking climate action in the Village of Pemberton.</li> <li>c. Prepare for plan renewal approximately every five to eight years.</li> </ul>	چ ا		\$
LEADERSHIP 1.2 – Building Staff and Financial Capacity for implementation	<ul> <li>a. Report on climate action or sustainability implications in relevant reports to Council.</li> <li>b. Establish a new position in the Village to oversee implementation, monitoring and future updates to the Community Climate Action Plan. Incorporate climate action into other relevant municipal staff policies.</li> <li>c. Embed climate action into the budgeting process. Ensure that budget is included to support implementation of the Actions noted in the Community Climate Action Plan and funds are set aside for future climate action work.</li> <li>d. Encourage professional development opportunities that focus on green infrastructure, natural assets management, ecosystem protection/restoration, and similar topics that foster staff awareness of climate action opportunities within their scope.</li> </ul>			\$
LEADERSHIP 1.3 – Institutionalize the Community Climate Action Plan	<ul> <li>a. Embed climate action into other documents such as the Official Community Plan (OCP), Strategic Plans, Asset Management Plan, Purchasing Policies, Infrastructure and Servicing bylaws and policies, Staff Reports and departmental work plans. Include electrification of the Village's own fleet as a key priority to reduce Corporate GHG emissions.</li> <li>b. Develop a complementary Climate Action Adaptation Plan that includes an extreme weather response plan.</li> <li>c. Develop and implement a Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan and perform comprehensive climate audits on all new civic facilities and upgrades.</li> </ul>			\$

Strategy	Actions Summary			ie	Cost
	d. Monitor and evaluate performance with key performance indicators and report regularly to Council and the community at large on progress and accomplishments. Include performance indicators reporting in the Village's Annual Report.				
	a. Declare a climate emergency to acknowledge that climate impacts are already causing loss of life and destroying vital ecosystems, and that the Village is prepared to mobilize its resources to take effective action at the necessary scale and speed.				
LEADERSHIP 1.4 – Communicate the Village's Intended Actions on Climate Change	b. Make a promise to the youth of Pemberton to address the items noted in their 2020 Climate Petition, to the best of the Village's abilities, to create a healthy, low carbon and climate-resilient future.				\$
	c. Feature 'Climate Action Success Stories' on the Village's communication channels and publications, by sharing successful Village carbon-reducing initiatives and encourage residents to also share stories of individual and group successes.				

When asked what more could the Village do, the survey responses were numerous and varied:

Build Community Resil	ience Enhance Food	d Security Ban Plastics
Improve Transit	Increase Recycling	Promote Eco-tourism
Educate the Public	Preserve Old Growth	Forests Cut VoP Emissions



# **Other Opportunities - Local Renewable Energy, Sequestration and Food**

#### **Overview**

Other opportunities of note lie outside the identified six 'Big Moves' but still within the Village's immediate influence. They include the pursuit of local renewable energy, sequestration and local food production opportunities, all valuable areas given the Village is situated within natural surroundings that include rivers, forests and productive farmland.

#### **Strategies for Other Opportunities**

Strategy	Actions Summary	Lever	Tim	ne	Cost
LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY					
RENEWABLE 1.1 Pursue community-scale renewable energy systems	a. Conduct a renewable energy scan to determine financially and technically feasible renewable energy options.				\$
RENEWABLE 1.2 Support building-level renewable energy projects	<ul><li>a. Identify and remove barriers to building-level renewable energy projects e.g. solar.</li><li>b. Provide municipal incentives for renewable energy installations in buildings.</li></ul>				\$
SEQUESTRATION					
SEQUESTER 1.1 Preserve natural assets including forested lands and wetlands within the municipal boundary	<ul> <li>a. Identify, broadly define and then use policy measures to prevent clearing of old growth forests<sup>15</sup>, and other forests of other special significance (cultural, archaeological, etc.).</li> <li>b. Use policy measures to reduce clearing of other forested lands, e.g. Tree Preservation Bylaw or use density bonus for developments that cluster development. Identify and then use policy measures to protect wetlands.</li> </ul>				\$
SEQUESTER 1.2 Encourage low-carbon buildings	a. Consider ways to support or encourage building materials like timber that store carbon / are low carbon.				\$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Part of this action would involve creating an agreed upon broad definition of what constitutes an 'old growth forest' that takes into account both its economic value based on forestry practices and its environmental value, in terms of the value of a preserved, unaltered natural eco-system.

SEQUESTER 1.3 Collaborate with other governments, organizations and industry to pursue low- carbon and carbon capture technologies	<ul> <li>a. Encourage and support local industrial emitters of CO<sup>2</sup> to capture and store CO<sup>2</sup> to reduce their industrial emissions.</li> <li>b. Keep abreast of ways that local governments can be involved in and support carbon capture &amp; sequestration, e.g. through <u>Province of BC</u>, <u>Community Energy Association</u>, and <u>Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions</u>.</li> </ul>				\$
FOOD					
FOOD 1.1 Support local food production and consumption	<ul> <li>a. Accelerate implementation of the <u>Village of Pemberton Community Agricultural Parks</u> <u>Master Plan</u>.</li> <li>b. Support local food production through the encouragement of farmer's markets and community gardening space within multi-family developments.</li> </ul>				\$
FOOD 1.2 Reduce regional food waste/increase regional food recovery	<ul> <li>a. Implement relevant actions from the <u>Sea to Sky Food Recovery Strategy and Action Plan</u>.</li> <li>b. Continue to work with community stakeholders and regional partners to advance food recovery, security and resiliency in the Sea to Sky.</li> </ul>				\$

# Appendices

# **Appendix A: Climate Action at All Levels**

#### **Global Action**

When Canada signed the *Paris Agreement* in 2015, we joined a global commitment to keep global warming below 2°C, and as close to 1.5°C as possible. In October 2018, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a major report that emphasized the dramatic difference in consequences between a 1.5°C and 2°C world. Every degree of warming beyond this threshold will lead to increased impacts of extreme weather, more wildfires and floods, increases in sea-level rise, and severe threats to human health and well-being.



By limiting these impacts, we can ensure a healthy environment, economy and society for future generations and ourselves. While it is not too late, time is of the essence.

The key finding of the IPCC report is that limiting warming to 1.5°C is possible but requires deep emissions reductions across all areas of society – reducing global emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

#### **PAN-CANADIAN FRAMEWORK**



on Clean Growth and Climate Change

Canada's Plan to Address Climate Change and Grow the Economy

#### **National Action**

In 2016, the Government of Canada released its Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The framework sets out the federal government's strategy to meet its commitment under the *Paris Agreement* to reduce national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 30% below 2005 levels by the year 2030. In 2017, the most recent emissions inventory year, Canada's emissions were 716 mega tonnes of CO2 equivalent (Mt CO2e), which is a 2% decrease from 2005 levels. This means that for Canada to meet its emissions reduction target, we need a decrease of 28% from 2005 levels in just ten years. More recently, the Government of Canada has established a target of net-zero emissions by 2050, requiring an acceleration of action by all levels of government.

Actions available to the federal government include vehicle fuel-efficiency standards, model national

building codes, energy ratings, and carbon pricing.

#### **Provincial Action**

In December 2018, the Province of British Columbia released its CleanBC climate plan. The plan reaffirmed the province's previous target to reduce emissions 80% below 2007 levels by the year 2050 and established a new interim target to reduce emissions 40 per cent by 2030. In 2017, BC's provincial emissions were 0.5% below 2007 levels, which means that for BC to meet its emissions reduction target, a decrease of 40% from 2007 levels in just ten years is required.

# The federal government uses national standards and funding in climate action because provinces have constitutional jurisdiction over both energy and local governments.

# Local governments are the front lines of climate action because communities are where the buildings, vehicles & infrastructure are.

	Plans	Authority	Actions/Levers
Federal	Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change	National standards     Funding     International commitments     Taxation	<ul> <li>Vehicle fuel efficiency standards</li> <li>Infrastructure funding</li> <li>Model national building codes</li> <li>Energy ratings &amp; tools (e.g., EnerGuide)</li> <li>Green infrastructure bank</li> <li>National carbon price</li> <li>CCS (Carbon Capture &amp; Sequestration)</li> <li>Information sharing</li> </ul>
Provincial	CleanBC (mitigation) Climate Ready BC (adaptation) 2021 release	Constitutional authority for Energy and for Municipalities Taxation	<ul> <li>Codes (e.g., Building code including Energy Step Code)</li> <li>Data (e.g., Community Energy &amp; Emissions Inventory)</li> <li>Green infrastructure (e.g., EV charging)</li> <li>Provincial roads &amp; transit funding</li> <li>Direction to BCUC on BC Hydro, FortisBC, ICBC</li> <li>Municipal regulation &amp; authority</li> <li>Carbon neutral government operations</li> <li>Carbon tax</li> <li>RNG (Renewable Natural Gas)</li> <li>ZEV (Zero Emissions Vehicle) mandate</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>&gt; 120 Community Energy &amp; Emissions Plans</li> <li>&gt; Multiple Adaptation Plans</li> <li>&gt; Integrated Climate Action Plans</li> </ul>	Land-use / community form     Local infrastructure     Local engagement     Waste management	<ul> <li>New / adjusted community infrastructure</li> <li>Restricting land use in key areas</li> <li>Sidewalks/bike &amp; scooter lanes</li> <li>Complete compact walkable communities</li> <li>Transit</li> <li>EV strategy</li> <li>BC Energy Step Code</li> <li>Local engagement</li> <li>Energy retrofit programs</li> <li>Organics diversion</li> <li>Natural assets</li> <li>Water management</li> <li>Extreme climatic event / disaster preparation</li> </ul>



Governments set the stage, but it is residents and businesses who reduce their emissions and adapt to climate change through individual choices: • where you locate/live/work • heating / cooling • vehicle & travel choices • extreme climatic event / disaster preparedness • landscaping choices • water management



CleanBC outlines a path to meeting the 2030 targets, establishing a range of actions to meet 75% of the target. These actions include sourcing clean and renewable electricity, incremental increases in building-energy performance in the *BC Building Code*, tailpipe emissions standards, and measures to reduce emissions from industry. The province is currently identifying the actions to achieve the remaining 25% of emissions reductions.

