

**COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM
FINAL REPORT**

RECREATION FOR EVERYONE

Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band

December 1, 2005

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Introduction

Background

In November 2004 a document was produced, called “Winds of Change: A Healing Vision”, by the Village of Pemberton and the Mount Currie Band. The document makes many recommendations for encouraging healthy lifestyles among the communities, and working together to overcome challenges related to drug and alcohol abuse. One of the recommendations in the report is,

That the Councils in both Pemberton and Mount Currie make any effort to maximize the development of recreation and leisure infrastructure. Specific projects may include: . . . shared recreation centre. (p.10)

This recommendation was taken into consideration when designing the 2005 Pemberton and Mount Currie Community-to-Community Forum.

Furthermore, during a joint Mount Currie Band and Village of Pemberton Council meeting, June 2005, the following Motion was carried.

Moved by Councillor Martina Pierre, seconded by Mayor Elinor Warner that the Mount Currie Band Chief and Council and the Village of Pemberton Council agree to work together to bring the paralympic ice arena to our valley for a lasting legacy to benefit our communities.

Given both of these explicitly expressed interests to work together on a joint recreational facility, the topic of recreation for this year’s community-to-community forum was decided upon.

The event was held on December 1, 2005, a time when the new Pemberton Mayor and Council had been elected, but not yet sworn in. Therefore, the Forum was designed as a public meeting with both new and old Pemberton Council members invited, along with the Mount Currie Band Chief and Council and the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Electoral Area C Director. The Forum was designed as public information session on recreational interests in the communities and ideas for the development of a joint Pemberton / Mount Currie recreational facility. Recreation and healthy lifestyles is a common goal for both communities and the Forum was designed as a stepping-stone for Pemberton and Mount Currie to collaborate their efforts and reach this common goal together.

Objectives

The objectives of the Forum were to bring together members of the public and the elected officials from Mount Currie, Pemberton and the SLRD Electoral Area C, to discuss the idea of a joint facility. It was also designed to provide general information on ideas and costs around building a recreation facility. Finally, it sought to bring the communities together so that they understood each other’s recreational interests and could build relationships for working together toward meeting their common goals.

Summary of Issues Discussed

There were three presentations made at the Forum.

Bill Webster, from Professional Environmental Recreation Consulting, spoke on the Pemberton and SLRD Electoral Area C study on recreational interests. The results of the study were presented. The results of the study show a high use of recreational facilities and a strong need for a new facility in the Village of Pemberton.

Gary Young, of Gary Young and Associates, presented the results available of a similar study conducted in Mount Currie. The results show high percentages of people participating in recreational activities and identified soccer, basketball and ice hockey as the top three areas of priority.

John Hiebert, of Task Construction Management, did the third presentation. He spoke about three basic structures for designing and constructing a recreational facility. He outlined the traditional approach (design-bid-build), the Design-Build approach and the Construction Management approach.

After the presentations there was questions and discussion.

A question regarding the construction of a pool was raised. It was clarified that the Pemberton and Electoral Area C study does not provide specific information on the type of pool that the community is interested in. However, the study does indicate that up to 80% of the population would use a pool, five to seven times per year. This is in contrast to the use of an arena, which would only be used by 25% of the population. It was also explained that outdoor pool construction is uncommon because it is expensive and can only be used for a short amount of time over the year.

John Hiebert was asked to comment on the potential of a having the money used to construct a recreation centre stay in the community by hiring local. John stated that the Construction Management model is conducive to local hire because the owner is also the contractor. Most projects that he has worked on will strive for 70% employment in the community. This will depend on the level of expertise within the community and how complex the design of the facility is.

There was also a question about the associated costs of building a “green” facility. John explained that the costs upfront will be higher, but in the long run their will be savings. Facilities have become and continue to become more energy efficient over time.

The costs of other facilities around BC were discussed. Generally the cost is \$190 – \$220/ square foot. These costs per square foot are higher than building a home because a public facility will incur more wear and tear. If the increase cost is not put in upfront, the maintenance costs will increase dramatically.

Soccer fields and trails were also raised as an important focus for recreational activities. Soccer fields can be expensive to build, but have very low costs to maintain. Fields and trails are important for non-formal recreational activities.

A question was raised about successful examples of joint First Nation/non-First Nation recreational centres. There is not an example of it specifically, but there are examples of cooperative efforts. Tsleil-Waututh and North Vancouver have reached an agreement and are currently in the planning process. Sechelt is getting an aquatic centre by supporting Gibson's arena. West Bank First Nation has developed an arrangement for cooperation on operating funds. There are not many examples of First Nation / non- First Nation community joint projects for developing a new facility. Overall, however, Government likes to see cooperation and a proposal would be better received if all governments in the region were on board.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Forum emphasized the need for Mount Currie, Pemberton and the SLRD to work together in planning for recreational development in the region. The Forum provided the necessary background information on similar recreational interests in the communities such as:

- The need for new facilities
- The strong interest in soccer, swimming and ice hockey
- The expressed interest in trails for walking and biking

The task at hand is finding a way for the communities to work together (such as a joint recreation committee) and moving ahead toward assessing the feasibility of what recreational facilities can be created in the region.

Appendix 1 – Budget

Village of Pemberton and Mount Currie Band Community-to-Community Forum December 1, 2005

BUDGET

Project costs from Village of Pemberton Proposal	\$5,600
Grant from UBCM (1/2 of projected costs)	\$2,800

Expenses

Elements Funded by UBCM

Bill Webster (guest speaker)	\$800
Gary Young (guest speaker)	\$1,000
John Hiebert (guest speaker)	\$200
AV equipment	\$100
Forum MC	\$100
Administrative support costs	<u>\$600</u>
Subtotal	\$2,800

In Kind Donations from Village of Pemberton

Forum Coordinator	\$1,500
Travel for guest speakers	\$400
Daycare	\$300
Coffee/Snacks	\$150
Photocopying, preparation and distribution of materials	\$300
Room rental	<u>\$150</u>
Subtotal	\$2,800

UBCM funded elements	\$2,800
Total in kind from Village of Pemberton	\$2,800

Total Expenses	\$5,600
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Appendix 2 - Attendance

The follow representatives attended from the Village of Pemberton, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and the Mount Currie Band.

Village of Pemberton

Elinor Warner (Mayor)
Michelle Beauregard (Councillor)
Jordan Sturdy (Newly elected Mayor)
Kirsten McLeod (Newly elected Councillor)
Bryan Kirk (Administrator)

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District – Area C

Susie Gimse (Director)
Paul Edginton (Administrator)

Mount Currie Band

Chief Leonard Andrew
Lucinda Phillips (Councillor)
Morgan Wells (Councillor)
Alphonse Wallace (Councillor)
Ruth Dick (Councillor)
Felicity Nelson (Councillor)
Shirley Wallace (Councillor)
Sheldon Tetreault (Administrator)

Attendance and Contact Sheet

The following are a list of community members who attended the Forum and signed in.

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Appendix 3 – Agenda

AGENDA
Mount Currie Band and Village of Pemberton
Community to Community Forum
Xit’olacw Community School Cafeteria
7:00pm – 9:30pm
December 1, 2005

- 7:00 – 7:15 Opening Prayer
Opening Remarks: Chief Leonard Andrew
 Mayor Elinor Warner
 SLRD Area C Director Susie Gimse
- 7:15 – 7:30 Pemberton Recreation Survey Results
Presentation from Bill Webster, PERC
- 7:30 – 7:45 Mount Currie Recreation Survey Results
Presentation from Gary Young, Recreation Consultation
- 7:45 – 8:00 Project Delivery Models
Presentation from John Hiebert, Task Construction Management
- 8:00 – 8:30 Questions and Answers
- 8:30 – 8:45 Break
- 8:45 – 9:15 Summary of Discussions / Next Steps
➤ An opportunity for Council members to comment
- 9:15 – 9:30 Closing Remarks
Closing Prayer

Appendix 4 – Remarks from Elected Officials

The following are summary points from the remarks may by Chief Leonard Andrew, Mayor Elinor Warner, SLRD Area C Director Susie Gimse and Mayor Elect Jordan Sturdy.

Opening Remarks – Chief Leonard Andrew

- This is an example of implementing the “Winds of Change”
- We need to work together to promote healthy lifestyles
- Recreation has always been of great importance to the Mount Currie community
- Our population is growing and we need to stay ahead of that
- It is important for all the governments in this region to come together and talk about our common goals

Opening Remarks – Mayor Elinor Warner

- Our first Community-to-Community Forum we took direction from elders, who encouraged us to start talking more to each other and start working together
- We have built our relationship since that first meeting, and have seen benefits from it, such as the Winds of Change document

Opening Remarks - Susie Gimse, Director of Electoral Area C

- It is great to be here and to feel the spirit of cooperation
- The Winds of Change document is very important and we need to work hard to bring it into effect
- There is political will for recreation, and we can build on that
- This makes for very exciting possibilities

Closing Remarks – Jordan Sturdy, Mayor Elect

- I look forward to moving ahead on these issues
- Recreation is very important for both communities
- I look forward to carrying on and building upon the positive relations with Mount Currie

Appendix 5 - Presentation Notes

Please see attachments