



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre  
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5**

### **PRESENT:**

Mayor: J. Crompton

Councillors: A. De Jong, J. Ford, R. Forsyth, J. Grills, D. Jackson  
and C. Jewett

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey  
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston  
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey  
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen  
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard  
Director of Finance, C. Price  
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau  
Municipal Clerk, B. Browning  
Senior Planner, J. Belobaba  
Planner, F. Savage  
Parks and Trails Supervisor, L. Russell  
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto  
Council Coordinator, N. Cooper  
Administrative Assistant, L. Wyn-Griffiths

*Mayor J. Crompton recognized that we are on the traditional territories of the  
Lil'wat Nation and the Squamish Nation.*

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of February 12,  
2019.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Minutes

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019.

CARRIED

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Dale Mikkelsen  
WORCA President  
Re: WORCA Fee  
For Service  
Application

Dale Mikkelsen noted that, following conversations that WORCA had with Council and staff over the last few months and over the election cycle, the association had expected to see a significant increase in WORCA's Fee for Service contract. He asked, if the Mayor would like to address this, in particular if there is less interest now, or if the opinion has gone in a different direction, in terms of the maintenance and sustainability of the trail network as these numbers are concerning to WORCA moving forward.

Mayor J. Crompton replied that this matter is on the Agenda, and Council will discuss it at that time. He added that Council is familiar with the increased use of the trails and need for additional repair. Both Council and staff have paid attention to this, and the presentation WORCA made at the Committee of the Whole Meeting was useful in that regard. Mayor J. Crompton noted that the staff report lays out the standard policy around the Fee For Service Agreement and Council will discuss the report later in the Meeting.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor's Report

### Assault in the Village

Whistler received the upsetting news about a serious assault in the village on the night of Sunday, February 10, 2019. Three men were stabbed in the incident and as a result are recovering from injuries, one man is in critical condition. On behalf of Council, Mayor Jack Crompton offered his best wishes for their recovery. The RCMP responded to the incident quickly and the three people responsible have been arrested. The RCMP is continuing their investigation and anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Whistler RCMP. Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the RCMP for their efforts. Mayor Jack Crompton added that it was an unfortunate incident and the community's thoughts are with the victims. It is always the goal that visitors have a safe visit to the community, and that community members are safe.

### Budget Community Meeting

Mayor Jack Crompton thanked all that attended the Budget Community Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2019, and added that it was great to see people out learning more, and asking questions about the budget. Budget guidelines were presented and included increases of:

- 2.9 per cent to property taxes;
- 2 per cent to sewer parcel taxes and user fees;
- 2 per cent to water parcel taxes and fees; and
- 3.6 per cent to solid waste parcel taxes and fees.

For those who couldn't attend, videos of the presentations are shared on the RMOW's Facebook page, and all budget documents can be found on the website. There are further details about the budget, the 176 proposed projects, and next steps online at [www.whistler.ca/budget](http://www.whistler.ca/budget). The guidelines will come to Council for approval at the next Council Meeting on February 26, 2019. The budget bylaw will come before Council for readings and then adoption in spring 2019.

#### Function Junction Open House

Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the members of the community that joined the Function Junction pedestrian pathway information session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. A safe and continuous pedestrian pathway is planned for Function Junction. The details of second phase of the project were shared with the community on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. RMOW appreciates those who came out to hear about the project from lead staff, and provided thoughtful feedback to the plans. There is more information about this project on the website at [www.whistler.ca/FunctionPathway](http://www.whistler.ca/FunctionPathway). There were also discussions around transit and the Valley Trail connection that will link Alta Lake Road to Function Junction. It was an engaging community meeting, and Mayor Jack Crompton thanked everyone who attended.

#### Community Life Survey

Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the 500 residents who took the time to complete the annual Community Life Survey by phone. The information provided is vital to tracking the progress of key municipal and community performance indicators to help with planning and decision making. The form can also be completed on the online version of the survey. The online Community Life Survey is available now at [www.whistler.ca/survey](http://www.whistler.ca/survey). Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the community for taking time to complete this survey which lets Council and staff understand community priorities, trends and concerns, and thanked the community for their feedback on municipal plans and services.

#### Community Enrichment Program

Each year, the RMOW provides financial support to local not-for-profit organizations and societies as part of the Community Enrichment Program. This program supports these organizations' or societies' programs that work toward Whistler's community vision. Programs protecting the environment, enriching community life, or enhancing the resort experience may be eligible for a Community Enrichment Program grant. In 2018, the RMOW issued \$136,200 in grants to 29 local not-for-profit organizations. Applications for the 2019 Community Enrichment Program are open until Friday, February 14, 2019 at 4 p.m. More information about the program and the application form can be found online at [www.whistler.ca/CEP](http://www.whistler.ca/CEP).

#### Rogers Hometown Hockey

On the weekend of February 9, 2019, Whistler welcomed Rogers Hometown Hockey to town. It was a great community event, which celebrated Whistler's, and the wider Sea-to-Sky communities' love of hockey locally and across the country. Squamish and Whistler minor hockey associations also played special games over the weekend and Meadow Park Sports Centre, many local sports clubs, and community groups joined the Parade of Champions. Mayor Jack Crompton noted that he saw many families from the community at Whistler Olympic Plaza enjoying the range of activities and entertainment on offer all weekend. This event was part of the RMOW's Festivals, Events and Animation program, funded by Municipal Regional District Tax collected

in Whistler. Mayor Jack Crompton thanked Steve Neal and Bob Andrea for their work on this event.

#### Poet's Pause Poetry Competition

Each year, the RMOW hosts the Poet's Pause poetry competition. Writers are invited to submit original, unpublished poems for the competition. Winning poems will be displayed at the Poet's Pause sculpture sites in Alta Lake Park, and winners will receive a \$200 prize. Poet's Pause is a legacy of the late Joan Baron, the artist who developed the two Alta Lake Park sculpture sites. Joan's intention was to inspire creativity. Whistler sees many creative submissions for poems each year. Writers are encouraged to share their submissions by Monday, March 11, 2019 at 3 p.m. when the competition closes. Further information can be found on the website at [www.whistler.ca/poetrycompetition](http://www.whistler.ca/poetrycompetition).

#### Vail Update

Mayor Jack Crompton noted that he recently had the opportunity to meet with Vail Resorts Chief Executive Officer Rob Katz to build a relationship and talk about our priorities as a community, and how the RMOW and Vail can work together to benefit Whistler. Transportation and housing were discussed as important items for Whistler. Mayor Jack Crompton noted that it was a useful session.

#### Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Meeting

Mayor Jack Crompton noted that he, Councillors John Grills, Duane Jackson and Cathy Jewett met with the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss some of Whistler's priorities. Mayor Jack Crompton added that these conversations were useful and productive.

#### Councillor John Grills

##### IMPACT Sustainability Travel and Tourism Conference

Councillor John Grills noted that he recently attended the IMPACT Conference in Victoria, which is now in its second year. The theme of the conference is sustainable tourism, with a focus on how tourism impacts communities and how can negative impacts be reduced. There were discussions about how climate change, wildfires and extreme weather events affect communities and these things can dramatically impact the economy. There was also a session on the growth of Indigenous Tourism, to engage communities and nations in active tourism. Councillor John Grills noted that there was good representation from many different sectors, including the air industry. He added that it was a good size with only 250 attendees, and that it was not just elected officials.

#### Rogers Hometown Hockey

Councillor John Grills announced that Rogers Communication, through the Hometown Hockey event had donated \$7,500 to each of the Whistler and Squamish Minor Hockey Associations and \$15,000 to the Zero Ceiling Society.

Councillor Jen Ford

Vision Zero Conference

Councillor Jen Ford noted that she had attended a one-day conference hosted by the City of Surrey with the focus on making all roadways safer for preferred methods of transportation. It was attended by both public health and elected officials, with about 75 people. There were specific examples of statistics of accidents provided to highlight the problem, for example, in 2017 alone, over 9,000 people were killed or injured at a particular Surrey intersection. Councillor Jen Ford noted that this has to become a priority, and added that there were several take-away actions, including:

- Reduce all city speeds to 30 kilometres per hour as that is what you can survive if you're hit by a vehicle.
- Higher insurance rates for dangerous drivers.
- High friction surface treatments.
- Viable alternatives to vehicle use.

