

VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON
-REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-

Meeting #: 1590
Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 5:30 pm
Location: Council Chambers & Zoom Webinar
7400 Prospect Street

COUNCILLORS: Mayor Mike Richman
Councillor Ted Craddock
Councillor Katrina Nightingale
Councillor Laura Ramsden

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE: Councillor Jennie Helmer

STAFF: Elizabeth Tracy, Chief Administrative Officer
Ethan Fredeen, Acting Manager of Corporate & Legislative Services
Elena Aranguren, Office Coordinator
Scott McRae, Manager of Development Services*
Cameron Adams, Fire Chief*
Lyndsey Anic, Executive Assistance*
Emily White, Human Resources Coordinator*
Adam Malpus, Deputy Fire Chief*

PUBLIC: 4

MEDIA: 1

**Denotes partial attendance.*

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

1. CALL TO ORDER (10:30am)

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Líl'wat Nation.

At 10:35am Mayor Richman called the meeting to order.

2. IN CAMERA

At 10:35 Council moved to In Camera.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* section 90 (1) (k) Negotiations and related discussions that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

3. RECESS REGULAR MEETING

At 10:37am the Regular meeting was recessed.

4. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING (5:30pm)

In honour of the Lil'wat7ul, the Village of Pemberton acknowledges that we are meeting within the unceded territory of the Líl'wat Nation.

At 5:30pm, the Regular meeting was reconvened.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. RISE WITH REPORT FROM IN CAMERA

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1 Regular Council Meeting No. 1589, Tuesday October 31, 2023

Moved/Seconded

THAT the minutes of Regular Council Meeting No. 1589, held Tuesday, October 31, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES - FOR INFORMATION

11. DELEGATION

11.1 David Rossellat, Resident, Presentation on Addressing Air Pollution in Pemberton

At 5:32pm David Rossellat, Resident, presented on addressing air pollution in Pemberton.

Discussion took place regarding the following:

- School policies regarding air pollution
- VCH approach to public communications

12. STAFF REPORTS

12.1 Office of the CAO

a. Verbal Report

CAO Tracy announced the support from the Village's transit partners to expand the service for the Route 99 Commuter bus that services a route to and from Whistler through BC Transit. The Village could see the service expansion by late

2024 or early 2025 based on BC Transit fleet availability. Ms. Tracy thanked Mr. Sikora, Manager of Finance, for his efforts to make this agreement possible.

a. Visitor Information Centre Sani-Dump

CAO Tracy provided an update on the letter received from Natalie Langman, Executive Director of Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce, regarding the future of Sani-Dump and Visitor Centre.

Ms. Tracy informed Council that the sani-dump amenity would eventually be removed, and the visitor centre would need to be relocated. However, considering the importance of this amenity, with the increasing number of tourists throughout the year, the Village of Pemberton has started exploring alternatives where a new sani-dump could be placed in conjunction with current projects that could be directly linked to the Village's current sewer system.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the CAO Verbal Report be received for information.

CARRIED

b. UBCM Community to Community Forum Grant Application

Lyndsey Anic, Executive Assistant entered the meeting at 5:45pm.

Ms. Anic presented on the UBCM Community to Community Forum Grant Application and the scope of the funding for the proposed application.

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council support an application to UBCM's Community to Community Grant program for funding, in an amount up \$10,000, for the development of a new Protocol Agreement with the Lilwat Nation.

CARRIED

Lyndsey Anic, Executive Assistant left the meeting at 6:23pm.

c. Council Remuneration - SOFI Data 2022

Emily White, Human Resources Coordinator entered the meeting at 6:23pm.

Ms. White presented on the SOFI Data from 2022 of comparable communities' Council Remuneration.

Council held discussions around the following:

- Remuneration needs to be competitive to lost wages attending Council related business;
- Attractive to prospective candidates for future meetings;
- P50 in relation to Council Remuneration.

Further, Council expressed a strong desire to have an additional report to come back to Council in the new year to compare the standard Consumer Price Index (CPI) based increase to the P50 remuneration.

Moved/Seconded

THAT staff return to a future meeting with a report comparing the remuneration with the Consumer Price Index remuneration to the P50 remuneration.

CARRIED

12.2 Corporate and Legislative Services

a. Speikúmtn Community Forest Spending Policy

Ethan Fredeen, Acting Manager of Corporate and Legislative Services brought forward the Speikúmtn Community Forest Spending Policy. Council expressed a desire for staff to remove the section stipulating the consideration of the five-year financial plan, annual budget and reserves. Staff noted that the funds received would still be required to be considered as part of the budget cycle.. Further, that the policy makes this fund distinctive as it considers allocation based upon the shared values of the Speikúmtn Community Forest.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Speikúmtn Community Forest Spending Policy be adopted as amended removing the stipulation of the consideration of the annual budget, five year financial plan and the annual reserves.

CARRIED

b. 2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council approve the revised 2024 Council Schedule as presented.

CARRIED

c. 2024 Council Appointments

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor Craddock, Helmer, and Ramsden be appointed to the 2024 Parcel Tax Review Panel.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor Craddock be appointed Emergency Planning & Operations Committee for 2024 with Councillor Helmer appointed as the alternative.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor Nightingale be appointed as the primary representative and Councillor Helmer be appointed as the alternative to the Cemetery Committee for 2024.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Richman be appointed to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board for 2024 with Councillor Nightingale appointed as the alternate.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Richman and Councillor Ramsden be appointed to the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee for 2024.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Richman be appointed to the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board for 2024 with Councillor Nightingale appointed as the alternate.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Mayor Richman be appointed to the Pemberton Lillooet Treaty Advisory Committee (PLTAC) for 2024 with Councillor Nightingale appointed as the alternate.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor Nightingale be appointed to the Pemberton & District Library Board for 2024 with Councillor Ramsden be appointed as the alternate.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Councillor Craddock and Councillor Helmer be appointed to the Municipal Insurance Association of BC (MIABC) for 2024.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council attends the following meetings in a liaison capacity for 2024:

- Councillor Craddock liaison for the Pemberton Valley Dyking District;
- Councillor Nightingale liaison for the Pemberton Valley Trails Association;
- Councillor Ramsden liaison for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Agricultural Advisory Committee;
- Councillor Craddock liaison for Tourism Pemberton; and
- Councillor Nightingale liaison for Pemberton Arts Council.

CARRIED

12.3 Development Services

- a. **Sea to Sky Community Services - Harrow Road Affordable Housing Project - Fee waiver**

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council grant 100% of the fees requested for refund and waiver by Sea to Sky Community Services as part of the Harrow Road Affordable Housing project.

CARRIED

12.4 Finance

12.5 Operations

12.6 Recreation

12.7 Pemberton Fire Rescue

a. Triple Combination Pumper Truck Contract Award

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council award the contract for the purchase of one Triple Combination Pumper Truck, in the amount of \$776,140 (exclusive of taxes), to Fort Garry Fire Trucks in accordance with their proposal submission.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a loan authorization bylaw, for an amount not to exceed \$853,754, and facilitate the required financial borrowing process.

CARRIED

b. Live Fire Training Centre Grant Application

Moved/Seconded

THAT Council supports the application to the Fire Chiefs Association of British Columbia in partnership with the Office of the Fire Commissioner for grant funding, in an amount up to \$340,000 to build a live fire training facility at the Pemberton Fire Rescue training grounds.

CARRIED

13. BYLAWS

14. MAYOR'S Report

14.1 New legislation to support local government housing initiatives

Mayor Richman reported on a letter from the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing, regarding new legislation that supports local government housing initiatives.

Mayor Richman highlighted the fact this legislation is going to have an impact on the Village of Pemberton, which includes both present and future neighbourhoods. Council expressed a desire to hold a Committee of the Whole on November 28th, 2023 to discuss the implications and possibilities related to affordable housing that arise with the new legislation.

15. COUNCILLORS' Reports

Councillor Craddock attended and reported on the following meetings:

- Pemberton Valley Dyking District (Liaison)
- MP Patrick Weiler presentation

Councillor Nightingale attended and reported on the following meetings:

- Pemberton & District Library Board

Councillor Ramsden attended and reported on the following meetings:

- Regional Economic Development Collaborative

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Correspondence for Action

- a. **Marilou Carswell, Pemberton BC, dated October 29, 2023, concerning the definition of "Natural Gas"**

Moved/Seconded

THAT staff be directed to respond to Ms. Carswell advising that the Village has no references to 'natural gas' on its website;

AND THAT in the event the Village is addressing issues related to 'natural gas' it will be referred to as 'fossil gas' in recognition of its impact on climate change.

CARRIED

- b. **David Mackenzie, Managing Director, Pemberton Valley Lodge, dated October 30, 2023, supporting the new rules regarding B.C.'s Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the correspondence be received and referred to staff for response.

CARRIED

16.2 Correspondence for Information

- a. **Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development, dated October 31, 2023, recognizing November as Adoption Awareness Month**
- b. **Heather Hachigian, Assistant Professor, Royal Roads University, dated November 2, 2023, offering a speaker series on Ownership Matters: Building Community Wealth**
- c. **Debbie Theilmann, Surrey, BC, dated November 6, 2023, concerning the BCNDP and new Police Act**

Moved/Seconded

THAT council receives the correspondence for information.

CARRIED

17. DECISION ON LATE BUSINESS

18. LATE BUSINESS

There was no late business.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION

There was no Notice of Motion presented.

20. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

21. IN CAMERA, CONTINUED

At 8:05pm Council moved in Camera.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting is closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* Section 90 (1) (k) Negotiations and related discussions that in the view of Council could reasonably expect to harm the interest of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

22. RISE WITH REPORT

At 8:16pm Council rose without report.

23. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

At 8:16pm the meeting was adjourned.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Mike Richman, Mayor

Elizabeth Tracy, Corporate Officer