



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018, STARTING AT 5:37 P.M.**

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

**PRESENT:**

The Honourable Judge Patrick Doherty

Mayor: J. Crompton

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

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey

General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston

General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen

General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey

Director of Finance C. Price

Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard

Director of Human Resources, D. Wood

Municipal Clerk, B. Browning

Manager of Communications, M. Comeau

Council Coordinator, N. Cooper

Administrative Assistant, L. Wyn-Griffiths

RCMP Inspector Kara Triance

RCMP Constable Steve LeClair

RCMP Constable Bernie Edmunds

*Mayor J. Crompton acknowledged the attendance of Freedom of the Municipality Holder Jim Godfrey.*

Welcome to the Territory

Members of Lil'wat Nation performed a 'Welcome to the Territory' to open the Inaugural Meeting.

Swearing in of Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Councillors were sworn in by the Honourable Judge Patrick Doherty.

Signing of O Canada

O Canada was sung by The Whistler Singers and Whistler Children's Chorus.

Inaugural Address

The Inaugural Address was given by Mayor J. Crompton.

*Thank you for the welcome. We are privileged to meet today on the shared traditional territory of the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation. We respect the languages, cultures and histories of both nations. Kukshoomcow hoo. Huy chexw.*

*Thank you to Mayor Wilhelm-Morden. It is an honor to follow you. You have served this town with courage and wisdom. You have set this next group of people up for success. Thank you to outgoing members of council, Sue Maxwell, Steve Anderson. Thank you to those brave and insightful people who ran in this last election. Thank you to the tremendous people who work at the RMOW. Thank you to my family. Thank you to my campaign team.*

*Whistler is a unique place. We all chose Whistler. We live here on purpose. Over the last four months I have spent lots of time speaking with Whistlerites about Whistler. I have asked them all to tell me their Whistler story.*

*This one stood out: Garry Watson was working as a lawyer in Vancouver in 1961. He had a client, Steve Blasko, who owned a sawmill around Function Junction. Garry had heard about this crazy idea to bid on the 1968 Winter Olympics. So on a bright sunny June day, Garry got on the train and took the ride up to this outpost in the middle of nowhere. Steve lent him his truck and Garry went for a drive. He drove north up over the southwest flank of Whistler mountain and then hiked to the peak. The approach from the back of the Peak means that you don't see the valley until you just come over the crest of the Peak. And so as Garry tells it he came over the crest of Whistler Mountain his first glimpse of our incredible valley with lakes stringing out as far as he could see. For him it was as if he had just made the greatest discovery of his time. He paused, smiled and then said "that is when the love affair began". Garry went on to be elected to serve on Whistler's three first councils from 1975 to 1980 helping to set the direction of Whistler of today. I think we all share Garry's experience of falling in love with Whistler.*

*For me it was magical summer trips to Whistler on the Royal Hudson and winter missions up the old Sea to Sky Highway with snow banks over the roof of our station wagon.*

*My first home here was under the stairs in a two-bedroom basement suite on Buckhorn Drive with six other guys. All of us living the dream. I am not unique in that reality. It's the same story most of us tell. We fell in love and dropped everywhere else for here. We could all live closer to family by leaving Whistler. We could probably make more money by leaving Whistler. We could all have access to cheaper toothpaste and coffee. But for us this place and these people we will drink expensive coffee and live without shopping malls. We choose Whistler.*

*Acclamation has provided me the privilege of listening to this campaign. I decided to use that opportunity.*

*I heard that Whistler wants local government to invest in the people who live and work here. We are a tourism town and we will always invest in the Resort part of RMOW. I heard you want us to pivot that investment a little toward the Municipality part of the RMOW.*

*I heard Whistler talk about our need for affordable, quality housing. Fast. I heard Whistler talk about protecting our environment. I heard Whistler talk about the value of our mountain culture. I was also struck that as a community we resisted the politics of personal destruction. Congratulations to the public and to candidates. You focused on issues.*

*During the election, it was a privilege to listen to the elected members of council present the areas they are passionate about:*

*Councillor De Jong talked about the five Ws of the environment: Waste, Water, Weather, Wildfire and Wilderness.*

*Councillor Ford talked about (and demonstrated) the importance of strong advocacy to the province and federal government. For health, education and early childhood education investments in our town.*

*Councillor Forsyth talked about the importance of utilizing the incredible depth of experience Whistler has in delivering affordable housing and public engagement.*

*He talked about the deep value we have in Whistler 2020, the Whistler Housing Authority and the Whistler Development Corporation.*

*Councillor Grills talked about his commitment to completing the important work on some extremely important strategic files like the OCP, housing and transportation.*

*Councillor Jackson talked about building housing, and building the right housing.*

*Councillor Jewett talked about her commitment to good governance, great public engagement and the importance of our connection to our history and heritage.*

*Whistler's recent history has been defined by something distinct every decade:*

*60s - Becoming a ski resort.*

*70s - Becoming a municipality.*

*80s - Building the village.*

*90s - Building our social fabric for example: Whistler Community Services Society, the Whistler Housing Authority, the Library, and the Museum.*

*2000s - Building for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.*

*2010s - Diversifying tourism into arts, culture, heritage, and solidifying summer tourism.*

*We have always been big dreamers and I think the foundation is set to chase big dreams moving into the 2020s.*

*Depth, roots, permanence.*

*I believe in our next election we will have someone stand in front of our community and say, "I was born in Whistler. Vote for me". I intend to work to ensure that is a person who can choose to raise a family here.*

*We are well set-up for success. We stand on the shoulders of giants. The people who have built this place leave us with an incredible launch pad. We must build on this foundation so Whistler can be home to our kids.*

*Whistler has elected a council ready to get to work. With that in mind, I am recommending an extremely aggressive agenda for our first 100 days. Council to Council meetings with the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations. They are busy, but we can get it done in 100 days. Meet with our provincial counterparts so each member of council can start building relationships with the ministries that dictate so much about how municipalities grow. We have an opportunity to move while other local governments are figuring out where the doors are.*

*I will meet with Rob Katz, CEO of Vail, to share our community commitment to making this place even better for the people who call it home. The RMOW needs to have a strong working relationship with Vail and I am committed to them understanding us as well as possible. Work with the region and the province to deliver regional transit. Expedite the permitting on the new village-based Vail dormitory.*

*I will be asking each member of council to take responsibility for a portfolio. We are fortunate to have elected a Council team with the strengths, experience and background that this group brings to the table.*

*Arthur De Jong: Environment*

*Jen Ford: Social Services & Regional Cooperation*

*Ralph Forsyth: Infrastructure & Community Investment*

*John Grills: Tourism Economy*

*Duane Jackson: Housing*

*Cathy Jewett: Arts, Culture & Heritage*

*There are some things I don't want to wait on and so I have asked Council to call a Special Meeting very soon. At that meeting we will consider creating a Governance Committee with a mandate to do a Public Engagement Review. We want to be better than we have been at listening. We want to seek innovative ways to do it. We will also consider striking a new development corporation using the same mandate and private sector expertise we had from in the WDC. Striking a Strategic Planning Commission: a group that will consider our municipal strategy at the highest level.*

*Garry Watson is not alone in his love affair with Whistler. Whether you are Chief Leonard Andrew who was raised on the shores of Green Lake, hunting and fishing the land his people have for time immemorial. Or you are Ray and Marg Crompton and Howard and Lil Goldsmid who left the North Shore Mountains for real skiing in Whistler. Nancy Wilhelm-Morden who moved to Whistler and lived in a squat that she and Ted built to later become Whistler's first ever female Mayor. Court Larabee who moved west from his home territory to share his love of snowboarding with indigenous children across this country. Or you are Lucy Horn or Julliette Pelchat whose parents chose to raise you in the mountains.*

*We are Whistlerites and we choose this valley and these mountains over any other because they hold such rich history, opportunity and beauty.*

*We are pioneers, innovators and lovers of this place. This group of people, this Council, is committed to fighting hard to ensure the next generation of Whistlerites can continue to choose Whistler. This group will work tirelessly for you. Please hold us to our commitments. Please challenge us. Please correct us. Please cheer us on. Please get on board and push.*

*On behalf of Council, I would like to say thank you. We stand here today humbled by your trust and eager to get to work.*

*It is my honor to serve as your Mayor, thank you.*

Appointments to  
Standing Committees  
of Council

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** members of Council be appointed to the following Standing Committees of Council:

Audit & Finance Standing Committee

John Grills

Duane Jackson

Arthur De Jong



Cheakamus Community Forest	Arthur De Jong John Grills
Environmental Legacy Fund Committee	Arthur De Jong
Municipal Insurance Association	John Grills Jack Crompton Jen Ford
One Whistler	Cathy Jewett
Sea-to-Sky Regional Transit Commission	Jack Crompton
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors	Jen Ford Jack Crompton Cathy Jewett (Alternate) Ralph Forsyth (Alternate)
Tourism Whistler	John Grills
Whistler Animals Galore	Jen Ford
Whistler Arts Council	Cathy Jewett
Whistler Chamber of Commerce	Ralph Forsyth
Whistler Centre for Sustainability	Jack Crompton
Whistler Community Services Society	Jen Ford Ralph Forsyth
Whistler Health Care Foundation	Jen Ford
Whistler Housing Authority	Jen Ford Duane Jackson John Grills
Whistler Museum and Archives Society	Cathy Jewett
Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees	Ralph Forsyth

CARRIED

2019 Council  
 Meetings  
 File No. 3014.02

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

**That** Council endorse the following Regular Meeting Schedule for 2019:

January 8	February 12	March 12
January 22	February 26	March 26
April 9	May 14	June 11
April 30	May 28	June 25
July 9	August 13	September 3
July 23		September 17
October 8	November 5	December 3
October 22	November 19	December 17

CARRIED

Acting Mayor  
Appointments 2018  
File No. 3014.02

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

**That** Council appoint the following Acting Mayors for 2018:

November	Cathy Jewett
December	Cathy Jewett

CARRIED

Acting Mayor  
Appointments 2019  
File No. 3014.02

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

**That** Council appoint the following Acting Mayors for 2019:

January	John Grills
February	John Grills
March	Duane Jackson
April	Duane Jackson
May	Ralph Forsyth
June	Ralph Forsyth
July	Jen Ford
August	Jen Ford
September	Arthur De Jong
October	Arthur De Jong
November	Cathy Jewett
December	Cathy Jewett

CARRIED

**TERMINATION**

Motion to Terminate

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

**That** the Inaugural Council Meeting of November 6, 2018 be terminated at 6:18 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, J. Crompton

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Municipal Clerk, B. Browning