Councillor Jen Ford added that this conference will be held annually and it was a very useful and informative day.

Councillor Cathy Jewett

Power Outage in Emerald Estates

Councillor Cathy Jewett noted that there had been an 18-hour power failure in Whistler over the weekend of February 9 to 10, 2019. It was caused by a tree falling on power lines and affected the Rainbow, Emerald and Alpine neighbourhoods. An Emergency Reception Centre was opened at the Myrtle Philip Community School for those who were without power overnight due to the extremely cold weather.

Councillor Duane Jackson

Housing Conference

Councillor Duane Jackson noted that he had attended a conference with industry leaders from across North America which focused on the current crisis in housing in North America in general. The conference is held every two years. It brings up to date the challenge of housing in all communities and that changing demographics and household formations are outpacing the delivery of housing. Councillor Duane Jackson noted that in the USA, various state and federal grants are available for retrofitting housing for rental. There was also discussion about healthy communities, designing housing for higher density development and still achieving a healthy community in terms of recreation and mental health.

Councillor Arthur De Jong

View from Here Conference

Councillor Arthur De Jong thanked BlueShore Financial and Whistler Real Estate for hosting the View From Here Conference on February 2, 2019. He added that it was a useful session in terms of planning for the future as a community.

Mayor Jack Crompton  
Council Meeting with Lil'wat Nation

Mayor Jack Crompton stated that Council will be going to Mount Currie to sit down with the Lil'wat Nation Council after tonight's Council Meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

LLR1324 – Pangea  
Pod Hotel Patron  
Participation  
Entertainment  
File No. LLR1324  
Report No. 19-011

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** Council authorize the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 19-011 providing Council's recommendation to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch in support of an application for a Permanent Change to a Liquor Licence for Pangea Pod Hotel Food Primary Licence No. 307978 to add a patron participation entertainment endorsement.

CARRIED

BikeBC Grant  
Application – Valley  
Trail Extension at  
Whistler Golf Club  
File No. X117  
Report No. 19-018

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett

**That** Council endorse a grant application for \$212,985 to the BikeBC Infrastructure funding program for the Valley Trail extension project at Whistler Golf Club to provide improved connectivity and improved safety.

CARRIED

Whistler Transit  
System Annual  
Operating  
Agreement  
Amendment -  
December 15, 2018  
File No. 546  
Report No. 19-012

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the "2018-2019 Whistler Transit System Annual Operating Agreement Amendment – December 15, 2018" for the period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report to Council No. 19-012.

CARRIED

SLRD Regional  
Growth Strategy  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 1562-2018  
Referral – Updated  
Report  
File No. CR0091  
Report No. 19-022

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong

**That** Council endorse "Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1562, 2018"; and

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to submit the RMOW referral response, attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 19-022 to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board.

CARRIED

Operating Reserve  
Establishment  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 2221, 2019  
File No. 2221  
Report No. 19-014

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the "Operating Reserve Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2221, 2019".

CARRIED

Five-Year Financial  
Plan 2018 – 2022  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 2217, 2019  
File No. 2217  
Report No. 19-013

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the “Five-Year Financial Plan 2018-2022 Amendment Bylaw No. 2217, 2019”.

CARRIED

WORCA 2019 Fee  
for Service  
Application  
File No. 3004.02  
Report No. 19-017

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Fee for Service Agreement with the Whistler Off Road Cycling Association in the amount of \$53,060 for 2019 and \$54,121 for 2020, subject to approval of the annual Municipal budget.

Moved by Mayor J. Crompton  
Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

**That** the motion be amended to change the Fee for Service Agreement amounts to \$120,000 for 2019 and 2020.

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** the amendment be amended to change the amounts awarded to \$100,000 for 2019 and 2020.

*OPPOSED: Mayor J. Crompton, Councillors A. De Jong, J. Ford, R. Forsyth, J. Grills and D. Jackson.*

DEFEATED

**That** the motion be amended to change the Fee for Service Agreement amounts to \$120,000 for 2019 and 2020.

CARRIED

The main motion as amended with the final wording being as follows:

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Fee for Service Agreement with the Whistler Off Road Cycling Association in the amount of \$120,000 for 2019 and \$120,000 for 2020, subject to approval of the annual Municipal budget.

CARRIED

Council Member  
Appointments to the  
Governance  
Committee  
File No. 0540  
Report No. 19-015

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett

**That** Council reconvene the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee;

**That** Mayor J. Crompton appoint Councillors J. Ford, C. Jewett and R. Forsyth as the three members of Council to the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee as per the Committee's Terms of Reference; and further,

**That** Mayor J. Crompton appoint Councillor C. Jewett as the Chair of the Committee.

CARRIED

Whistler.com  
Systems Inc. 2018  
Annual Filing  
File No. Vault  
Report No. 19-019

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

**That** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolve that the Municipality, as one of the shareholders of Whistler.com Systems Inc., pass the consent resolutions of the shareholders of Whistler.com Systems Inc., copies of which are attached to Administrative Report to Council No.19-019 as Appendix "B", and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Tourdex.com  
Systems Inc. 2018  
Annual Filing  
File No. Vault  
Report No. 19-020

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolve that the Municipality, as one of the shareholders of Tourdex.com Systems Inc., pass the Consent Resolutions of the shareholders of Tourdex.com Systems Inc., copies of which are attached to this Administrative Report No. 19-020 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Whistler Housing  
Authority Ltd. -  
2018 Annual Filing  
File No. Vault  
Report No. 19-021

Moved by Councillor J. Grills  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolve that the Municipality, as the sole shareholder of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd., pass the consent resolutions of the Whistler Housing Authority Ltd. shareholders, which is attached to Administrative Report to Council No. 19-021 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

#### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Liquor Licence  
Advisory  
Committee

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** Council receive the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee of December 13, 2018.

CARRIED

#### **BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

Operating Reserve  
Establishment  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 2221, 2019

Moved by Councillor J. Grills  
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** "Operating Reserve Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 2221, 2019" be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

Five-Year Financial  
Plan 2018-2022  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 2217, 2019

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** “Five-Year Financial Plan 2018-2022 Amendment Bylaw No. 2217, 2019” be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Advisory Design  
Panel  
Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton announced that the following individuals have been appointed to the Advisory Design Panel for 2019:

- Mr. Derek Fleming, Mr. Peter Lang and Mr. Pablo Leppe as the three professional architects who are registered members of the Architectural Institute of B.C.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Federation of  
Canada  
Municipalities' Top  
Priorities  
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** correspondence from Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, Member of Parliament, West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast and Sea to Sky Country, regarding the Federation of Canada Municipalities' top priorities be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Function Junction  
Sidewalk  
Expansion  
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** correspondence from Mike Boehm, regarding the sidewalk expansion in Function Junction be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Additional Funding  
for WORCA  
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** correspondence from Paul Austin, regarding addition funding for WORCA be received.

CARRIED

Kidney Dialysis  
Machine Needed in  
Whistler  
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong

**That** correspondence from Nadia Meratla, regarding the need for a kidney dialysis machine in Whistler be received and referred to staff, and to the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District.

CARRIED

Climate  
Accountability  
Letter  
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

**That** eleven pieces of correspondence, regarding the climate accountability letter, from the following individuals be received and referred to staff:

- Matt Blackman
- David Hollingworth
- Erin Maxwell
- Leah Pomeroy
- Mary Stewart
- Rachel Leiterman
- Allison van Gruen
- Shannon Klassen
- Dennis LaHue
- Angela Mellor
- Marie Binet

CARRIED

Light Up Request –  
World Hypertension  
Day  
File No. 3009.1

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** correspondence from Crystal Ceres, requesting that on May 17, 2019 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit red in support of World Hypertension Day, be received and the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit.

CARRIED

Light Up Request –  
Alzheimer's  
Awareness Month  
File No. 3009.1

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** correspondence from Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Alzheimer's Foundation of America, requesting that on November, 7, 2019 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit teal in support of Alzheimer's Awareness Month be received and Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit.

CARRIED

#### **TERMINATION**

Motion to Terminate

Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett

**That** the Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2019 be terminated at 7:23 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, J. Crompton

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Municipal Clerk, B. Browning