CleanBC builds on a history of provincial climate action: The provincial government has enacted laws and regulations to reduce emissions and transition to a low-carbon economy. These include the *Climate Change Accountability Act, Carbon Tax Act,* 

Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act, and Clean Energy Act.

Senior levels of government have recognized the need for strong climate action (particularly on mitigation) and provide support to local governments.

#### **Local Action**

More than 120 British Columbia local governments have to date enacted Community Energy and Emission Reduction Plans or Community Climate Action Plans (CCAPs), which outline actions they can take, or are taking, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Local governments have varying degrees of influence over different sources of emissions within their boundaries, as shown below.



If local governments are to succeed, they will need leadership and support from other orders of government, as well as commitments from residents and businesses. Further, the outputs of a Plan or CCAP and the targets and actions prioritized for implementation will need to be embedded into relevant policy, operational, budgetary and asset management plans and strategies. Communities and regional municipalities play an important role in climate mitigation and adaptation. Almost every British Columbia local government has committed to some degree of action under the *BC Climate Action Charter*. Across Canada, local and regional governments directly and indirectly influence approximately 60% of the nation's overall energy use and 50% of its GHG emissions.

#### **Residents and Businesses**

Residents and businesses also have an important role in climate action, through individual choices on where to live, how to heat or cool, how to travel, how to handle household waste, and by preparing for extreme events such as extreme heat, making landscaping choices that affect the urban tree canopy and are wildfire smart, and being careful with water use. Similarly, businesses' decisions regarding current and future operations, as well as factors such as leadership and innovation, also influence community-based emissions and affect a community's resilience to a changing climate. Resident and business decisions are shaped by all levels of government, creating an opportunity for governments to influence those choices in a way that addresses environmental issues and climate action.

# **Appendix B: Engagement Summary**

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

On January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup> 2021, Pemberton community stakeholders gathered via Zoom to discuss Pemberton's Community Climate Action Plan. The workshops, facilitated by Community Energy Association (CEA) staff, utilized an online collaborative platform called Miro. The workshops featured in-depth discussion on the current community emissions in Pemberton as well as the envisioning of a low carbon future and review of the opportunities and actions to reduce community emissions. Workshop participants and community stakeholders represented the following groups:

- Village of Pemberton Staff: Nikki Gilmore, CAO; Lisa Pedrini, Development Services; Chris Derouin, Development Services; Joanna Rees, Development Services; Tom Csima, Operations; Lena Martin, Finance; Christine Burns, Recreation
- Emily Peterson, Vancouver Coastal Health
- Kevin Clark, Pemberton Valley Diking District
- Dawn Johnson and Veronica Woodruff, Stewardship Pemberton
- Brant Schrage, Nurture in Nature
- Bronson Bullivant, BC Transit
- Christine Dürfeld, BC Passive House
- Steve McCloskey, Pemberton and District Chamber of Commerce
- Gus Cormack, Tourism Pemberton

- Claire Dewar and Marie-Lou Leblanc, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
- Jaye Russell, Sea to Sky Community Services
- Jaye-Jay Berggren, Sea to Sky Soils
- Kim Slater, Local Resident Expert
- Mark Robichaud, Pemberton Wildlife Association
- Steve Evans and Reime Shishido, Pemberton Secondary School
- Rod Nadeau, Innovation Building
- Nigel Protter, Shape Energy
- Tyler Reaves, Rootdown Organic Farm
- Kristina Schrage, Red Willow Learning Society
- Stuart Gillis, Pemberton Valley Trails Association
- Ian Currie, School District #48

The workshops followed the "backcasting" approach, which first envisions a low carbon future and defines success, then identifies the current state before brainstorming creative solutions and prioritizing actions. Workshop 1 focused on A and B of the" backcasting" approach. Workshop 2 focussed on C and D of the "backcasting" approach.
Workshop participants were divided into four breakout groups and remained in the same group throughout. The breakout groups were:

- Transportation
- New Buildings
- Existing Buildings
- Waste & Other

## Pemberton Secondary School (PSS) Climate Action Petition

On March 19, 2021 as part of Fridays for Future, a group of PSS students led by Grade 8 student Sam Tierney, visited Village Hall and presented Mayor Richman with a petition signed by approximately 50 students outlining their vision for items to be included in a Community Climate Action Plan. The student's climate action plan petition reads:

"We, the students of PSS, as the future stewards of this community would like to be recognized as stakeholders in the climate action plan being developed and as such, feel the plan should include these things.

- 1. Improved transportation in and out of the community.
- 2. Students of PSS should get bus passes because the \$8 round trip fee might be unaffordable to some.
- 3. Launch an education campaign to try to get citizens to waste less food and buy more locally grown produce.
- 4. Put more water bottle filling stations around the town and especially places youth frequent like the skate park or the REC.
- 5. Ensure that no old growth forest is logged within the Community Forest and lobby the provincial government for more old growth forest protection.
- 6. Put more recycling bins around town, with separate bins to tell people what type of plastic to put in that bin."



Mayor Richman thanked the students and expressed the Village's appreciation for their involvement.

## **Public Engagement**

Public engagement consisted of a virtual open house "Let's Talk Climate Action" held on the evening of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and a public survey 'Pemberton Climate Action Conversation Survey' which ran from 8<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The virtual open house was attended by approximately 25 members of the public and included a variety of interested residents, various professionals and students. During this virtual open house, a representative from the Community Energy Association, the non-profit agency hired to assist in the development of the Plan, gave a presentation on the development of the Plan to date. Village Planning Staff facilitated a question-and-answer session afterward. Attendees were encouraged to take the online survey to capture more details of their climate action opinions.

## **Pemberton Climate Action Conversation Survey Results**

The online survey received 34 responses. A summary, of the highlights/results of the survey follows:

- 82% of the survey respondents lived in Pemberton, the remaining 18% lived outside the Village boundaries.
- 35% of the survey respondents worked in Pemberton, the majority of the remaining 65% worked outside the Village boundaries.
- 91% of the survey respondents either definitely agreed (65%) or somewhat agreed (26%) that Climate Change constitutes an emergency for Pemberton, and the community, including local government, needs to accelerate Climate Action.
- One Pemberton Secondary School student stated, "It is time we take large and influential steps to reverse our damage to the climate."
- Another Pemberton resident who rents, bike and shops at Farmers' Markets, stated, "Climate change is absolutely an emergency for the entire global population. We are privileged to live in Canada but that does not absolve us of our actions and contributions toward climate change. Pemberton itself is vulnerable to flooding, rockslides, wildfires which will only accelerate and become more extreme with climate change."
- In answer to the question, what is your household currently doing on climate action; the #1 response was "buying second-hand items", followed by eating less meat and dairy (#2), and growing my own food (#3).
- 60% of the respondents stated that buying an energy efficient home was **very important**.
- 56% of the respondents stated that low-carbon heating was a priority.
- Only 25% of the respondents stated they were likely to install a heat pump, 37% noted they were unlikely.
- 35% of the respondents noted that they had a renewable energy system (cordwood or wood pellet stove) in their home.

- When asked what would encourage you to use a bicycle, e-bike or e-scooter, the #1 response was tied equally between "an expanded cycle network" and "improved end of trip facilities", followed closely by "safer transportation nodes".
- When asked what would encourage you to use bus service more, the top response was "increased frequency of service."
- When asked where would be your preferred locations for more electric vehicle charging stations, respondents #1 answer was "additional chargers at the Pemberton Community Centre"; #2 at a dedicated Park 'n Ride, and #3 Downtown next to the barn, #4 Den Duyf Park (rec site) and #5 downtown next to Pioneer Park.
- When asked what would encourage you to separate your household organic waste? The #1 response was tied between provision of a container for storage and curbside collection.
- When asked what would encourage you to grow more of your own food? #1 response was more community garden space) and the #2 response was access to local compost/seeds.
- 82% of respondents shopped at Farmers' Markets
- When asked on climate education, what would you like to know more about, the #1 response was community-wide solutions, #2 was new technology, and #3 was what I can do.
- When asked for open-ended responses on what the Village can do, the following summarizes the results by theme and by the number of times it was mentioned:

## **BUILD COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

Empower grassroots energy around building a healthy community, rather than just imposing top-down restrictions (affordability-hurdles that build anti-authority resentment)/creating a culture that values alternatives/become a transition town. Community book club and all read From What Now to What If /Co-op workspaces to allow people to work from home but experience a change of scenery (and a sense of community)/Do community asset and strengths-based work – what we have, what we can support/amplify. A strong and resilient community is less of a carbon monster/ Plan and create central hubs for gathering/recreating/meeting/shopping and don't sprawl/Poverty reduction - Make Pemberton more affordable so we can afford to shop locally and buy EV's.

## **IMPROVE TRANSIT**

Make the bus free and more frequent/Provide more public transit to avoid single care use/increase the frequency of buses in town and heading to Whistler/Improve transit service to areas such as the Sunstone/Ridge to reduce car use from these neighbourhoods, taking into account future use/double down on transit/Improved public transit could dramatically reduce the amount of daily traffic between Pemberton, Whistler, Squamish and Vancouver/An hourly bus service to Whistler connecting Squamish and Vancouver. If decent, reliable, frequent public transit is provided more people will start to use it regularly/Enhanced regional transportation system is critical - electric and increased service.

## **INCREASE RECYCLING/ COMPOSTING OPTIONS**

Public compost bins next to all public transit trash cans and use compostable doggie poo bags/Recycling bins in town/More recycling and compost options; free collection of these items bi-weekly/Curb-side pick-up of garbage, compost and organic waste/No burning of large yard waste in the spring and fall/encourage large logs to be used as firewood and dispersed in the community/Remember that EV's are a short term solution as are solar panels, eventually the metals and rare earths that make up solar panels and EV batteries will end up as waste – consider the cost of creating and then disposing these materials/Create a waste diversion/re-use it centre.

## **ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY**

More community gardens/support a community farm-garden-orchard/don't allow development that doesn't provide a food growing space for inhabitants/Weekend farmers markets (Fridays don't always work)/guaranteed garden space for every resident/double down support for farmers market/Encourage grocery stores to stock more local produce/encourage local grocery stores to devote more space to local produce/set food security targets.

## **PROMOTE ECO-TOURISM**

Encourage travel to Pemberton for longer, more slowly, not day trips. Host forest-bathing experiences and retreats/slower, more immersed vibe. Municipal campground with reserved or priority space for cycle-tourists. Host a local economies film festival/screening or gathering. Promote Local Made in a big way. Have road close down Sundays and street parties or bike only days or festivals in town.

## **ENHANCE TRAILS**

More trails/Improve covered bike parking/Keep plowing the Friendship Trail to make winter cycling possible for commuters/Allow folks to ride their bikes across the train bridge and Dikes on private land/more bike trails in the Valley away from the roads (on rivers rather than next to the highway).

## EXPLORE RENEWABLE ENERGY

Provide communal sustainable energy sources such as solar and wind/Look at ways to incentivize homeowners/stratas to add renewable energy sources to improve energy resilience/Rebates for solar power (would love to have solar at our house but it is too expensive to install)/Community level Geo-thermal heating (volcano down the meadows)?

## **BAN PLASTICS**

Reduce the amount of plastic purchased (encourage to buy bread in paper bags rather than plastic/use mesh bags as opposed to plastic bags for produce)/Retail bulk facility/Living more lightly/consume less new stuff/Pass a bylaw to ban single use plastics.

## **CUT EMISSIONS**

Ensure vehicles are inspected for emissions standards/enforce no idling/Ensure natural gas network does not reach the community so that we cannot use natural gas for buildings.

## EDUCATE THE PUBLIC

More education sessions like you did on April 8/more outdoor education programs/Educate residents on the use of e-bikes as second vehicles.

## PRESERVE OLD GROWTH FOREST

Dedicate a large parcel of land with old growth to conservation. No old growth cuts/PSS STUDENTS – No more cutting of old growth forest.

## Presentation to Committee of the Whole

On April 13, 2021 Lisa Pedrini, former Manager of Development Services and Alison Jenkins from Community Energy Association presented a status report to update Council on the progress of the Community Climate Action Plan. A recording of the presentation can be found here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mH9JmtyYAZc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mH9JmtyYAZc</a>

# **Appendix C: Inventory and Modelling Methodology**

This appendix contains details on the community energy & emissions inventory and projections for Village of Pemberton.

## Inventory

Pemberton's inventories were created using data for buildings, transportation and waste obtained from the Province of BC. Full inventory years for buildings and waste are 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Full inventory years for transportation are 2007 and 2010.

Emissions factors for inventory years are shown in the following table, and are sourced from the Province of BC.

GHG/GJ, by Year	2007	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gasoline	0.068	0.065	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.069	0.070	0.068	0.068
Diesel	0.070	0.067	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.071	0.070	0.070
Electricity	0.007	0.007	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.003
Wood	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019	0.019
Heating oil	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068
Propane	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061

#### Table 1 – Emissions factors used for inventory years

As can be seen, some of the emission factors have changed over time. The emission factors for gasoline have decreased as a result of the Province's *Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Requirements Regulation*. The emissions factor for electricity has decreased as a result of ongoing efforts to decarbonise the electricity grid. See the textbox below regarding future changes in emissions factors for electricity.

Transportation data was sourced from a previous release of the Province of BC's Community Energy & Emissions Inventory (CEEI) data,<sup>1</sup> and building energy and landfill waste data was sourced from the latest CEEI data and the province's release of Provincial Inventory data at the community level.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/ceei</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/provincial-inventory</u>

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### Electricity emissions factor subject to change

Information received from the Province of British Columbia in December 2020 and January 2021 states that the electricity emissions factor used for electricity consumption across BC will change effective for reporting for the 2021 year. However, because of the lag in reporting cycles, it will not appear in reports until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, and the province will not officially change the electricity emission factors in the forthcoming *2019 BC Methodological Guidance for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Emissions*.

Despite this, it is official that there is an intention to change, which will take effect in 2022, and the change will be backdated as well for previous years.

Previously, emissions from electricity use were calculated using a three-year rolling average of emissions from BC utility owned and operated facilities and did not include emissions associated with importing electricity from outside of BC. Those emissions will now be included. (Note that no credit will be made for clean electricity generated in BC used to displace electricity generated in other jurisdictions.)

Under the old methodology, the province calculated electricity emissions factor to be 10.67 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh for 2018. Based on the information currently available, under the new methodology, the province has calculated the figure for the 2019 year to be 29.9 tCO<sub>2</sub>e/GWh. If the 2018 and 2019 years are comparable (and it is probable they are at least approximately comparable), this would be an increase of 2.8 times.

Despite the increase, emissions from electricity would still be far lower than emissions from natural gas on a per unit of energy basis, and electricity used in the Village would still have among the lowest GHG emissions in the world (e.g. still about 30 times lower than Australia's, 8 times lower than New York's, or 40% lower than Ontario's).

Assumptions made with respect to the inventories are as follows:

• The Province of British Columbia made a series of standard assumptions in the creation of the CEEI data, which are outlined on the CEEI webpage: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/ceei">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/ceei</a>. The CEEI inventory years in the preceding charts are 2007, 2010, and 2012.

- The Province of British Columbia made assumptions for buildings and landfill waste emissions information, which are outlined in the community level spreadsheets on the Provincial Inventory webpage: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/provincial-inventory">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/climate-change/data/provincial-inventory</a>
- In creating the inventories, Community Energy Association (CEA) made other assumptions in addition to these:
  - Because the province removed transportation data from its most recent release of the 2007 and 2010 CEEI data, and has not provided this data for any other year, CEA has used population data to extrapolate transportation data for any year post-2010.

The following are not included in the inventory:

- Emissions from Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
- Emissions from large industry
- Consumptive emissions (e.g. food, services, consumer goods)

## 'Business As Usual' (BAU) Projection

CEA's QuickStart model was used both to calculate the BAU trajectory, and to estimate the potential GHG reductions that could be achieved. Developed in 2010 on behalf of BC Hydro and used by approximately 65 communities to date, the model builds on information including population and community energy and emissions inventory data.

The model uses formulas both to calculate the BAU trajectory, and to estimate the impacts of implementing each Big Move.

The BAU trajectory was calculated by using available inventory data, and then projecting forward using a population forecast provided based on census data.

There are full or partial inventory years that describe the community's emissions profile from 2007-2018. From 2019 onwards, all the data is an estimate as a BAU projection.

For the BAU projection modelling, the assumption is that energy consumption and emissions will increase proportionally with increases to population, although the impact of policies from higher levels of government are also incorporated, and other assumptions. Only policies that have already been adopted and that will have quantifiable impacts are incorporated. Assumptions are:

- The Province of British Columbia's incremental steps to net zero energy ready buildings by 2032.
- Tailpipe emissions standards.

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- Renewable & low carbon transportation fuel standards.
- Zero-Emissions Vehicle Act, requiring every new LDV sold in B.C. to be a zero-emission vehicle by 2040 (with a ramp up in advance of that date).
- An annual decrease in natural gas consumption per residential connection is included, as per Fortis BC 2017 Long Term Gas Resource Plan: <u>https://fbcdotcomprod.blob.core.windows.net/libraries/docs/default-source/about-us-documents/regulatory-affairs-documents/gas-utility/171214 fei 2017 ltgrp ff.pdf</u>
- How the impacts of a changing climate will affect building energy consumption, as outlined below.

The final assumption had the following methodology:

- Climate change data for the region obtained from ClimateData.ca.
- Projected global emissions to 2030 currently places the world in the range for the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report's Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 6.0 scenario.
- RCP 6.0 scenario not available on ClimateData.ca, therefore RCP 4.5 (median impact scenario) used as a (conservative) proxy.
- Decreases in residential heating oil and propane consumption assumed to be proportional to projected decreases in Heating Degree Days (HDDs).
- Decreases in residential and commercial natural gas consumption assumed to be proportional to decreases in HDDs and the proportions of natural gas consumed for space heating for each sector, and that proportion obtained from the Navigant 2017 Conservation Potential Review for FortisBC Gas.
- Decreases in residential and commercial electricity consumption assumed to be proportional to decreases in HDDs and the proportions of electricity consumed for space heating for each sector. However, proportions of electricity consumed for space cooling for each sector and how this will increase proportional to projected increases to Cooling Degree Days (CDDs) included. These proportions obtained from the Navigant 2016 Conservation Potential Review for FortisBC Electric.

Although CEA's model assumes that projections will be linear, there will be annual variability due to factors such as economic conditions (on mobility fuels and building energy consumption) and climatic variations (particularly on building energy consumption). These variations mean that it may often be necessary to collect several years of data before one can see the success or lack of it in implementation of an action, in the primary indicators.

### Modelling the Big Moves

The QuickStart model estimates the impacts of the Big Moves compared to the BAU trajectory. The impacts of the Big Moves can vary greatly between communities and depend on the assumptions made. The assumptions made for each Big Move are based on research that CEA has conducted specifically for Pemberton.

GHG emission reductions by Big Move are described in the main body of this report in the Action Plan section.

The QuickStart model allows Big Move implementation at five levels - 0%, 25%, 50%, 75% and 100%. This allows for varying levels of ambition within each Big Move. The model also requires an implementation start year.

The QuickStart model makes the following assumptions based on full implementation (100% ambition level).

Big Move	Modellin	Modelling Assumptions		
Step Up New Buildings	90%	New homes with zero-carbon heating		
Decarbonize Existing	3%	Homes retrofit per year		
Buildings	33%	Energy reduction per retrofit		
	2%	Homes replacing fossil fuel heating with heat pumps		
Shift Beyond the Car	1 year	Lag time from implementation for initial impact		
	20 years	Full implementation takes 20 years		
		Maximum vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) reduction after 20 years from Active		
	17%	Transportation, Transit and Land Use		
	40%	Attribution of VKT reduction to Active Transportation		
	40%	Attribution of VKT reduction to Transit		
	20%	Attribution of VKT reduction to Land Use		

Electrify Passenger Vehicles	9%	Current % of vehicle sales as Electric Vehicles (EV)
	20%	Compound Annual Growth Rate of new car purchases as EV in year 1
	12%	Compound Annual Growth Rate of new car purchases as EV in year 5
Waste	75%	Percentage GHG reduction from organics diversion or landfill gas capture
	5	Full implementation takes 5 years.

If a lower level of ambition were selected, then that would be applied in the model. For example, if a community selects a 50% ambition level for Waste, then the GHG reduction would be 50% of 75% (or 37.5%) but would still take 5 years to ramp up to that diversion level.

# **Appendix D: Implementation Details**

The following pages describe detailed actions for each of the Big Move strategies. The actions are presented in four tiers: Tier 1 represents foundational actions that our community can begin with, and Tier 4 represents full deployment of the strategy. The Big Move will be considered fully deployed when all four tiers are complete. Highlighted columns indicate the level of implementation modelled in the Village of Pemberton CCAP.

Municipal levers are noted for each strategy:

Infrastructure		Policy & Regulation		Engagement & Outreach	
X	Investments into Village of Pemberton owned infrastructure that enable residents to make lower- emissions choices, such as active transportation networks and public charging stations.		Changes to Village of Pemberton policy and regulation that lead to energy and emission reductions in the community, such as requirements and incentives for enhanced energy efficiency in new buildings.		Outreach, education and incentives that inspire residents and businesses to make choices to reduce energy and emissions and prepare for a low carbon future.

## **Transportation – Shift Beyond the Car**

The combination of land use (being near where you need to go daily), infrastructure (active and accessible paths & prioritization, transit) and policy (e.g. reducing parking minimums) combine to shift away from passenger vehicles to active transportation and transit. Land use policy effects are long-term due to the long timescale of development. Pilot Projects and Tactical Urbanism additions (bollards, road bumps, bus only zones) have more immediate effects on day-to-day activities.

Strategy	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
SHIFT 1.1 Optimize land use policies and bylaws for compact growth	Review OCP and planned development to identify opportunities for infill development; Create and use a Sustainability Checklist to assess and encourage developments and proposed land uses that support compact growth and advance climate action; Review employment locations and link location and land use to local Economic Development	Leverage Community Lifecycle Infrastructure Costing tool to assess financial impacts of development proposals; Increase density along the Downtown-Portage-Gateway Corridor / core Transit Network.	Create a density bonus structure for development within short walking distance of the Downtown-Portage- Gateway corridor and specific nodes.	Require all new developments to have walk-scores greater than the community average and expected transportation emissions below the community average.
SHIFT 2.1 Promote active transportation through plans and policies	Develop an Active Transportation Plan; Survey the community on travel habits and what services / opportunities are needed within the community to reduce out-of-community travel, link to local Economic Development Strategy.	Develop a Complete Streets Policy to include formalizing hierarchy (pedestrian - bike - transit – commercial truck - car); Apply trip-end facility requirements (bike lockers, showers/change room) to all commercial and industrial buildings regardless of gross floor area.	Update Subdivision Servicing Bylaw to require any new subdivisions to include active transportation infrastructure; Strategically place time limited parking or price parking to incentivize active transportation options.	
Lead: Planning				

SHIFT 2.2 Build safe routes for walking, cycling and other forms of zero emission mobility	Continuously improve active transportation infrastructure on existing routes.	Implement Complete Streets Policy to reconfigure streets to be 'complete streets' as streets are regularly scheduled for resurfacing / reconstruction for pavement maintenance or installation of utilities. If new streets are required, design to support connectivity.	Prioritize budgeting for key AAA (all ages and abilities) transportation infrastructure that will connect major destinations (schools, shopping) to main residential areas; Invest in enhanced transit.	Initiate a 10-year program to connect all neighborhoods to safe and convenient active transportation paths.
SHIFT 2.3 Develop and deliver an active transportation outreach strategy Lead: Climate Action Lead, Communications	Promote new routes and end of trip facilities; Promote events such as Bike to Work Week and Car-Free Days.	Expand active transportation education with events for new AAA (all ages and abilities) routes (e.g. priority for disabled users, etiquette when passing others).	Contract dedicated permanent, part-time outreach capacity to engage the community on active transportation and transit.	Collaborate with communities in the region on shared outreach capacity.
SHIFT 2.4 Normalize car-free and zero- emission zones	Establish car-free days on a key street - 1 day a year. Combine with a special event and create a festival experience.	Expand car free days on a key street to more days of the year / more streets; Consider car free days once a week during warmer seasons (e.g. combined with weekly farmers market).	Establish high-profile car-free areas and routes within the community. This may include multi-modal trails and connections across barriers like dyking infrastructure, CN Rail Right-of-Way, and Watercourses.	
SHIFT 2.5	Host awareness events for e- bikes, e-scooters and EV golf	Conduct an analysis to understand when and where	Collaborate with a technology vendor to bring e-mobility on	

Promote micro e-mobility (e.g. e-bikes, e-scooters) and on-demand mobility services (e.g. shared bikes, ride hailing) Lead: Climate Action Lead, Communications	carts, including demonstrations.	on-demand service will be most useful (e.g. ride hailing and shared mobility such as scooters).	demand solutions to the community, such as electric kick-scooters or e-bikes available for rent through an app.	
SHIFT 3.1 Collaborate with transit providers to increase service and promote transit ridership	Promote transit ridership by celebrating new times, routes, and offering free transit days.	Collaborate with transit providers and School Districts to enable free transit programs for students/children/seniors, and especially during bad air quality or very cold weather.	Collaborate with neighboring communities on convenient inter-community transit that is safe and responsive to the needs of the communities.	Explore universal free transit with transit providers.
SHIFT 3.2 Collaborate with transit providers to transition to a zero emission transit network			Collaborate with transit providers and neighbouring communities to ensure that transit shifts to zero emissions vehicles (e.g. electric).	Collaborate on a 10-year transit investment program to eliminate transit vehicle emissions. Investment will retrofit maintenance yards and infrastructure to support Zero Emission Vehicles.

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## **Transportation – Electrify Transportation**

New vehicle sales account for approximately 10% of total vehicle stock annually. Switching from a fossil fuel vehicle to an electric vehicle (EV) eliminates almost 100% of the emissions in BC. In 2019, 10% of car sales (not including trucks and sport utility vehicles) were EVs, though this is not consistent across BC. Provincial Zero Emission Vehicles mandates do not require an even distribution of EV sales across the province; therefore, the Village of Pemberton can help influence local EV adoption.

Strategy	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
ELECTRIFY 1.1 Design, fund and build a public EV charging network	Install public Level 2 charging at one or more existing municipally owned parking lots to demonstrate leadership, and mandate that new charging stations be installed in all new parking areas owned by the Village of Pemberton.	Develop a community EV charging infrastructure strategy (current/future demand for Level 2 (L2) and Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) and for residents without off-street parking). Through engagement and network design, consider opportunities to leverage public institutional (or other Part 3) charging infrastructure to address "garage orphans" <sup>3</sup> .	Collaborate with other local and regional governments on a regional charging network strategy. Ensure high profile apps include Pemberton charging locations on all platforms.	Leverage grants to implement community EV charging infrastructure strategy. Consider implementation to focus on supporting other actions, such as integrated transportation hubs (connectivity of charging infrastructure to e-bike shares, transit options, etc.).
ELECTRIFY 2.1 Accelerate EV-ready building requirements for new buildings	Educate building community about new requirements for new construction to install EV- ready charging infrastructure. Amend Building Bylaw to integrate Part 9 EV readiness requirement for 100% of all new non-street parking.	Consult with industry regarding Part 3 EV ready requirements Develop a Part 3 EV Charger readiness policy	Implement Part 3 EV charger readiness policy as per best practice ( <u>Residential Electric</u> <u>Vehicle Charging</u> ) (i.e., 100% electrified, EV-ready stalls for new multi family buildings (energized outlet capable of supporting Level 2 charger - integrate load management);	Require EV readiness reflective of new Part 3 construction for rezoning or development permits for major redevelopment /renovation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Garage orphans refer to residents who own electric vehicles, but do not have access to a garage with EV charging capacity (i.e., apartment and condominium dwellers with nowhere to charge in their building).

Lead: Climate Action Lead, Building			25% of stalls at new, non- residential Part 3 buildings).	
ELECTRIFY 2.2 Enable EV charging in existing residential and commercial buildings	Provide information to building owners about provincial EV charging incentives and educational resources for strata corporations and rental buildings.	Advocate strata corporations and property to begin navigating the process to retrofit existing parking stalls with EV charging equipment.	Top up, as funding permits, provincial residential (single family and multi-family) and workplace level 2 retrofit incentives.	
Lead: Climate Action Lead, Planning, Building				
ELECTRIFY 3.1 Develop and deliver an EV outreach strategy	Advise local groups of EV outreach incentives from Emotive. Create a communications plan to support engagement of the	Continue outreach to builders, residents, related businesses such as nearby auto dealers including workshops and stakeholder engagement to raise awareness and promote	Facilitate a regional workshop in association with Tourism organizations to identify opportunities to leverage community EV charging network implementation to	Work with sea to sky corridor communities to establish a regional brand around electric vehicle adoption, reflective of the local priorities and context to encourage adoption.
Lead: Climate Actin Lead, Communications	raises awareness of the benefits of EV ownership and use in Pemberton. Deliver builder/developer education on EV charging requirement for Part 9 and Part 3 buildings such as an Open House for electrical trades to engage on EV charging readiness requirement.	EV use. Partner with other organizations (e.g., Stewardship Pemberton, Protect Our Winters, etc.) to host awareness or engagement events such as EV 101 presentations, EV information tables at community events, movie	support regional travel. Collaborate with neighboring communities on ongoing active outreach to public and car dealers, implementing the communications plan (Tier 1) to support community identity around EVs.	

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		nights, test-drives and ride- alongs.		
ELECTRIFY 3.2 Accelerate EV adoption through supportive policies and incentives Lead: Climate Action Lead, Operations, Communications, Corporate	Undertake a multi-family residential parking study to understand parking utilization rates. Use the study to inform policy development, which explores reducing parking requirements in multi-family residential developments that support transportation alternatives (i.e., provision of more EV parking or EV car shares).	Maintain speed limit for select Village streets to 30km/h, where practical, to allow for low speed EV's.	Leverage <u>Provincial decal</u> <u>program (EV-OK)</u> program to provide a suite of EV priority parking spaces (may include free parking or just priority).	Incent ride hailing, taxi operators and other fleet operators to switch to EV's (e.g., priority parking for EV taxis, business permit reduction for electrified fleets). Create EV-only zones in core downtown areas.
ELECTRIFY 4.1 Engage commercial stakeholders to facilitate transition to low emission vehicles	Develop communications strategy to support outreach/engagement with the commercial sector to facilitate a transition to low emission/EVs; Provide information to fleet operators about the <u>CleanBC Go Electric</u> <u>Specialty Use Vehicle</u> <u>Incentive Program</u> Advocate to provincial government for commercial decarbonization legislation and actions that enable accelerated decarbonisation; Leverage collaborations with commercial sector and regional municipalities.	Convene a commercial & industrial fleet operators' workshop to discuss current and future opportunities around low emissions/electrification of fleets; Engage with BC Transit and School Districts to identify early adoption opportunities of electric bus and transit options (recognizing 100% electric transit target for BC Transit, and currently available school bus funding for School Districts).	Engage with stakeholders on design of the commercial EV charging network; Integrate as much as possible with public and municipal charging strategies.	Host an emerging and future technology workshop for medium duty and heavy-duty fleet operators, and facilitation of driver training courses on emission-reducing techniques.

## **Buildings – Step Up New Buildings**

The <u>BC Energy Step Code</u> is an energy efficiency code, not a greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction code. Efficiency is a valuable first step, but to achieve deep emissions reductions, building heating systems must use low or zero emissions fuels. In British Columbia (BC), electricity is a sound choice as it is nearly emissions free<sup>4</sup> and heat pumps, which use 1/2 to 1/4 the energy of a baseboard heater, save energy and money over the long run. Each new building that is not energy efficient, or uses a fossil-based heating system, is one more building that will need to be retrofitted. The Village of Pemberton, exceeding provincial standards, currently requires Part 9 buildings to meet Step 4 of the *BC Energy Step Code*. Strategies are intended to further incentivize energy-efficiency and low emission building techniques to reach higher steps, or to encourage programs that address other aspects of energy-efficient buildings.

Strategy	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
NEW BUILD 1.1	Engage the Part 3 building	Continue to seek funding and	Consult with the building	Adopt the highest step for
Accelerate implementation of the BC Energy Step Code	industry on Step Code requirements.	provide rebates to incentivize voluntary adoption of a higher step for Part 9 buildings; Implement Part 3 Step Code	industry to determine readiness and timelines for adopting Step 5 for Part 9 buildings;	each building type.
		requirements i.e. adopt Step 2 ahead of more stringent energy requirements in the <i>BC</i> <i>Building Code</i> (expected Dec	Transition to upper steps for Part 3 buildings.	
Lead: Climate Action Lead,		2022).		
NEW BUILD 1.2	Engage with the Local	Conduct consultation with the	Adopt the opt-in Carbon	Investigate opportunities to
Adopt a low-carbon approach	Government Step Code Peer	local building industry about	Pollution standards into the	address embodied carbon in
to the BC Energy Step Code	Network to receive up to date information on the opt-in	standards.	become available.	the Construction sector.
	development as of fall 2021.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Village acknowledges that the generation of electricity in British Columbia does create some GHG emissions and has environmental and social impacts, but an analysis of these impacts is beyond the scope of this study. Village of Pemberton CCAP - Appendices

Lead: Climate Action Lead, Building				
NEW BUILD 2.1 Continue to provide outreach and incentives	Continue to seek funding to offer incentives to builders who voluntarily exceed the <i>Energy Step Code</i> to offset the additional cost of energy advisors and/or provide incentives for mid- construction air tightness testing; Promote existing incentives for building more efficient new homes via Clean BC's <u>Better Homes BC</u> and <u>Better Buildings BC</u> ; Work with the Community Energy Coach System program to gain free support, resources and information on promoting CLEANBC rebate programs; Organize a series of lectures or demonstrations of high- energy efficiency techniques used locally; Invite different builders to highlight their	Leverage provincial and BC Hydro funding to provide rebates specifically for heat pump systems to builders. Consider fee rebates for new homes that install solar or electric vehicle charging stations, as funds are available.	Top up provincial incentives offered through <u>Better Homes</u> <u>BC</u> and <u>Better Buildings BC</u> for heat pumps to replace fossil heating systems in new buildings, as funds are available.	
NEW BUILD 2.2 Continue to provide training and coordination	work and its success. Collaborate across the region and with educational institutions such as BC	Continue providing locally relevant training;	Continue collaborating to provide training to building industry, focusing on meeting	

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$\land$	Institute of Technology (BCIT) <sup>5</sup>	Work with building industry	Upper Steps of the BC Energy	
	to provide ongoing training to	partners to accelerate Energy	Step Code.	
	building industry, building	Advisor training.		
	officials and realtors;			
Lead: Climate Action Lead, Building, Communications	Assemble and promote a list of local or regional Certified Energy Advisors.			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> In 2019, the Village of Pemberton collaborated with the Community Energy Association and BCIT to host course in Pemberton entitled "Zero Energy Buildings for a Complex World". The course was taught by a BCIT instructor and was intended for builders, tradespeople and building officials to learn how to build to the BC *Energy Step Code*. Village of Pemberton CCAP - Appendices

## **Buildings – Retrofit Existing Buildings**

Building envelope improvements reduce energy needed to heat the building. An average retrofit can save 10% to 20% of energy while a deep retrofit can save 50% to 60%. Heat pumps use 1/2 to 1/4 of the energy of baseboard heaters. Electricity generates >80% less emissions than propane.

Strategy	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
EXISTING BUILD 1.1 Encourage and enable deep energy retrofits	Promote Clean BC's <u>Better</u> <u>Homes BC</u> and <u>Better</u> <u>Buildings BC</u> regarding rebates at the Village front counter and by providing information in property tax and business license renewal mailings.	Require EnerGuide assessments (for Part 9 buildings) and building energy benchmarking (for Part 3 buildings) as a condition of a renovation permit over a certain valued threshold.	Require minimum energy performance standards aligning with the province's upcoming retrofit code (as more information becomes available).	
Lead: Climate Action Lead, Building, Communications	Share information on deep energy retrofits and rebates on the Village's website, through CloudPermit and the Village's social media channels.			
EXISTING BUILD 2.1 Encourage and enable building electrification Lead: Climate Action Lead, Building	Provide information about heat pumps to renovators and homeowners at time of building permit.	Identify and remove any barriers to heat pump installation	Top up Provincial Clean <u>Better</u> <u>Homes BC</u> and <u>Better</u> <u>Buildings BC</u> heat pump incentives.	
EXISTING BUILD 3.1	Promote <u>Better Homes BC</u> and <u>Better Buildings BC</u> at front	Establish a 10-year program for a community-wide	Collaborate with local governments in the region on	

Establish a long-term	counter and in property tax	marketing campaign to	a coordinated 10-year	
marketing campaign	and business license renewal	encourage building envelope	campaign to market deep	
	mailings.	improvements, electrification	energy retrofits and fuel	
		or other low carbon fuel	switching from heating oil,	
		sources.	propane and natural gas to	
$\mathcal{V}$			heat pumps.	
Lead: Climate Action Lead,				
Building, Communications				
EXISTING BUILD 3.2	Educate renovators and	Provide a building energy-	As part of the 10-year	Signal intention to adopt
Duild inductory conscient	realtors on energy efficiency	benchmarking workshop to	marketing campaign,	retrofit code when it becomes
Build moustry capacity	and low carbon choices for	large portfolio operators.	collaborate with others to	available (outreach to public,
	space and water heating.		provide extensive training and	retailers, realtors, trades).
			development for heat pump	
			system designers and	
			installers.	
Lead: Climate Action Lead,				
Building, Communications				
<u>,</u>				

## Waste – Close the Loop on Waste

Emissions from waste occur when organic waste mixed in with garbage decomposes in the landfill and produces methane. Typically, organic waste makes up 35-40% of landfill waste. In Pemberton, the amount of compostable (organic) waste in 2020 is approximately 38.3% with avoidable food waste being 10%<sup>6</sup>. The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) is responsible for waste management for the Village of Pemberton, and therefore all actions described here will need to be in partnership with the SLRD.

Strategy	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
WASTE 1.1 Collaborate to adopt policies that increase organics diversion Lead: Climate Action Lead, SLRD Resource Recovery Coordinator, Office of the CAO	Collaborate with the SLRD to initiate Staff consultation on programs to divert organic waste and recyclables from the landfill; Adopt a bylaw to reduce or ban non-essential single use plastics (e.g., shopping bags, straws, etc.) aimed at the business community.	Collaborate with the SLRD to adopt organics diversion targets for the community; Require all businesses and strata corporations to collect and separate waste into three streams; organics, recyclables, and waste to landfill (e.g., see <u>Resort Municipality of</u> <u>Whistler (RMOW) regulation</u> ) refer to RMOW example).	Work with the SLRD to require waste diversion plans (away from landfill) for construction and demolition sites requiring permits; Require organics diversion for special event permitting.	Partner with the Squamish- Lillooet Regional District with a stepped program to eliminate organics and recyclable materials from landfill within a targeted time frame.
WASTE 1.2 Partner to enhance organics collection and processing Lead: Climate Action Lead, SLRD Resource Recovery Coordinator	Support the SLRD's efforts to inventory community organic waste volumes and feasibility of landfill diversion.	Reinvestigate curbside collection for all waste streams including organics collection; Investigate how other communities have dealt with bear conflicts; Install central collection points that are regularly picked up for multi-family units.	Integrate organics collection in streetscapes or in public facilities, where appropriate.	

WASTE 1.3 Identify strategies to divert construction, demolition, agricultural and industrial wood waste Lead: Climate Action Lead, SLRD Resource Recovery		Identify wood waste producers in the community, develop inventory, and attempt to evaluate opportunity from those.	Identify and pursue options to support and grow the market for salvaged deconstruction materials and wood waste.	Identify opportunities to salvage surplus and used construction materials, wood waste and promote reuse, donation, repair, and sharing opportunities.
Coordinator				
WASTE 1.4 Develop and deliver a comprehensive zero-waste outreach program	Support community-led composting projects located in community gardens or community agricultural parks; Support existing and new capacity for reusable resources, including Free Swaps, Share Sheds, Free- Store for unwanted goods, and building materials depot;	Partner with SLRD to conduct annual community zero-waste drives to enhance awareness, streamline with school and business programs.	Educate and communicate the source-separation requirements for businesses; Outreach to wood waste producers, and other people who can help identify the opportunity.	Establish a Waste Reduction Working Group consisting of key staff from the Village and SLRD that institutionalizes support for organic diversion and zero waste initiatives, include external organizations where possible.
Lead: Climate Action Lead, SLRD Resource Recovery Coordinator	Continue to promote the SLRD's Zero Waste Outreach programs in schools.			

# **Appendix E: Sample Key Performance Indicators**

Two types of indicators are recommended. Primary indicators measure community energy consumption and GHG emissions, while secondary indicators can quantify the indirect success of various actions. The following table provides a description of these indicators, the measures of success and data sources for each indicator. The Village of Pemberton should plan annual progress reporting.

	Indicators	Measures of Success	Data Sources
Overall	1. Community GHG emissions	50% reduction in emissions from 2007 levels by 2030 100% reduction in emissions from 2007 levels by 2050	Provincial energy & emissions data at the community level, and Kent Marketing Group fuel sales data for area gas stations converted into emissions using latest factors from the province.
Overall	2. Per capita energy usage	Average household and commercial energy use declines over time to 2050 Annual fuel sales (gas & diesel) decrease over time to 2050	Provincial energy & emissions data at the community level, Kent Group fuel sales data for area gas stations.
	<ol> <li>kWh/year used recharging EVs at public charging stations</li> </ol>	Increase in amount of kWh/year of charging at EV stations	Usage data from service provider.
Transportation	4. Infrastructure to promote active transportation	<ul> <li>Progress towards outcomes of the following plans:</li> <li>Cycling Network Plan</li> <li>Official Community Plan</li> <li>Active Transportation Plan</li> </ul>	Development Services, Operations & Recreation
	5. Commuting / personal travel mode split	Increase in travel around Pemberton by public transit, walking or cycling	BC Transit ridership data, and Census

	Indicators	Measures of Success	Data Sources
Existing buildings	<ol> <li>Number of energy efficiency incentives distributed for building efficiency upgrades</li> </ol>	Average increase in incentive use	Summary data from BC Hydro (and other entities as applicable, e.g., Province)
New buildings	7. Number of buildings at each level of the BC Energy Step Code	Increase in number or percentage of new buildings constructed to various levels of the Step Code	Building Permit applications
Renewable Energy	8. Number of renewable energy building installations	Increase in percentage of buildings adding solar and other renewable energy sources	Distributed Generation Program applications (Note: this only covers renewable energy systems that generate electricity. Others will not be possible to track.)
a	9. Amount of organics diverted from landfill	Increase in organics at composting facility	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Vast	10. Recycling rates	Increase in recycling rates	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
-	11. Tonnes of waste per capita to landfill	Decrease in waste per capita sent to landfill	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
	12. Urban tree canopy cover	Increase in canopy	Development applications; Tree Preservation Bylaw permit applications
			Operations tree planting data; Air Photos
Other	13. Per capita water consumption	Decline in water use	Usage data on water utility bills / metering system
	<ul><li>14. Number of participants at building, community &amp; citizen educational events / workshops</li></ul>	High participation levels at events	Registration/Attendee lists for events

Indicators	Measures of Success	Data Sources
15. Number of plots in community gardens available for rent for personal food production	Increase in number of plots	Village of Pemberton; Stewardship Pemberton Society

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**REPORT TO** 

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Village of **PFMBFRTON** 

To: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Cameron Chalmers, MCIP, RPP, Contract Planner

Subject: Hillside Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) Introduction

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to outline the objectives and process for the first Hillside Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) Committee of the Whole (CoW) workshop. Specifically, it is to update the Committee on the progress of framing and drafting the Plan and to seek Committee feedback and direction on next steps in the plan process.

#### BACKGROUND

#### Application History

The impetus for this report is three substantial development applications either under application or imminent in the Hillside (Sunstone/Ridge/Plateau) area of the community. The three applications are shown in **Appendix A** and described as follows:

- 1. Parkside (7362 Pemberton Farm Road East): Application for 34 residential lots and 1 commercial lot.
- 2. Redwoods (7374 Pemberton Farm Road East): Application for 134 Townhouse Units. Amended application received in response to initial CoW review.
- 3. Sunstone Phase 4: (Sun God Mountain Way Extension): Application for 245 units, predominantly in townhouse and large single detached form.

All these applications are on lands which are within the urban growth boundary but require Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment and rezoning applications. The three concurrent OCP amendment applications represent an opportunity to build upon the current planning framework to coordinate the growth of this neighbourhood in alignment with contemporary planning policies and approaches.

#### Council History

On May 9, 2023, Council endorsed the following recommendation made by the Committee of the Whole on April 25, 2023:

**THAT** the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff be directed to review greenspace, commercial, community, recreation, and other land uses in the Hillside area and bring back recommendations for how to consider non-residential land uses in the neighbourhood when new development applications are before Council.

The recommendation arose from CoW consideration of one of three significant development applications in the Hillside area. The CoW discussion, subsequent discussions with the development proponents, and a delegation Council received on May 23, 2023, clearly identified

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the need to pull together the extensive planning work and align the opportunities for integrating the proposed developments with recreation assets, greenspaces, and commercial development.

On June 20, 2023, Staff returned to CoW with a recommendation to initiate a Neighbourhood Plan for lands within the Hillside Special Planning Area. On that date, CoW passed the following resolution:

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Staff be directed to initiate a comprehensive neighbourhood planning process, generally as described in the Committee of the Whole Report dated June 20, 2023;

AND THAT Staff report back to Committee of the Whole, as needed, for any additional direction regarding the project schedule and funding.

Since the last CoW, Staff have initiated the planning study, identifying a prospective scope of works, and general approach to the planning process. With the deposit of the Sunstone Phase 4 application in September 2023, Staff have initiated a detailed review of policy options and approaches for how to develop a comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan and have begun drafting an initial plan to frame future policy discussions.

Currently, the Applicants have agreed to undertake some additional mapping work to consolidate land use and identify trails and connections for the plan.

#### Policy Background

There is a long, detailed, and inclusive planning history on the Hillside with extensive efforts between 2006 and the ultimate inclusion in the Village boundaries and OCP in 2011. There are multiple studies, both technical and land use that informed the initial development of the Hillside. There are specific detailed concepts for greenspace, commercial, community, and recreation as outlined by the Committee of the Whole.

The planning history includes a substantial amount of public consultation and was driven by private landowners and the Lílwat Nation who has an interest in a substantial amount of the Hillside. The truly collaborative approach is indicative of a rich and fulsome planning exercise.

#### Current Policy Framework

Despite the rich planning history on the Hillside, the current policy structure of the Village does not provide meaningful direction or tools to guide the development of the Hillside. The current OCP policy reads as follows:

**Hillside Special Planning Area** comprises a new neighbourhood. Land use designations be incorporated into the Official Community Plan upon the approval of site-specific development applications that are generally consistent with the directions of the Hillside Lands, Planning Status Report (July 26, 2011) and Council approval. (sic)

The referenced Hillside Lands, Planning Status Report (July 26, 2011) is attached as **Appendix B**. Of note, it is not a schedule to the OCP, and does not include the policies and guidelines customarily used to regulate development. It effectively provides several considerations to be addressed in processing OCP amendments which are required on an application-by-application basis per the Status Report. Committee of the Whole Meeting No. 251 Hillside Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) Introduction November 21, 2023 Page 3 of 3

#### **DISCUSSION & COMMENTS**

Staff intend to walk CoW through a workshop-style session which will provide Council additional information on the direction of the plan and seek specific input on the initial plan policy directions. Staff anticipate CoW will address several resolutions through the course of the workshop.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communications considerations arising from this report.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal considerations arising from this report.

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

Staff and consulting time are covered by the development application fees and cost-recovery for at least a portion of the process outlined. If directed to proceed, Staff will approach the benefitting landowners to arrange cost-sharing under the cost-recovery model.

#### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACT & APPROVAL**

The Hillside Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) will affect multiple municipal departments, all of whom will be engaged in the review and processing of the applications.

#### COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

This initiative has no direct impact on the Community Climate Action Plan strategies.

#### **IMPACT ON THE REGION OR NEIGHBOURING JURISDICTIONS**

The OCP amendment application has impacts on the SLRD and Lil'wat Nation, both of whom will be engaged throughout the process.

#### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

There are no alternative options for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** the report be received for information.

## ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A:Hillside Planning Area Parcels MapAppendix B:Hillside Lands Planning Status Report

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Redwoods (7374 Pemberton Farm Road East): Application for 134 Townhouse Units

Sunstone Phase 4: (Sun God Mountain Way Extension): Application for 245 units, predominantly in townhouse and large single detached form

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Portage Rd

Parkside (7362 Pemberton Farm Road East): Application for 34 residential lots and 1 commercial lot

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# Appendix A







HILLSIDE LANDS, PEMBERTON PLANNING STATUS REPORT

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## 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Village of Pemberton, in consultation with the Lil'wat Nation, the provincial government and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District has designated certain lands within the municipality to accommodate future growth of the community. The process to designate these lands for urban-type development was the recommendation of the Pemberton and Area Sub-Regional Land Use Planning Study (2007) which then informed the Area C Official Community Plan (2008), and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District's Regional Growth Strategy (2010).

The Sub-Regional Planning Study provided the overall policy directions within the Regional Growth Strategy as to manage the long-term urban growth in the Pemberton-Mt. Currie area together with a clear process for establishing a Village of Pemberton urban growth area. The area has since been designated for such purposes in the Regional Growth Strategy; incorporated into the Village's boundary; and been subject to a comprehensive servicing plan for the entire Hillside area.

This report provides background information to the OCP amendment that particularly considers the incorporation of the Hillside Lands into the Village's Urban Growth Boundary. The report recognizes the information available which provides the basis for the OCP policies and designations related to land, planning as to guide the development of the Hillside Lands. This report provides the background while the OCP amendment provides the policies to ensure that the growth node is developed in a manner that is consistent with principles and policies of the Village's Official Community Plan.

### 2.0 HILLSIDE LANDS

The Hillside Lands are identified in *Map A* below. The boundaries of the Hillside Lands include all of the privately held lands along the south facing slope that were part of the Village's 2011 boundary extension. The lands that have not been included are those lands that are part of the Agricultural Land Reserve, except for a portion of Lot 1, KAP87819 situated immediately south of the Canadian National rail line, west of the proposed independent school and east of Pemberton Farm Road East.



MAP A – HILLSIDE LANDS

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## 3.0 LAND USE FRAMEWORK

Development within the Hillside area shall be in accordance with the policies, directions, strategies and designations of the Village's Official Community Plan. Several amendments to the OCP will be required to recognize the Hillside lands' constraints, designations, amenities, connectivity, servicing connections and phasing. The more detailed requirements notably specific land use designations, development permit designations and other amenities will be addressed in subsequent site specific OCP amendments.

Therefore, despite the directions of initial Hillside Area OCP amendment, applications for individual development parcels will still require OCP and zoning amendments, as initiated by the land owners or their designates.

#### 3.1 Site Constraints

The following provides an overview of the status of the Hillside Lands' site constraints to development that include the natural environment, archaeological and cultural sites, geotechnical and slope stability, Agricultural Land Reserve, wildfire protection, and visual impacts.

#### a) Natural Environment

The subject lands are located on a south facing hillside of the Pemberton Valley situated on the north side of the Lillooet River, facing Mt. Currie. The area is characterized by a rocky ridgeline which bisects the site from west to east. There are several watercourses on the lands including the shoreline of Mosquito Lake, the Ivey Lake drainage and ephemeral wetlands and streams. Wildlife known to the area include deer, northern goshawk and rubber boa as well as back bear, red-tailed hawks, ravens and the northern alligator lizard.

Bedrock has been glacially scoured producing smooth rounder forms. The rock faces dispersed throughout the site are unforested areas with scrub, mossy and grassy bedrock outcrops. The remaining lands comprise a diverse coniferous, deciduous and mixed forest in an array of successional stages. The Hillside has been mapped as part of the Interior Douglas Fir warm wet (IDFww) biogeoclimatic zone (the adjacent valley bottom is identified as coastal Western Hemlock southern dry submaritime (CWHds1). The area provides strong evidence of human-made environments including logging, quarries, trails, roads, ditches and areas of fill.

The lands south of the CN Rail line are currently designated within the Agricultural Land Reserve and are low lying. The lands between the independent school site and Pemberton Farm Road West are currently cleared and used for quarrying and gravel processing activities.

#### b) Archaeological and Cultural Sites

An Archaeological Impact Assessment (AIA) was completed the southern half of the Hillside Lands' property. The report undertook the following: identified and evaluated any found archaeological sites; discussed possible impacts from proposed development; and provided recommendations regarding the need and scope for further archaeological studies and viable alternatives for managing impacts. The AIA undertook more than 250 subsurface tests and confirmed the known site EbRq-15 consists of two petroglyphs.

Page 3 Village of Pemberton Regulas Council Meeting No.328 Tuescay, sally 20, 2011 22 of 199 Future development in and around EbRq-15 shall not encroach within 20 m of the site and the mountain bike trails close to the site shall be re-routed. An AIA is required for the remaining lands (not included in the AIA of Phase One of the Sunstone Development) prior to any consideration of land use designations, rezoning or subdivision.

## c) Geotechnical Considerations and Slope Stability

The Hillside area bedrock is mapped as the Cadawallader Group (Woodsworth 1977) volcanic arc assemblage consisting of metamorphic equivalents of volcanic flows and marine sedimentary rocks, which translates to bedrock terrain with thin or negligible soil cover with significant pockets of granular soil. The Sub Regional Planning Study has mapped areas with high geotechnical hazard whereby the Official Community Plan (Map L) has identified lands with slopes greater than 40%.

The Hillside lands do not appear to have any areas with high geotechnical hazard, yet have several areas with steeper slopes. In particular along the rocky ridgeline that bisects the area and west of Ivey Lake. Policies regarding development on steep slopes are included in the Official Community Plan n development permit area guidelines.

#### d) Agricultural Land Reserve

The Hillside lands are not within the Agricultural Land Reserve, except for the lands immediately south of the CN Rail line. The Village will not consider a non-agricultural land use designation for these lands unless approval has been granted by the Agricultural Land Commission.

#### e) Wildfire Protection

The Village of Pemberton has prepared a Wildfire Protection Plan which has identified portions of the Hillside Area as high or extreme wildland fire risk. Any development in this area will be designated a development permit area for protection from wildfire.

## f) Visual Impacts

The Hillside Lands will provide incredible views for the new residents; however, it is also important that the development does not create a negative visual impact from publicly recognized view corridors. At rezoning, specific development proposals shall provide photographs and/or view analysis details recognizing potential visual impacts to the site of not only the buildings but also the potential disruption from constructed roads and servicing corridors.

The public view corridors are illustrated in *Appendix A* for the following public view points/corridors:

- · Highway 99 at Clover Road (looking north east)
- Highway 99 at the Lillooet River Bridge (looking north east)
- · Pemberton Farm Road East (looking north and north east): and
- · Festival Site along Highway 99 (looking north-west)

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Development along the top of the ridge and skyline shall be avoided (roof pitches should not be visible or break up the ridge or sky line). There should be recognition of visual impacts of the proposed development both the summer and the winter months. Any outdoor lighting must be down-shielded and not illuminate areas unnecessarily.

# g) Recreational Trails

The Hillside Area is known regionally for its incredible trails, used for mountain biking, hiking, jogging and equestrian. There Hillside area has close to 20 trails/abandoned roads that provide a significant recreational value to both residents and visitors.

The following outlines the draft policy identified in the Sea to Sky Corridor Recreational Trail Management Plan and the Pemberton and Area C Trails Master Plan in the consideration of existing trails in the Sea to Sky Corridor. In addition to ongoing support by local and provincial governments, the policy statement indicates:

- Require that when new development or resource uses occur in proximity to existing trails, the trail amenity be protected through best practices in planning, design and management;
- Only consider the rerouting or redevelopment of an existing trail when protection is not possible due to the pending impacts of new development or resource uses and where the proposed changes has been deemed necessary to achieve other important community objectives;
- Guarantee a net gain to the overall quality, quantity and/or experience of the trail network in the rerouting and redevelopment of existing trails;
- Apply an experience-based (fun, trail users, scenery, challenge, etc.) rather than only a quantity (length of trail)based approach in the planning and development of new trails
- Require that any cost of completing any replacement trails will be borne by the property owner or resource use licensee;
- Agree to the rerouting or redevelopment of discontinued trials for the replacement trail must be secured prior to final approval of the new land development or resource uses;
- Cash-in- lieu for trail development will only be considered when it is deemed acceptable by the local municipality;
- Incorporate the net gain for trails approach into an amenity agreement/density bonus policy recognized in municipal Official Community Plans, triggered in conjunction with rezoning and development applications; and
- Work with advisory groups to identify potential trail network expansion and/or enhancement areas that are consistent with, and can be incorporated into, integrated land use processes, regional or municipal plans.

Any developments on the Hillside shall address this policy as it relates to the net gain of trails in the area.

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## h) Rock Climbing and Bouldering

There is a small rock face used for rock climbing and bouldering on the Hillside Lands. The amenity is situated immediately north of the CN Rail line on a portion close to the southern exit of the Mission Impossible trail. Development could consider the protection of this route, as it is somewhat isolated from the more developable portions of the site.



#### 3.2 Development Potential

The Official Community Plan recognizes that the Village has many constraints in identifying areas suitable for new development, whether it be lands designated as Agricultural Land Reserve, steep slopes, flood plains or riparian areas. It is likely due to these constraints that the Village has achieved a relatively compact development footprint. The Sub-Regional Planning Study indicates that given Pemberton's rate of growth, the population will outgrow the existing footprint in 10-20 years, and the only appropriate locations for new urban growth will be on lands with moderate slopes out of the valley bottom such as the Benchlands and the Hillside area.

The OCP's planning direction which states that *Growth is Managed with Community Priorities* sets down corresponding policies to be adhered to when considering new development areas. The proposed Hillside lands at build-out have the potential to accommodate approximately 2,100 units (lands identified in RGS). The remaining lands within the Village of Pemberton boundaries will comprise approximately 2,100 units (which includes 1,100 approved but not developed units in the Benchlands, Signal Hill/Tiyata and other infill properties). These unit counts do not include the existing units in and around Ivey Lake and Reid Road or the Pemberton North Improvement District (currently with in the SLRD). Once construction commences it is anticipated that the total build-out of Hillside area will exceed 20 years.

The Hillside Lands are anticipated to be a satellite neighbourhood slightly distanced from the existing urban area, yet with the opportunity to be a well-designed compact neighbourhood integrated with open areas as well as existing and proposed land uses such as the Pemberton Plateau subdivision, independent school, Pemberton Industrial Park and Mount Currie. The challenge in the development will be to maximize densities while not compromising the natural features and viewscape of the lands.

The Hillside Lands provide undulating terrain that will comprise a series of developable pods. For the most part the predominant land uses on the sloping site will be residential, parks and open spaces. As noted in the Official Community Plan, downtown is to continue as the dominant commercial node as well as the cultural and social focal point. Regardless, other areas within the Hillside Lands have some potential for additional uses such as commercial accommodation (resort/hotel/lodge), institutional (churches, education) and/or community uses (recreation, leisure facilities, emergency services) and limited neighbourhood commercial (to serve the needs of the neighbourhood). The

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actual location of these land uses have been generally identified in *Map B*. The definitive location of the individual land uses shall be determined with each phase of development.



# 3.3 Site Planning and Density

The Sub-Regional Planning Study has identified a minimum gross residential density of 5.25 units per hectare. As noted previously, the site has several areas that should not be developed primarily due to steep terrain, trail alignments or preservation areas (riparian or archaeological). The challenge will be to maximize site densities without compromising the natural character of the site. The Village encourages specific developments to incorporate innovative site design principles (such as clustering, conservation design and site specific zoning) to retain the integrity of the lands while meeting projected density targets. Reduced densities will only be considered if it is to preserve the natural character or amenities of the site.

# 3.4 Development Permit Areas

The Hillside Lands will be designated in the OCP (in accordance with Section 919 and 920 of the *Local Government Act*) as Development Permit Areas for the purposes of environmental protection, land constraints (steep slopes, wildfire interface zones), enhancement of agricultural (on or abutting ALR lands) and form and character of development (intensive residential and multi-family/commercial development). The Development Permit Area Guidelines currently exist in the Official Community Plan.

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## 3.5 Subdivision

In accordance with the *Land Title Act*, any subdivisions must be approved by the Approving Officer and be in accordance with municipal policies and bylaws.

## 4.0 COMMUNITY AMENITIES

The Village currently has a Community Amenity Policy that is intended to collect payments for a Community Amenity Reserve Fund. The existing charge imposed is \$9165 per single family unit and \$6060 per multifamily unit. The Village has provided a ball park estimate for the potential generation of the amenity charge of approximately \$16 million. This calculation made the assumption that approximately 2100 units (being 50% single family/50% multifamily) at the current change out rate would be approximately \$15.98 million (\$9.62 million + \$6.36 million).

It is the intent that the Village develop provisions for amenity zoning (density bonusing) for the site. As a result the Village will consider rezoning the lands for density provided certain community amenities are either provided by the developer or a cash payment is received. The Community Amenity Policy costing will continue as a benchmark for the market value of such community enhancements and/or contributions. In accordance with the *Local Government Act* as recognized in Schedule B of the OCP, the Village has identified those amenities recommended through community consultation. In reviewing this listing it appears that the following top priorities could potentially be addressed in the Hillside development:

A community arena and/or indoor pool – A significant community amenity would be the provision of a site and/or delivery of the facilities (either through financial contributions or construction) and/or ongoing operations through joint use agreements with institutional or accommodation uses. The owners of the site legally described as the southern half of Lot 1, EPP 1353, DL 211 have previously indicated that these lands could be dedicated to the Village for recreation purposes. The Village will be undertaking a planning process that provides more details with regard to this potential amenity, in addition the use of the lands for non-agricultural purposes would need to be approved by the ALC.

Public Washrooms - These facilities could be incorporated into other recreation amenities.

*Multi-Use Sports Fields* – A facility to host large sporting events and may include all season fields and lighting for evening/night time use and year-round/all season use.

**Recreation Trails** – The majority of the trails are located on the upper half of the Hillside as prior to the transfer of these lands to the Lil'wat Nation they were Crown lands. The Lil'wat and the Pemberton Valley Trails Association currently have a management agreement for the trails. Any development on the Hillside should secure the integrity of the Mosquito Lake area trails in accordance with the No Net Loss of Trails policy and involve consultation with the Pemberton Valley Trails Association. There is also an existing rock climbing and bouldering route near the lower route of the Mission Impossible trail. The trails in the area are indicated in Map C.

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The Trails Master Plan also indicates that certain trailhead improvements are needed to serve the recreational trails, notably map kiosks, parking and public washrooms. Improved trailheads would be valuable near Mosquito Lake and in the valley (i.e. Pemberton Farm Road West).



**MAP C – EXISTING TRAILS** 

*Friendship Trail* – The proposed Friendship Trail highlighted in the Pemberton and Area C Trails Master Plan is intended to travel immediately south of the Hillside Lands and CN Rail right of way from Mount Currie en route to the Village including a bridge crossing over the Lillooet River. The proposed trail would be an important amenity for both the future residents of the Hillside area as it would provide a direct and safe non-vehicular route to the downtown. The trail is important as it also provides a safe commuting and recreational route for residents of the Village, Area C and Mount Currie (Lil'wat Nation).

*Community Garden and/or Greenhouses* – The provision of common gardens would be a great community amenity, for the new residents or community-wide.

*Affordable and Special Needs Housing* – The Village's Affordable Housing Strategy recognizes the importance of providing a range of housing opportunities and price points for the community. Secondary suites are encouraged.

Other priorities include an outdoor skating rink, squash/racquet ball courts, curling rink, track, indoor tennis, equestrian stadium and clubhouses at playing fields

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# 5.0 CONNECTIVITY

**Neighbourhood Connectivity** – Given the undulating and sloping terrain, the Hillside area will be developed in pods. Each of these areas shall have pedestrian trail connections through the site, leading to Highway 99 and the proposed Friendship Trail as well as Mosquito Lake and Reid Road. The neighbourhoods should also be safe for residents to walk within.

It also should be a priority that the individual subdivisions be linked by roads both for vehicular connectivity (subject to the impact such connections may have on the natural character of the site and visual impacts) and emergency access (refer to Map D below). The Village's Subdivision and Development Control requirements will be applicable but will also consider alternative Hillside Road standards to minimize the impacts of the road development on the natural landscape and views to the site. The area may consider strata subdivisions to reduce site disruption, where they also facilitate vehicular connectivity.

**Pemberton Connectivity** – The Hillside area will require certain improvements to incorporate the lands into the existing transportation network. In particular, CN Rail will need to approve of any new or improved crossings and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure shall approve of the highway intersection improvements (both of these agencies should be consulted with regard to their requirements). In addition, the neighbourhoods must be planned in the long term to provide vehicular and trail connections from Highway 99 including at minimum an emergency access developed to Reid Road. It should be also recognized that active logging still occurs in the Mackenzie Basin area and therefore consultation with Ministry of Forests will be required.





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## 6.0 SERVICING

The Ivey and Mosquito Lake Development Concept Servicing Report (2009 Kerr Wood Leidal) reviews the options for primary water supply and wastewater treatment and disposal for the Hillside Lands (in addition to several additional parcels that are not yet within Village boundaries). The report examines the potential for water and sanitary connections to the existing infrastructure of the Village of Pemberton or the Lil'wat Nation as well as other infrastructure such as major road access, storm water management and utilities. It is also possible given the significant off-site investments that the initial development phases will need to commit to, it is likely that an agreement to recoup a fair portion of these costs in later phases will be considered (i.e. latecomer's agreement).

The concept plan for water and wastewater (Map E and Map F, respectively) indicate that servicing would most logically be initiated on the lower development parcels. Any parcel specific development shall not only refer to the findings of the Servicing Report and coordinate with other Hillside area landowners but also consult with both Lil'wat and the Village of Pemberton before developing site specific servicing options.





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#### **MAP F – PRELIMINARY WASTEWATER ROUTING**

#### 7.0 PHASING

The phasing of the development of the Hillside Lands shall consider the most logical approach given land use, servicing and property interests. The Ravenscrest property has completed the most significant work in terms of fulfilling the Village's development application requirements including an environmental inventory and archaeological investigations. The Village expects to have a formal rezoning application from the owners/agents of this property in the near future.

In addition, the lands immediately to the west of the Ravenscrest holdings (the northern half of Lot 1, EP, DL 211) have undertaken significant quarrying works on the property and for the most part the site is significantly disturbed. From a land use perspective it appears reasonable that these lower parcels proceed first. The Conceptual Servicing Report also recognizes that from a design and capital investment perspective, the Ravenscrest and Sabre properties should be in the initial phases of the Hillside development. It is not anticipated that the neighbourhood commercial development will be needed until there is a justifiable service population (neighbourhood commercial is defined in the OCP land use designations.

The phasing is reflected in the OCP Amendment as only the lower parcels have been included in the Urban Growth Boundary. The owners of the remaining Hillside Lands will be considered for inclusion in the Urban Growth Boundary once an environmental inventory and archaeological investigations have been completed. The phasing plan is noted in Map G.

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# 8.0 APPROVAL PROCESS

The lands comprising the Hillside area must meet the Village's development review processes including but not limited to amendments to the OCP and Zoning Bylaw; Development Permit issuance; Servicing Agreements; and Subdivision. The individual phases of development shall be in accordance with the Village's OCP (including the Hillside amendments) and this planning report. The Hillside area policies and planning directions have also been incorporated into the relevant sections of the Village's OCP.

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View Point #1 – Highway 99 and Clover



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## **APPENDIX A – VIEW CORRIDORS**

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# View Point #2 – Highway 99 and Lillooet River Bridge



View Point #3 – Pemberton Farm Road East



View Point #4 – Festival Site



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