



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TUESDAY MARCH, 7, 2017, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.

In the Franz Wilhelmssen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre – Formerly
Millennium Place
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Mayor: N. Wilhelm-Morden

Councillors: S. Anderson, J. Crompton, J. Ford, J. Grills, A. Janyk,
S. Maxwell

Acting CAO/General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Planning Analyst, R. Licko
Director of Corporate, Economic and Environmental Services, T. Battiston
Economic Development Officer, T. Metcalf
Manager of Resort Parks Planning, M. Pardoe
Manager of Information Technology, K. Ing
Systems Analyst, H. Paul
Capital Projects Supervisor, A. Chalk
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of March 7, 2017.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor S. Anderson
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of February 21, 2017.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Dave Buzzard – 9295 Emerald Drive

Mr. Buzzard informed that there is a report that came out today regarding Uber and how they may be coming into British Columbia if the Liberals win the next election.

Mr. Buzzard asked if Council had pondered any community regulations regarding that.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden replied that it is a bit soon to talk to the Uber issue but that they have talked about the sharing economy over the years and car sharing in the context of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that they have not talked about Uber in any serious way but will in the future.

Alan Whitney – 8452 Matterhorn Drive

Mr. Whitney thanked Council for the consideration given to his letter regarding logging at Wedge Creek which now becomes the issue of long term logging of old growth forest in the community. Mr. Whitney commented that Whistler needs to decide whether they will be a logging community or a recreational community or an accommodation of the two saying this will be left up to this Council and perhaps the next Council. Mr. Whitney noted that all of Council went into the election not in favour of old growth logging. Mr. Whitney commented that we are now starting to log old growth this week in the Wedge Creek area which is an issue. Mr. Whitney questioned why there has been a change in that regard. Mr. Whitney commented that he appreciated Councillor Maxwell's comments at the budget meeting saying that we move forward in a complex way because of our two partners but would like to know whether Council will give consideration to re-looking at the partnership in the short and long run, not in terms of backing out or getting them to change their minds but looking at the long term partnerships with Whistler Blackcomb as a company and with this valley. The logging that will be taking place around the Comfortably Numb trail and all the old growth areas will not put us forward as a recreational community. Mr. Whitney commented that we would do a lot better as a community if we could produce aerial photos which would show what is happening now and over the next 30 years with the community forest saying that the community needs to know what that will look like. Mr. Whitney commented that the maps the Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF) have are difficult to read. It would be a set of photographs that will show what it looks like now and over the coming years.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that she was on the CCF board from 2012 to 2016 commenting that she is well aware of these issues. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she may have misunderstood the first question regarding Mr. Whitney's comment "...that now we are starting with old growth logging". Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there has been no change to logging old growth forests saying we have been doing that all along.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she is not sure if the RMOW knew going into this partnership that there was anything specific about old growth logging at the time but that the community forest has a requirement to log 20,000 cubic metres every year and our forests, as they exist now, can't support that target unless old growth is logged considering that the second growth forests won't be ready for another 20 years or so. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that as far as looking at partnerships there is an opportunity now that we have moved into a Memorandum Of Understanding with the two First Nations, Whistler Blackcomb and the Province to look at a

myriad of things. One of those things may well be the partnership in the CCF and if there are other alternatives available to us that meet the needs of the three partners in the CCF for job creation and job training skills outside of logging. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the existing maps showing where the logging will be taking place are hard to read and it may be helpful if they are displayed in a pictorial fashion rather than mapping which may be helpful. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that whether this community is in favour of logging or not the fact of the matter is we are in a partnership with the two F.N. in the CCF and we need to work with our partners to achieve a solution that satisfies our partners and our community.

Mr. Whitney asked whether this Council would be prepared to go to the Province and just say no as two other Municipalities have recently done. Mr. Whitney asked would Council be prepared to go to our partners and say we are not going to log anymore.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there have been many heated discussions at the board already and over the course of the years but whatever the stance the CCF takes with the Ministry it has to be a united front with the three partners. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we have work to do to establish what that common position will be.

Karin Fecova, – 1245 Mount Fee Road

Ms. Fecova stated she is a resident and co-owner of a home in Cheakamus Crossing.

Ms. Fecova expressed a number of concerns regarding the continuing quarry and asphalt plant operations in the Cheakamus Crossing neighborhood if Whistler Aggregates Ltd.'s request for tenure license is renewed:

- Concern that the quarry is adjacent to the neighbourhood and pollutes the air they breath with dust and toxins.
- Concern that there will be a negative impact on their respiratory system.
- Concerns regarding the trucks that haul crushed gravel and asphalt causing air pollution with dust and toxins as they pass.
- Concerns they compromise the safety of her family as they walk on the bridge that shares the road at the entrance to their neighbourhood.
- The nuisance of constant noises from the quarry during the day including truck beeping and loud crushing rock sounds.
- The unpredictable nuisance of rock blasting that may compromise human safety.

Ms. Fecova questioned what monitoring was done in the past and where the past monitoring location is. Ms. Fecova commented that she was concerned that it was not working properly and not measuring short term peak concentration of pollutants.

Ms. Fecova asked if the RMOW is considering doing more monitoring this summer and whether the RMOW will notify the ministry about the problems with past monitoring and the collected data that is not reflecting immediate effect on the human respiratory system.

James Hallisey, General Manager of Infrastructure Services commented that we have been monitoring since 2010 and that it continues to be updated hourly and that it is available on the website. It has been continually working except for a time when they installed new equipment there about a year ago. It is intended to continue.

Ms. Fecova asked did they consider monitoring on a minute by minute basis in calculating the concentration over a year or 24 hour period that may not be reflective of what somebody can inhale.

James Hallisey informed that the monitoring station actually measures on a minute by minute basis but the provincial guidelines are hourly and daily so the calculations to compare against the provincial guidelines take those one minute measurements and make averages out of them to compare against the provincial standards.

Ms. Fecova asked if it was possible to make public the minute by minute data.

James Hallisey informed that the data is available on the website but if she was not able to download the information that staff would be able to make that available to her.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there will be a report to Council later in the meeting regarding the asphalt plant and quarry lease renewal. The RMOW will be submitting comments to the ministry by March 20. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the RMOW is not the decision makers and suggested that comments be sent to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) flnroseatoskydistrict@gov.bc.ca. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the RMOW's position will be that they do not support the renewal of the lease and that they will be making a forceful argument in that regard. The alternative if the government is going to renew the lease is that they only do it for one year to allow time to complete the comprehensive planning process that staff are doing in the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that unfortunately she did not believe they will be able to convince the provincial government that the continued operation of the quarry and asphalt plant does not constitute a health risk because of air quality as we do not have the data to support that, but if we talk about neighbourhood compatibility we may stand a chance. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she was glad to hear that Ms. Fecova had submitted her concerns and that she could encourage her neighbours to do the same.

John Gillespie - #7-1375 Cloudburst Drive (The Terrace) Cheakamus Crossing.

Mr. Gillespie shared some information regarding his next door neighbor who was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) and is in hospital undergoing treatment. Mr. Gillespie informed that his neighbor moved into Cheakamus Crossing in 2010 as did many other people and that he is a non-smoker. Mr. Gillespie informed that if you go to Wikipedia and look up AML there are a few risk factors that cause this disease one of which is the

chemical Benzene which is also a byproduct of asphalt plant production. Mr. Gillespie commented that he thought this would be important information to share. John Gillespie informed that there are 20 children under the age of 10 in the Terrace buildings alone – nearly as many children as there are units.

Mr. Gillespie commented that he has been there for nearly seven years and that he has a three year old son which luckily means he has only been living there for three years commenting that even one year is one year too many. Mr. Gillespie asked how long do we have to wait for a cluster of AML to show up in the Cheakamus Crossing before anything is done about it? John Gillespie commented that obviously it can't be proved that it is the result of the asphalt plant but there is a good chance. Will Council do everything in their power to make sure that asphalt plant is removed respectfully adding that another year is one too many?

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she agrees with him and that she speaks for Council when she says that they are very opposed to the renewal of the lease for a myriad of reasons. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden expressed sorrow at hearing about the health condition of his neighbor, commenting that Council and staff are doing everything that they can to try and convince the provincial government that it is in nobody's interest to have the lease renewed. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that if he has not already to send his concerns to FLNOR and CC your letters to the Premier, MLA Jordan Sturdy and Minister Steve Thomson and hopefully the right decision will be made.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

A presentation was given by Toni Metcalf, Economic Development Officer regarding an update on the Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden, on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler shared condolences with the family and friends of four people who passed away recently.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared condolences on the passing of Ellen Lanchester. Ellen lived in Whistler for many years. She is survived by her brother Arnold, her children Frank Junior, Patrick, Doreen and her foster daughter Shelley, as well as her grandchildren Kristofer and Nicholas. A service will be held on March 11 in Vancouver and Ellen's celebration of life will be in Whistler on July 15.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared condolences on the passing of Kieran McDonogh, who died while snowboarding in an out-of-bounds area on Whistler Mountain.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared condolences on the passing of Corey Lynam, who died in an avalanche in the Callaghan area on Saturday.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden also shared condolences on the tragic passing of the 14-year-old student from Abbotsford's MEI Secondary school, who died on Blackcomb Mountain on Friday.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the 175 individuals who attended the Budget Community Meeting on February 28 along with 32 children who attended that meeting. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it was an excellent meeting and council and staff really appreciated the turnout and the input from everyone. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that feedback and questions are being carefully considered by staff, the Audit and Finance Committee as well as Council as we decide on the RMOW's work plans and budget. You can find the meeting presentations and displays as well as videos of the meeting at whistler.ca/budget.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Laura Bifano on winning the Street Banner Competition. Laura's images feature scenes of Black Tusk, Ancient Cedars, Alexander Falls and Brandywine Meadows. The winning banner set will be displayed from May until October this year and over the same months in 2018.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that Whistler residents are invited to help name the two new neighbourhood parks in the Rainbow neighbourhood. The winner of the contest will have the name they suggested used, and also win a one-month pass to Meadow Park Sports Centre. The contest will open on Monday, March 13 and all entries must be submitted by March 31 at midnight. Find out more at whistler.ca/parksnaming.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the RMOW's Spring Summer Recreation Guide will be available online from Thursday, March 9. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that this guide details the array of classes and programs available within Whistler to all ages. New programs this year include:

- Adult beginner swimming lessons
- A Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course
- The Roll Model Method of stretching
- Revive classes for balanced training
- A pilates and yoga class for postpartum women and those recovering from injuries
- And two additional running programs: one for beginner runners as well as a Runners Boot Camp

Resident registration for programs begins on March 19. See whistler.ca/recreation.

In response to some questions from the community, Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared this year's Cheakamus Community Forest logging plans for the Wedge .02 area near the Comfortably Numb trail which began last week. The Wedge .02 project logging contains six openings ranging from .6 to 4.1 hectares. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that no harvesting will take place over the Comfortably Numb trail, but trees will be selectively removed in four places within fifteen metres of one side of the trail. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden was advised that this logging won't be visible from Alpine, Wedgewood Estates, Rainbow or most of Emerald Estates. Of the more

than 33,000 hectares allocated for the Cheakamus Community Forest, approximately 15,000 hectares are protected through a variety of legal and voluntary mechanisms from being commercially harvested. All plans are available at cheakamuscommunityforest.com. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there will be briefing note that will be taking place on the site tomorrow which will provide more answers as to what the Cheakamus Community Forest does and some of the concerns and issues facing it right now.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the British Columbia government has announced a new safety improvement plan for the Lions Bay section of the Sea-to-Sky Highway. A 1.4 kilometre concrete median barrier will be installed where there is currently a landscaped median. The concrete barrier is designed to prevent crossover accidents, such as head-on collisions, and will have reflector strips to improve visibility. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is investing \$800,000 in the project. Installation of the barrier begins in April 2017 and will be completed in the fall. In addition to the concrete barrier, the Ministry is:

- Looking at ways to improve the incident management protocol for Highway 99
- To speed up re-opening following an incident
- Installing a new webcam on the highway at Lions Bay
- And improving street lights through the area.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Brad Sills for winning the provincial Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer of the Year award for his contribution to Search and Rescue. Brad will be honoured at an awards ceremony at the provincial Legislature on March 9. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that he will also be given a tour of the Parliament Buildings and lunch with the Honourable Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Province of British Columbia and Whistler Blackcomb entered into agreements with the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations as part of Whistler Blackcomb's new 60-year Master Development Agreements. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that these agreements are important for the resort to invest in its product that in turn supports tourism in Whistler. In addition, the Province, the RMOW, Whistler Blackcomb and the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations have entered into a memorandum of understanding on how to work together moving forward. Council participated in the celebration at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre on Friday, February 24, which involved representatives from all parties. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it was a very positive event and marked an important day in regional relationships. The Lil'wat and Squamish Nations gave the Municipality a beautiful gift during the ceremony. A carving created by Richard Baker that depicts the bear and the beaver. The carving is displayed in the front entrance of municipal hall.

Councillor Grills congratulated Marielle Thompson for her 7th gold medal of the season. As well she picked up her 3rd Crystal Globe as this year's world champion in skier cross.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Artificial Turf Field
Project Update
Report No.17-017
File No. 8516

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Information Report to Council No.17-017 regarding an update to the artificial turf field project be received.

CARRIED

Whistler.ca Update
Report No.17-024
File No. 4956

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Information Report to Council No.17-024 regarding Whistler.ca be received.

CARRIED

The Civic Platform
Project Status Report
Report No.17-018
File No. 4028.01

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That Information Report to Council No. 17-018 regarding the Status of the Civic Platform Project be received.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CM 79 – 3828 Sunridge
Drive Covenant
Modification
Report No.17-019
File No. CM 79

Moved by Councillor S. Anderson
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That the development covenant registered on the title of 3828 Sunridge Drive as BJ342502 be modified to amend the building envelope for the property by 1.8 metres for a proposed pool/ hot tub development as shown in the proposed building envelope plan attached to Administrative Report to Council No. 17- 019 as Appendix B; and further,

That Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the covenant modification.

CARRIED

LLR 128 - Conference
Centre Extension of
Hours for WSSF Event
Report No.17-020
File No. LLR 128

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council authorize hours of liquor sale to 4:00 a.m. on the night of Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Whistler Conference Centre for a special World Ski & Snowboard Festival event

CARRIED

Whistler Aggregate Ltd.
– Tenure Renewal
Report No.17-022
File No. 2401480

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That Council direct staff to respond to the Crown referral (file 2401480) and state the RMOW's opposition to the renewal of gravel quarry License 240035 located adjacent to the residential neighborhood of Cheakamus Crossing,

That notwithstanding the opposition, if the tenure is to be renewed the term of the License should be significantly reduced to a one (1) year period from the requested thirty (30) years; and further

That if the existing tenure is to be renewed, the boundary should be modified to increase the tree buffer and operational setback from the adjacent residential neighborhood.

CARRIED

UBCM Bid
Opportunities
Report No.17-021
File No. 2014.34

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Council direct staff to submit a bid for the Resort Municipality of Whistler to host the 2020, 2022, 2024 and 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conventions; and further,

That should the bid be successful, Council accept the host responsibilities on behalf of the Resort Municipality of Whistler as outlined in Administrative Report to Council No.17-021.

CARRIED

Accommodation Tax
Request Bylaw No.
2134, 2017
Report No.17-023
File No. 2014.34

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to Accommodation Tax Request Bylaw No. 2134, 2017.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Transit Management
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That minutes of the Transit Management Advisory Committee meeting of May 19, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Advisory Design Panel

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That minutes of the Advisory Design Panel Committee meeting of November 11, 2016 and January 18, 2017 be received.

CARRIED

Transportation Advisory
Group

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group Workshop 7 meeting of January 5, 2017 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Accommodation Tax
Request Bylaw No.
2134, 2017

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Accommodation Tax Request Bylaw No. 2134, 2017 receive first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (In-Ground
Basement GFA
Exclusion) No. 2132,
2016

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw (In-Ground Basement GFA Exclusion) No. 2132, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sustainable Growth in
Whistler
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That correspondence from Rhonda Millikin dated February 21, 2017, regarding concerns for sustainable growth in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Conference Centre
Parkade Concerns
File No. 4715

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Jessica Deinum dated February 25, 2017, regarding concerns with the condition and security of the Conference Centre parkade be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Human Values Day
Proclamation
3009.1

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Ron Naidoo dated February 25, 2017, requesting that April 24, 2017 be proclaimed Human Values Day be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

Logging in Wedge Creek
Concerns
File No. 8370

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Alan Whitney dated February 25, 2017, regarding his concerns for the scheduled logging cuts in the Wedge Area and requesting that the plan for logging be stopped be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the March 7, 2017 Council meeting at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek