



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016, 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, B. Andrea
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Emergency Program Coordinator, E. Marriner
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council agenda of December 20, 2016 2016.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of December 6, 2016.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Whistler Parking Study

A presentation was given by Richard Drdul, of Drdul Community Transportation Planning, regarding the 2016 Whistler Parking Study.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler expressed her condolences with the family and friends of Mickey Harkins who passed away on December 8. Mickey moved to Whistler in his twenties and worked as a night club sound technician and ski instructor. He was an athlete in the Sunday night Fire and Ice Show for many years. The family held a celebration of life at the Whistler Brewing Co. on December 14.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing has continued to be very active and updated out on a couple of areas: Last Thursday, the task force, which represents a wide range of community and business sector, and the Whistler Housing Authority launched Home Run: a new program aimed at matching business owners with property owners. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that Home Run is designed to help local business owners find stable, affordable rental accommodation for their workforce and it offers home owners a streamlined, low-risk option to earn rental income from their vacant properties. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden continued that since the program was launched on December 15, nine businesses have submitted applications. These businesses represent more than 60 employees. Three property owners have expressed interest. Whistler Housing Authority is administering the program. For more information and to sign up, visit whistlerhousing.ca.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that Illegal nightly rentals is one of the trends we are seeing in the changing use of properties in Whistler's residential neighbourhoods. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden continued that it is one of the many contributing factors to the reduction in inventory of rentals for the people who work to keep our successful community and tourism economy ticking. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that one myth that the task force would like to dispel is that it is okay to rent out for 30 days in residential neighbourhoods. That is not the case, residential neighbourhoods are zoned for living, not tourists and the RMOW will be stepping up enforcement. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden encouraged people to familiarize themselves with what is allowed in their neighbourhood and encouraged everyone to check whistler.ca for more information including an online zoning map and ongoing updates about housing initiatives.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that with the heavy snowfalls and cold weather experienced in the past couple of weeks, there has been a lot of discussion in the community about highway travel and challenges with congestion and road maintenance. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that as part of the extensive work the RMOW have been doing on transportation planning and improvements, we are very aware of transportation matters within and outside of our jurisdiction. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden clarified that the municipality is not responsible for road clearing or maintenance on the

highway. The highway is a provincial road and they are responsible for paving, snow clearing, salt, sand and other maintenance. The Province is our partner and we and others have been in touch with them to highlight the issues. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that we expect to see improved winter maintenance practices on the highway within Whistler. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that we have also been in discussions with them regarding additional minor refinements on highway light timing to ensure the most efficient traffic flow during peak periods. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that on another unrelated traffic management update that the RMOW is working with Whistler Blackcomb to implement traffic control people in heavy congestion areas during peak travel periods. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden encouraged everyone to be aware of conditions and peak travel times and sign up for Drive BC alerts and check updates and highway webcams.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that we received 66 entries for the Whistler Transit's 25th anniversary Whistler Transit Tales contest and the submissions were fantastic. The first place prize goes to Suzy B. for her entry: "When my daughter, Annika, was about two, we were riding the bus from the Village to Creekside. She loved the "Wheels on the Bus" song, so we were singing that quietly. We were up front near the driver, and the bus was mostly empty. The driver must have heard us, because when we got to "The horn on the bus goes....", the driver beeped his horn for "beep, beep, beep". Annika was thrilled—the bus driver made her day! Thank you Whistler Transit! Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that she wins a six-month pass, which includes the family travel program. Pass holders are able to bring up to three children under the age of twelve with them on the bus for free. The runners up were Tash B. and Mary Ann C. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the winners will be contacted by the RMOW to receive their prizes and thanked everyone for participating.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that the winter and holiday season is underway in Whistler with a variety of programs. Outdoor skating at Whistler Olympic Plaza has been open since December 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. The Snow Zone is open next to the skating and Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden encouraged everyone to come out and bring their toboggans. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Family Après began yesterday and continues on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Whistler Olympic Plaza until March 29 and offers a variety of outdoor activities and entertainment for children. The Whistler Holiday Experience is open at the Whistler Conference Centre from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily until December 30, except on December 25 and offers indoor family activities. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that New Year's Eve celebrations for children ages 3 to 12 will run at two Village venues, the Whistler Conference Centre and Maury Young Arts Centre from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that a special Fire and Ice Show with fireworks will be held at Skier's Plaza. For more information go to whistler.ca.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden updated that the Lost Lake cross country ski and snowshoe trails opened on December 14. There are six kilometres of cross country ski trails and six kilometres of snowshoe trails are currently available.

The trails are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and more trails will be available as the snow accumulates. For more information, visit whistler.ca/crosscountry.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that a full winter transit service has been offered since December 10. And that an increased holiday service will be offered from December 19 to January 3. There will also be free rides on New Year's Eve starting from 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. For more information visit bctransit.com/whistler.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden offered congratulations to the five Whistler businesses nominated for the Small Business BC Awards. These are:

- Alta Bistro
- Canada's Best Apps
- Lighthouse Visionary Strategies
- RDC Fine Homes Inc.
- Whistler Photo Safaris Ltd.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden wished the best of luck to each of these businesses in the semi-finals and finals of the competition.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that Municipal Hall will have reduced hours over the holidays. The hall will close at noon on December 23 and 30 and will be closed December 26, 27 and January 2. Meadow Park Sports Centre has reduced hours on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1. You can see for more details at whistler.ca/recreation.

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Whistler Public Library also has reduced hours on December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1. Go to whistlerlibrary.ca for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

BC Transit SmartBus
Real-Time Technology
Memorandum of
Understanding
Report No. 16-135
File No. 536

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

That Council authorize the General Manager of Infrastructure Services to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 31, 2016 regarding the SmartBus Real-Time Technology as attached in Appendix A to Administrative Report to Council No.16-135.

CARRIED

Comprehensive
Emergency
Management Plan –
Flood Hazard Specific
Guide
Report No. 16-134
File No. 850

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

That Council endorse the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan – Flood Hazard Specific Guide, attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report to Council 16-134.

CARRIED

Emergency Planning
Committee –Terms Of
Reference Update
Report No. 16-133
File No. 850

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

That Council approves the Emergency Planning Committee Draft Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report to Council 16-133.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Emergency Planning
Committee

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

That the minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee meeting of May 24, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Solid Waste/Recycling
Rates Amendment
Bylaw (Tipping Fees)
No. 2133, 2016

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

That Solid Waste/Recycling Rates Amendment Bylaw (Tipping Fees) No. 2133, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Communities On The
Move Declaration

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council endorse the Communities on the Move Declaration.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Small Business BC
Awards - Whistler
Nominations
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Mark Blendheim, Communications Manager for Small Business BC dated November 24, 2016 and December 13, 2016, regarding Small Business BC Award nominations for Whistler Businesses and two businesses making it to the semi-finals be received.

CARRIED

Solana Residence in
Rainbow Parking Issues
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Leslie McGregor dated December 3, 2016, regarding the lack of parking available for residents and guests at the Solana residences in the Rainbow subdivision be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Parking Issues and
Suggestions for Lot 10
in Rainbow
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Katrina Strand dated December 5, 2016, regarding the decision to block off Lot 10 for overflow parking for Solana and Rainbow residents and requesting solutions for the issue be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Northern
Woods and Water
Highway Promotion
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Dale Harrison, President Northern Woods and Water Highway Association dated December 2, 2016, asking if there is interest for Whistler to be included in the re-established Northern Woods and Water Highway route be received.

CARRIED

Call to Ban Leg-hold
Traps
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Judy Fyfe dated December 8, 2016, requesting support for an initiative to ban leg-hold traps be received.

CARRIED

A Day For Our Common
Future support for a
National Proclamation
File No. 3009.1

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

That correspondence from Laurie Gourlay, President of Vancouver Island and Coast Conservation Society dated December 13, 2016, requesting support from Council for December 11, 2017 to be proclaimed nationally as "A Day For Our Common Future" be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

Pedestrian Crossing at
Village Gate Boulevard
and Highway 99 Safety
Issues
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Paul Austin dated December 13, 2016, requesting that better signage and lighting be installed at the pedestrian crossing at Village Gate Boulevard and Highway 99 be received and referred to staff and to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI).

CARRIED

Squamish Lillooet
Regional District (SLRD)
Letter to the Province –
Regional Growth
Strategy (RGS) and
Garibaldi at Squamish
Project
File No. 7511.2

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

That correspondence from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District dated December 14, 2016 to Minister Mary Polak and Minister Steve Thomson regarding the Regional Growth Strategy and Garibaldi at Squamish Project be received and endorsed.

CARRIED

The duplicated words "be received" were removed as per the adoption of the minutes amended at the January 10, 2017 Regular Council Meeting.

Community Enrichment
Program Report Backs
File No. 3004

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

That the 2016 Community Enrichment Program report backs from the following organizations:

- AWARE – Nature Based Programs
- AWARE– Zero Waste Stations
- Get Bear Smart
- Whistler Naturalists Society
- Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council
- North Shore Schizophrenia Society
- Community Foundation of Whistler – Vital Signs
- Community Foundation of Whistler – Community Group Needs Assessment and Asset Mapping
- Sea to Sky Community Services Society – Whistler Parent and Tot Drop-In
- Whistler Forest School Society
- Whistlers Forest School society
- Howe Sound Women's Centre Society
- Zero Ceiling Society of Canada
- Whistler Multicultural Network (WMN)
- Howe Sound Women's Centre Society – Children, Youth and Family Counselling
- Whistler Writing Society
- Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society
- Whistler Minor Hockey Association
- Whistler Nordics Ski Club
- Whistler Sailing Association
- Whistler Sea Wolves Swim Club
- Whistler Youth Soccer Club
- The Point Artist-Run Centre Society
- Whistler Children's Chorus

be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the December 20, 2016 Council meeting at 6.24 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek