



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 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

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey  
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey  
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail  
Acting General Manager of Resort Experience, M. Kirkegaard  
Director of Finance, K. Roggeman  
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek  
Recording Secretary, M. Kish  
Deputy Fire Chief, C. Nelson  
RCMP Officer In Charge, Inspector K. Triance  
RCMP Inspector, N. Cross

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**That** Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of January 10, 2017.  
CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

**That** Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of December 20, 2016 as amended by removing the duplicated words “be received” under Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Letter to the Province – Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) and Garibaldi at Squamish Project in the correspondence section.

CARRIED

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

*There were no questions from the public.*

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

### **Fireplace and Heating Safety**

A presentation was given by Chris Nelson, Deputy Fire Chief regarding Fireplace and Heating Safety.

### **New Year's Eve Activities**

A presentation by Inspector, Kara Triance, Officer In Charge for the Sea to Sky RCMP Detachment regarding Whistler's New Year's Eve Activities.

*Mayor Wilhelm-Morden called a five minute recess at 5:46 p.m.*

*Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reconvened the meeting at 5:48 p.m.*

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler Mayor Wilhelm-Morden acknowledged outgoing Inspector Neil Cross' years of service with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as the Officer in Charge for the Sea to Sky Detachment and presented him with a certificate of service. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked Neil for his leadership, for his community service and congratulated him on his promotion wishing him luck and all the best in his new area of practice.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that in the Closed meeting of Council earlier in the day, Council made several committee appointments. The following members have been appointed to the Advisory Design Panel:

- Zora Katic, Tony Kloepfer and Brigitte Loranger as the three professional architects
- Julian Pattison and Kristina Salin and as the two professional landscape architects
- Dale Mikkelsen as the professional land developer
- Ryley Thiessen and Pat Wotherspoon as the two regular public-at-large members

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that members have also been selected to the Technology Advisory Committee, which is a new committee created late in 2016. These members have been appointed by their organizations:

- Jamie Clark, Whistler Blackcomb
- Tim Bonnell, Tourism Whistler
- Andrew Wilson, Whistler Sports Legacies Society
- Heather Paul, Arts Whistler
- Nick Papoutsis, Whistler Chamber of Commerce
- Kerry Ing, RMOW

Kirk Hulse has been appointed by Council as the member-at-large representative. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden on behalf of the RMOW thanked everyone who serves on our committees providing invaluable insight, expertise and contributions to municipal plans and initiatives.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that initiatives of the Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing have continued to move forward. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Whistler 2020 Development Corporation is transferring a lot in Cheakamus Crossing to the Whistler Housing Authority to develop a third rental housing project. There is currently one Whistler Housing Authority rental building under construction on Cloudburst Drive, which will be completed in

2017. Designs are underway for a second rental building beside it. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it is hoped that with a third building, Whistler Housing Authority will add a total of two hundred and fifty new beds to Whistler's employee housing inventory. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Home Run program is a new program that matches property owners with business owners to secure housing for their teams. Home Run now has fourteen interested property owners and twenty-eight applications from business owners. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it is a significant uptake in a short period of time. The properties range from single bedrooms to studio condos to a five-bedroom single family house. Businesses require housing for their employees ranging from management to seasonal team members. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged property owners to sign up for a portion of a season or longer. It is a simple, hassle free way to lease direct to business. The Mayor's task force has also increased investigations and enforcement of property owners who illegally use their residential homes for tourist rentals and there will be more moving forward.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden observed that Whistler had a busy holiday season. The Whistler Presents New Year's Eve event sold over one thousand, five hundred wristbands to the Maury Young Arts Centre and Whistler Conference Centre indoor venues that held family friendly programming. Skating at Whistler Olympic Plaza was popular too. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that almost eight hundred and fifty pairs of skates were rented during the 12 hours skating was available and a large number of skaters brought their own skates. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that thousands of people attended the free special edition Fire and Ice show with fireworks at midnight.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that traffic control personnel were used on Sunday and will be used again this Sunday to reduce congestion south-bound from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The RMOW and Whistler Blackcomb have partnered to station these personnel along Highway 99 at the Lake Placid Road, Bayshores Drive, and Alta Lake Road intersections. The public is advised to be aware that this is a busy time on the roads and to plan accordingly.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the community is invited to a Transportation Community Forum on Tuesday, January 17 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Grand Foyer of the Whistler Conference Centre. The forum will cover:

- upcoming transportation plans
- review the research on Whistler's highways, roads, parking and transit; and
- allow the community to share input

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that RMOW employees and Transportation Advisory Group Select Committee of Council members will be available to answer questions. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that this is an excellent opportunity to be part of the conversation about Whistler's transportation future. Activities for children and refreshments will be provided throughout the evening. Find out more details at [whistler.ca/movingwhistler](http://whistler.ca/movingwhistler).

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that two of Whistler's Council-appointed committees are searching for new volunteers. The Whistler Bear Advisory

Committee is looking for one member to serve for a two-year term. Interested volunteers should have an interest and background in bear or wildlife management. The application deadline is before 12:00 p.m. on January 13. The Measuring Up Select Committee of Council is looking for volunteers to advise on accessibility and inclusion in Whistler. Interested candidates should have a first-hand knowledge of the issues and challenges facing persons with disabilities living 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](http://whistler.ca/committees).

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden on behalf of council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler shared condolences with the family and friends of John Halstead following his passing on December 21. In particular John's wife of 60 years, Kaye, his daughter Karen Playfair and son-in-law Geoff, as well as grandchildren Brooke and Raine. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that John was one of Vancouver's skiing pioneers and a competitive ski jumper. He skied at Hollyburn Mountain from the 1940s until the 1960s, and then moved to skiing Whistler Mountain when it first opened. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that John was also an active member of Whistler's Alta Lake Ski Club in the 1980s and that he served the West Vancouver fire department for 30 years before retiring in 1990 and moving to Whistler full time to live in Alpine Meadows.

Councillor Janyk thanked and congratulated the employees and residents of Whistler for supporting a very busy Christmas season. Councillor Janyk commented that what she hears from guests is that Whistler is outstanding and that the service and friendliness is something they have never seen before.

*At 6:00 p.m. a Public Hearing was held for Zoning Amendment Bylaw (In-Ground Basements GFA Exclusion) No. 2132, 2016.*

*At 6:05 p.m. the meeting resumed.*

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Q3 Financial Report  
Report No. 17-001  
File No. 4527

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

**That** Council receive Information Report No. 17- 001 Quarterly Financial Report for the six months ended September 30, 2016.

CARRIED

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Whistler Bear Advisory  
Committee

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell  
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

**That** minutes of the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee meeting of November 9, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Forest and Wildland  
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor S. Anderson  
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

**That** minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of November 9, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

## BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

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

*No action was taken regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (In-Ground Basements GFA Exclusion) No. 2132, 2016.*

## OTHER BUSINESS

*There were no items of Other Business.*

## CORRESPONDENCE

Mons Valley Trail Tree  
Buffer and Senior Help  
File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Jim Horner, dated December 15, 2016, requesting that a buffer of trees be planted in front of the Rainbow Sub-Station up to Mons and that funding be considered to help seniors be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Bullying Canada  
Financial Donation  
Request  
File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Rob Benn-Frenette, Co-Executive Director and Co-Founder of Bullying Canada dated December 19, 2016 requesting that Council consider making a donation to Bullying Canada to support flagship programs be received.

CARRIED

Artificial Turf Field Cost  
Concerns  
File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Daniel Jonckheere, dated December 21, 2016, regarding the high cost of a proposed artificial turf field be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Feedback Invitation for  
Rural Education Strategy  
File No. 9004

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

**That** correspondence from Deputy Minister Jacqueline Dawes, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and responsible for TransLink dated December 21, 2016, seeking public input on rural education to better understand the needs of students, parents, schools and communities in rural British Columbia be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Spearhead Huts Project  
Support  
File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Herbert Vesely, dated December 29, 2016, regarding his endorsement of the Spearhead Huts Project be received.

CARRIED

Kinder Morgan Pipeline  
Expansion Motion  
Request  
File No. 3009

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

Correspondence from Angela Mellor, dated January 2, 2017, requesting that Council consider making a motion to declare opposition to the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion be tabled in order for Council to receive more information for consideration.

CARRIED

Spearhead Huts Project  
Opposition  
File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Craig Havas, dated January 3, 2017, regarding his opposition to the RMOW providing support and funding to the Spearhead Huts Project be received.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council adjourn the January 10, 2017 Council meeting at 6:22 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

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Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek