



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

**In the Franz Wilhelmsen 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

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Acting General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, K. Roggeman
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Fire Chief, G. Playfair
Manager of Development Services, J. Ertel
Environmental Stewardship Manager, H. Beresford
Planner, F. Savage
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of January 24, 2017.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of January 10, 2017.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Eric Baumann, 54-2400 Cavendish Way, Whistler

Mr. Baumann informed that his question is regarding the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion project commenting that this is not a done deal despite the federal government giving its approval of the project.

Mr. Baumann commented that there is a lot of opposition to this project in British Columbia and that tourism orientated municipalities are very concerned how this project will affect their economies.

Mr. Baumann asked would Council be open to formulating a motion in regards to the support of BC Municipalities that are opposing the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that there will be a letter coming up later in the meeting under "Other Business" which asks us to do just what Mr. Baumann proposed. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that Council postponed consideration of this letter at the January 10, 2017 Council meeting until today to obtain more information. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there will be a motion to receive that letter under Other Business and a motion at that time to perhaps do what you have requested. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged Mr. Baumann to stay for the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that in the Closed meeting earlier in the day, Council appointed Natasha Dudley to the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee as member-at-large for a two-year term. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the applicants who applied and thanked Natasha for stepping up and joining the committee.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the more than 200 people who attended the Transportation Community Forum on January 17. The forum covered the Transportation Advisory Group's (TAG) extensive research over the past year and proposed future plans to address Whistler's transportation challenges. After the presentations around half the people stayed to discuss and refine the 2017 draft actions as well as look at the medium and long-term list of ideas. The forum presentation and action items are posted on whistler.ca/movingwhistler. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that there is also a survey on this page for the public to submit feedback about TAG's action plans. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the 372 people who filled out the survey so far. This feedback, along with information from the forum discussions, will be used to finalize the 2017 action plan, as well as to draft medium and long-term plans.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Whistler's tenth annual Community Life Survey is underway, and over half of the phone surveys of three hundred full-time and two hundred part-time people have been completed. Surveys of two hundred seasonal residents will begin during the first week of February at select locations throughout the community. An online version of the survey will also be available beginning next week. Find past survey results and more information at whistler.ca/survey. The Community Life Survey research guides decision making by helping the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) to monitor trends and performance.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked that you save the date for the Budget Community Meeting February 28. RMOW staff are continuing to work on proposed 2017 project and operating budgets for review by the Audit and Finance Committee and Council in early February. Planning is also underway

for a budget community meeting on the evening of Tuesday, February 28 at Maury Young Arts Centre. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that as always, visit whistler.ca/budget for updates, and feel free to contact members of Council or staff with any budget questions by email at budget@whistler.ca.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the RMOW has completed a number of water infrastructure initiatives. The two-year Alpine Meadows Water Main Replacement Project is done and municipal roads in the neighbourhood will be paved in the summer.

The new water main has :

- improved water quality, pressure and flow
- and reduced energy use and chemical use

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that five additional fire hydrants were installed. Homeowners in Alpine Meadows who are interested in paying to have their utility lines underground, can find out more on whistler.ca/paving2017.

The Alpine Reservoir Level Control Project is also complete after new valves were installed to control water supply to the Alpine Meadows neighbourhood. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that these improvements will allow the water supply to switch automatically from 21 Mile Creek to groundwater wells, especially during times when 21 Mile Creek is turbid. The Olympic Reservoir Reconstruction Project on Whistler Mountain is complete and the new Singing Pass Reservoir is in use. There is also a Fitzsimmons Valve Station at the Gondola Transit Exchange. The new reservoir was necessary because the Olympic Reservoir had neared the end of its life and did not meet current seismic structural standards. Improvements have been made to the Rainbow Lake Trail to protect the 21 Mile Creek watershed. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the RMOW Parks and Trail Department:

- rerouted part of the trail away from wetlands
- added signage
- constructed a boardwalk and new outhouses.

Future recreational development in the area will focus on minimizing the chance of water contamination.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that this week is the twenty-fifth annual Whistler Pride and Ski Festival. The festival is the first in the world to have a Pride Parade down a ski slope and to proclaim pride week at a mountain resort. The RMOW invested funding from the Province of British Columbia in the Whistler Pride Night of Comedy which takes place tomorrow night, Wednesday, January 25. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that you will also find the gazebo at Town Plaza, and Fitzsimmons Creek covered bridge beside Rebagliati Park lit up with lights that rotate through the Pride rainbow colours. You can find out more details about the event at gaywhistler.com.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Measuring Up Select Committee of Council is looking for volunteers to advise on accessibility and inclusion in Whistler. Interested candidates should have first-hand knowledge of the issues and challenges facing persons with disabilities living in and visiting Whistler; such as individuals with disabilities, caregivers and professionals

who specialized in inclusion and accessibility. To find out more, visit whistler.ca/committees.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that on January 23, the RMOW received a provincial referral for a tenure renewal for Whistler Aggregates Ltd. The gravel quarry licence is also home to the Alpine Paving asphalt plant. The current licence expires on March 1, 2017, and will continue on a month by month basis until the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations makes its final decision on the replacement tenure. The RMOW will be compiling a response summarizing our opposition to this renewal. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked that if anyone has a view as to what is to be done there you can contact Dave Southam with Ministry of Forests in Squamish or Jordan Sturdy our MLA.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation had a successful weekend event. Councillor Grills reported that the event was very well done and highly successful. The event was sold out and had a fundraising goal of \$350,000 which Councillor Grills reported they will likely meet or exceed that figure. Councillor Grills commented that people were very generous at the silent auction tables and the live auction. Councillor Grills congratulated all the businesses both local and in Vancouver, volunteers and staff who contributed to the event as well to Whistler Blackcomb for hosting. Councillor Maxwell thanked people at one event who generously donated money at the coat check. Donations went towards the Whistler Library.

Councillor Maxwell reported there was a meeting of BC Municipal Climate Leaders which outlined what the impact of the National Plan on climate change could mean for the municipality. Councillor Maxwell commented that there is potential funding available to municipalities in the future and that if they can show they have shovel ready projects then they are more likely to access that funding.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Cheakamus Crossing
District Energy System -
Energy Study Program
Report No. 17- 002
File No. 420.2

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

That Information Report No. 17- 002 regarding the Cheakamus Crossing District Energy System - Energy Study Program be received.

CARRIED

RMOW Wildfire
Protection Strategy
Report No. 17- 004
File No. 8337

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

That the RMOW Wildfire Protection Strategy be received by Council.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

LLR 1271 – Bar Oso
New Liquor Primary
Patio
Report No. 17- 003

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

File No. LLR 1271

That Council pass the resolutions attached as Appendix “A” to Administrative Report to Council No. 17-003 providing Council’s recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regarding an Application from Bar Oso for a Structural Change to Liquor Primary Licence No. 162781 to add a new outdoor patio with an occupant load of eight persons; and further

That Council pass the resolutions attached as Appendix “B” to Administrative Report to Council No. 17- 003 providing Council’s recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regarding an Application from Bar Oso for a Structural Change to Liquor Primary Licence No. 162781 to increase the upper floor interior occupant load from 28 to 30 persons and to decrease the lower floor occupant load from 70 to 62 persons.

Opposed: Councillor S. Maxwell

CARRIED

FireSmart Grant
Application
Report No. 17 – 006
File No. 8337.01

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

That Council support the UBCM FireSmart grant application to further develop the FireSmart program in Whistler. The FireSmart program, delivered by the FireSmart Coordinator, will include delivering public education, conducting site visits and community assessments, make recommendations on FireSmart plans for specific areas and assist property owners in coordinating FireSmart activities.

CARRIED

RMOW Appointments to
Whistler Valley Housing
Society
Report No. 17- 005
File No. 7224

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

That Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW), re-appoints Jonathan Decaigny, Cheryl Skribe, Gord Low and Marla Zucht as the four RMOW appointees to the Whistler Valley Housing Society (WVHS).

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Liquor Licence Advisory
Committee (LLAC)

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

That minutes of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee (LLAC) meeting of November 10, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Transportation Advisory
Group Workshop

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

That minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group Workshop 6 meeting of November 8, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

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 receive third reading.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Kinder Morgan Pipeline
Expansion
Correspondence

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

That Council receive the correspondence from Angela Mellor, dated January 2, 2017 requesting that Council consider making a motion to declare opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

Notwithstanding the fact that the federal government has approved the twinning of the Kinder Morgan pipeline and the five conditions set by the provincial government have been met, be it resolved that Whistler remains concerned regarding increased tanker traffic on the west coast and the potentially negative impacts an oil spill would have on the environment and tourism and further that we write to both the federal and provincial governments and advise them of our concerns.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Compost Bins in
Whistler
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Correspondence from Ben Brownlie dated January 12, 2017, requesting that Council consider putting compost bins throughout Whistler Village be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Recycling Bins in
Whistler
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Jade Quinn-McDonald and Camie Matteau Rushbrook dated January 12, 2017, requesting that donation bins be placed around Whistler to make donating more accessible be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Bear Awareness
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Kaitlyn Hill and Erin Wilson dated January 12, 2017, requesting that signs and brochures with bear awareness information be put up and distributed around Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Heating Bus Stations
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That correspondence from Luana Kodato dated January 12, 2017, requesting that heaters be installed inside bus shelters to make transportation users more comfortable during the winter months be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Transportation
Observations
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Mike Suggett dated January 12, 2017, regarding his observations around Whistler Transportation be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Earthquake Early
Warning System
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Iain Weir Jones, President Weir-Jones Engineering Consultants Ltd. dated January 12, 2017, regarding their earthquake advanced warning systems be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Whistler Pride Week
25th Annual
Proclamation
File No. 3009.1

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

That correspondence from Dean Nelson dated January 17, 2017, requesting that Council proclaim January 22 – 29, 2017 “Pride Week” and to help celebrate 25 years of Pride in Whistler and full equal human rights for all Canadians be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

Kinder Morgan Pipeline
Expansion Opposition
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Hal Mehlenbacher dated January 18, 2017, requesting that Council support not backing the Kinder Morgan mandate be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the January 24, 2017 Council meeting at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek