

WHISTLER

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Council agenda of November 15, 2016.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the following minutes:

- Regular Council minutes of November 1, 2016
- Public Hearing minutes of November 1, 2016

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Athletic Achievement
Certificate for Finn Iles

A presentation by Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden regarding a certificate of athletic achievement for Finn Iles.

MAYOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION REPORTS

Solid Waste Bylaw
Update
Report No. 16-122
File No. 6700

A presentation by municipal staff.

That Information Report No. 16-122 regarding an update on the progress on a new solid waste bylaw be received.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

RZ 1077 - Gross Floor
Area Exclusion
Regulations
Report No. 16-123
File No. RZ 1077

A presentation by municipal staff.

That Council direct staff to prepare and bring forward for Council's consideration a zoning amendment bylaw to amend the gross floor area exclusion for basement areas for single family and duplex dwellings to restrict the exclusion to those

portions of the basement that are deemed to be in the ground, as described in Administrative Report to Council No. 16-123.

Project Funding
Application - Clean
Water and Wastewater
Fund
Report No. 16-124
File No. 155

A presentation by municipal staff.

That Council endorse applications to the Canada-British Columbia Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for funding assistance for the Spring Creek Booster Station and the Emerald UV Disinfection System projects as set out in the 2013 – 2015 Five-Year Financial Plan.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Advisory Design Panel
(ADP)

Minutes of the Advisory Design Panel Committee meeting of August 17, 2016.

Transportation Advisory
Group (TAG)

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group Workshop 5 of September 22, 2016.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (Liquor Retail
Sales) No. 2120, 2016

That Council adopt Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Liquor Retail Sales) No. 2120, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

District Energy System
(DES) Issues
File No. 420.1

Correspondence from Jacqui Lawrence dated October 18, 2016, regarding concerns with her District Energy System.

Lost Lake Signage
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Colleen MacDonald dated October 28, 2016, regarding the lack of signage at Lost Lake Park.

Memorial Bench
Program
File No. 8014

Correspondence from Marcus Samer dated October 31, 2016, regarding the memorial bench program.

Medal of Good
Citizenship Awards
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Hon. Shirley Bond dated November 2, 2016, regarding a call for nominations for the Medal of Good Citizenship an award recognizing citizens who have made outstanding contributions to their communities.

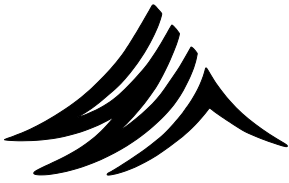
Adoption Awareness
Month and New Online
Tool
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Hon. Stephanie Cadieux dated November 2, 2016, regarding Adoption Awareness Month and the creation of an online tool streamlining the adoption process for waiting families.

Local Transit
Suggestions
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Andrew Wilkens dated November 4, 2016, regarding suggestions for Local Transit.

ADJOURNMENT



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PRESENT:

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S. Maxwell

General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford
Planner, A. Antonelli
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of November 1, 2016.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of October 18, 2016.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Steve Andrews – 8509 Drifter Way, Whistler

Q - Speaking about the Mayor's Housing Task Force what can the task force accomplish that Mayor and Council can't do on its own?

A - Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that we are looking for broader input into what some of the solutions may be to the housing issue beyond what Council and senior management can bring to the table. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that we refer to the Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) but thought it would be a great idea to bring 16 people representing

stakeholders, community members at large throughout the community to really focus on the issue and come up with some recommendations

Q – I noticed that there are only two community members' at large positions available which is only 1/8th of the committee. Is there more room for other community members given the gravity of the situation and passion behind the issue?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that we had 29 applicants for the two positions and selected them that morning. The Terms of Reference say two community members at large but that may change in the future and there will be opportunity for input from the community. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we are just in the process of getting the committee up and running and will discuss what our work plan is before we go to the public for consultation.

Q – The housing issues where landlords abuse the laws in the *Residential Tenancy Act* is seen as a big problem among a lot of us. I am wondering if the RMOW is doing anything to address that and do they have any jurisdiction to deal with this issue?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that she agreed and that it was the concerns she had that moved her to ask staff to organize a meeting for landlords and tenants. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that the landlords meeting has already taken place and that the tenants meeting is coming soon. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that there is abuse by landlords and tenants periodically so the info sessions are a place where the laws can be discussed. The RMOW does not have the jurisdiction to get involved in tenancy disputes saying that is what the Residency Tenancy Branch is there for. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that there is really good information on the internet about tenants' rights and she encouraged anyone who is a tenant to read up on their rights and educate themselves saying that there should not be anyone evicted because of abused laws.

Q - Is there anything extra the RMOW can do such as lobby the government for help?

A - Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that he RMOW is not going to get involved in disputes between landlords and tenants saying that it is not what Municipalities do. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that this is not just a Whistler issue but an issue that needs to be addressed by the WHA, local businesses, Provincial Government and the Federal Government. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the WHA has been speaking to the Province regarding funding and that she has been talking to our Member of Parliament (MP) Pamela Goldsmith-Jones about funding informing that this is a multifaceted problem that needs a multifaceted approach.

James Top – short term accommodation at Alpenglow.

Q – We have noticed there is no agenda for the task force online. When do you plan to release the agenda?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden answered that we are just in the process of setting the work plan.

Q – What can be done about the illegal Airbnb rentals?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that this is something that will be discussed at the task force meetings. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that we currently have staff looking at those situations. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that Whistler is a unique community where we have a certain area specifically zoned for nightly rentals and other areas that are not. Mayor

Wilhelm-Morden said that this makes it easier to look at enforcement proceedings where there are VRBO situations in those areas that are not zoned for it.

Q - There is a maximum allowable rent increase for the WHA rentals. Is there anything similar you can implement to cap rental rates for other housing?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that unfortunately the RMOW has no jurisdiction to implement any rental cap on private homes.

Q – Is there any way you can get jurisdiction in this case?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded no, but there may be some things we can do to discuss with landlords about large increases in rental rates year after year. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it is unacceptable that this practice is taking place saying that it is gouging. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that this is not what Whistler is all about and that the untenable levels of rental rates will be something discussed at the task force meetings.

Q – During the Olympics the RMOW introduced free transit around Whistler. Is this something that could be done for Squamish and Pemberton?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden answered that this is something that our Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) is looking at saying that she didn't mean free transit in particular but regional transit between Whistler and Squamish and Whistler and Pemberton. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that our primary goal is to house more than 75% of our workforce in Whistler which has been met for the last 15 years. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that we don't want people commuting to Whistler, we want people to live here.

Q – Tourism is huge in Whistler but with the increase in tourism every year it brings to town workers and the demand for housing. Would you consider decreasing the demand for tourists and focus more on the housing situation?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that the two are not mutually exclusive. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we really focused on the economy after the Olympics as it was a time where people were having a hard time paying their mortgages and rents. The response to that focus has been an improvement to the economy over the last couple of years. An unintended consequence to this was the demand for housing. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that we are now going to focus on fixing that.

Kyle Godfrey – Whistler Blackcomb Staff Housing

Q – There was a recent Globe and Mail article around the housing issue and I am glad to see this getting national attention, breaking out of the Whistler bubble. With 1.5 billion from tourism in Whistler going towards the GDP annually what can we realistically expect to get back from the Federal Government to help us get more housing? Whistler is expecting a shortage of 500 instructors this winter. How will this affect our ability to contribute to the GDP every year if this housing crisis continues – that amount is going to decline?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that not only do we contribute 1.35 billion annually to the GDP but we send 150 million in tax revenues per year to the three levels of government saying that we are a cash cow here. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she is not sure how much we can expect if anything from the Federal Government in response. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said she spoke to our MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones saying that she should be prepared as there will be an ask. Last week we saw the Federal Government here making an investment in transit. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden

mentioned that she has not seen the Federal Government take an interest in transit in Whistler before so takes that to be a good sign saying that we do have to have all levels of governments involved. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that this is not only happening in Whistler it is happening right across the country and that in many respects Whistler is ahead of the curve. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that even with the number of resident restricted housing we have there is still a problem. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she would like that question posed to MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones the next time you see her saying we will continue to work with all levels of government.

Wolfgang Run – temporarily at Whistler Hostel

Q – I have recently run into people who have become homeless. What if we had a natural disaster with people going hungry and sleeping in cars and constantly under stress wouldn't that be considered a natural disaster? Wouldn't there be a disaster relief action put into place? I don't see that taking place in Whistler. Not just from Council and staff but from the whole community. Where is the call out from Whistler Community Services Society (WCSS) for people who have become homeless for them to come and sign up for relief housing? If we don't have a bed somewhere wouldn't we mobilize to do something about it?

Q – Will Council and staff immediately put into action the setting up of tents on the concert stage in Olympic Plaza and then put it on the front page of the Pique and the world to say that we are not proud of the housing shortage but we are proud of taking care of our own? Will we put tents up wherever we can? Can we call the Red Cross and get refugee tents? Right now I feel like a refugee of Whistler and I am not alone. I am asking for a call to immediate action not temporary housing, not housing a year from now but housing now.

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that no the RMOW will not be putting tents on the stage at the Plaza. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we have a housing issue and that we can agree on that. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that she disagreed that this can be considered a disaster saying that as a response staff will start enforcement of the VRBO's, the Mayor's Task Force will start looking at the issues and the WHA are looking at steps they can take. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that they know this will not provide immediate relief but that they are working towards a solution saying that the issue has our attention and that we are working on it.

Q – What can we do about immediate relief?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that we are speaking to business owners and have put a call out to second home owners to see if they would be interested in renting. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we do not have a response that will take effect tomorrow.

Q – What about a temporary camp at Rainbow Park?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that we are not looking at temporary solutions that we are looking at short and medium solutions that will go a long way to solving the shortage.

Q – What about the people who are suffering now and need immediate assistance – should we just ignore them?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that of course not saying that there are social agencies available for those people and that she encouraged them to take advantage of them.

Q – Do you mean WCSS?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded yes, amongst others.

Q – I went there and they have no services. Can they provide emergency shelter?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that they provide direction for where you can go to find immediate services.

Q – Where would they go?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded probably in Squamish.

Q – Why is there no housing here available here?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that currently we do not have any emergency housing facilities here for homeless people saying that we look to our neighbours to the north and south to provide short term emergency social facilities.

Q – What will it take for us to implement a shelter in Whistler?

A – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that to provide a shelter is not currently on our work plan. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that this may come out in the task force on housing - who knows. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that when the last homeless study was done a year ago there were less than 15 people reported as homeless in Whistler.

Kyle Godfrey – Whistler Blackcomb Staff Housing

Kyle commented that a poll that was done about a week ago using a Whistler community Facebook page indicated that 850 said they had housing and 400 people consider themselves homeless.

Q - Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked whether he had a question.

A – No, just wanted to provide an update to information.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced the following appointments:

Forest and Wildland Committee appointments were given to -

- Mac Lowry, Colin Rankin and Kathi Bridge for a term of three years
- Johnny Mikes and Candace Rose-Taylor terms were extended for one more year

Mayor's Task Force on Housing At Large appointments were given to -

- Ben Smith and Terry Deutscher
- Councillor Grills was appointed as the Councillor on the committee

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden gave an update that the other members of the task force are continuing to be populated with a view heading towards the first meeting scheduled for November 7, 2016.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that Council conducted its annual retreat with senior management October 31 where a variety of aspects of the resort community were discussed:

- The accomplishments during this term of this Council including strong partnerships within and outside of the community; the economy; opening of the Audain Art Museum and the VSO Institute in Whistler; wayfinding and Cultural Connector; Village, park and infrastructure investments and maintenance; the

Community Energy and Climate Action Plan; minimal tax increases; and customer service improvements; to just name a few of the accomplishments.

- The existing work plan and projects currently underway to support the resort community
- Trends in the community and tourism economy
- Priority areas, opportunities and challenges moving forward

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden confirmed that establishing Council's consensus on key focus areas for 2017/2018 are:

- Continue to prioritize core municipal service delivery excellence
- Deliver on existing work plan and project commitments in the Corporate Plan
- Mitigate the pressures from increases in resort visitation levels in the areas of housing, affordability and transportation
- Facilitate improved environmental performance through increased community and stakeholder participation
- Expand wildfire protection activities

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that these focus areas will be used by staff in the development of the updated Corporate Plan and budget. The retreat is one aspect of the Resort Municipality of Whistler's annual corporate planning and budget process.

- Community and economic monitoring results, community input through channels such as our 20 committees and working groups, the community forum, and the Community Life Survey and a wide range of other planning initiatives.
- There will be a number of opportunities for the community to learn more about the 2017 plan and budget moving forward over the coming months.
- Planning for the annually updated Corporate Plan and Budget is done throughout the year culminating in an updated plan each spring.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) and our partners are moving ahead on several initiatives to improve transportation within Whistler and the Sea to Sky Corridor. Last week the Government of Canada, Province of British Columbia and RMOW announced a \$3.2 million investment into the BC Transit Facility in Whistler. Two transit surveys have been launched to inform the decision-making process. Please visit www.whistler.ca to complete them. The municipality's reinstated Transportation Advisory Group is also undertaking several studies to examine transportation issues and solutions around Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that ten students have just returned from Whistler's sister city Karuizawa in Japan where they visited for nine days. During the visit the students met with Mayor Fujimaki, toured Matsumoto Castle, saw wild monkeys, took part in a tea ceremony, experienced Japanese culture and stayed with home stay families who take part in the Whistler exchange. The municipality contributed towards each student's transportation. Next spring, students from Karuizawa will visit Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that the thirty-third annual Halloween celebrations at Tapley's Farm occurred last night and was attended by hundreds of families. The Park and Spook shuttle from Marketplace to Tapley's Farm was provided by the Resort Municipality of Whistler, BC Transit and FastPark. And Waldorf School students decorated the interior of the bus. The Whistler Fire Rescue Service set off the fireworks. Nesters Market sponsored the fireworks and both Nesters Market and IGA donated candy.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that last week Whistler was used as a set for a film called A Christmas to Remember. The producers donated five hundred dollars to Whistler Public Library and set pieces to the Family Après program. This film is one of many productions shot in Whistler. These include:

- the reality TV show Love it or List it Vacation Homes
- the reality TV show Après Ski Season Two
- the movie Fifty Shades of Grey 2
- as well as many catalogue photo shoots and TV commercials and travel shows in collaboration with Tourism Whistler and Destination B.C.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Whistler Blackcomb President and CEO Dave Brownlie for winning the BC CEO award for the Large Company category. The awards are presented by Business in Vancouver newspaper and MacKay CEO Forums. He is receiving the award this evening in Vancouver.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that the Inside Scoop trade show will return on Wednesday, December 14. This event is attended by hundreds of frontline employees who wish to learn more about what is happening this winter. Over a hundred businesses and organizations attend the event to share information with staff. The event is free to attend. To register your business, visit members.whistler.com. Applications should be submitted by December 1.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that this year as part of Cornucopia, Whistler's annual Celebration of Food and Wine, the Whistler Public Library will play host to a new event on Friday, November 11. Author Madeline Puckett, the author of Wine Folly, will hold an informative evening on choosing wine. The Wine Folly event will also have tastings of the top Cornucopia wines. Attendees will receive a copy of Puckett's book. Tickets are \$49 and all proceeds go to the library. You can purchase tickets online at whistlercornucopia.com.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that there is a candlelight vigil taking place at the Gondola Transit Exchange tonight at 6 p.m. remembering Manmeet Alisher. The Resort Municipality of Whistler and BC Transit extend our deepest sympathies to everyone in the transit community affected by the tragedy in Brisbane, Australia. Safety is the number one priority for BC Transit and its operating partners.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden recessed the Regular Council Meeting to hold a Public Hearing.

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reconvened the Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden conveyed that Remembrance Day on Friday, November 11 will be observed with a parade along Village Gate Boulevard followed by a Service of Remembrance at the Whistler Cenotaph by Fire Hall 1. The service will include the Whistler Children's Chorus, poetry readings, and a helicopter fly over. The entire community is invited to this event to reflect and honour the sacrifice of more than 116,000 Canadians who have fallen in the service of Canada over the past century. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served afterwards. Whistler Transit will be rerouted during the parade from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The event is produced annually by the Whistler Service of Remembrance Committee. Please visit whistler.ca/events for more details. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that the parade this year will be joined by around 35 army members from Vancouver.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that applications are being received for six trustee positions on the Whistler Public Library Board. More details are available at whistler.ca/committees. If you would like to apply, please submit your application by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Roger McCarthy for being inducted into the Laurentian Ski Museum's Hall of Fame saying it was a very well deserved honour.

Councillor Grills informed that Renters Rights will host a meeting from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. November 9 at the Library.

Councillor Grills updated that one of the first events at Cornucopia on Thursday, November 10 at 5:00 p.m. is the Restaurant Association of Whistler Hall of Fame's where the first inductee will be Mario Enero of La Rua and Caramba Restaurants.

Councillor Janyk and Councillor Maxwell attended the Vital Signs Workshop where the three highlighted areas that were covered were housing, salaries and the gap between the rich and poor. Councillor Janyk mentioned that the Vital Signs Committee is looking forward to hosting more workshops around those areas and will be communicating some new ideas to Council in the future. Councillor Janyk mentioned there were about 40 people at the workshop.

Councillor Janyk attended the landlords session mentioning that she learned a lot at this meeting being a landlord herself. Councillor Janyk informed that you cannot raise your rent more than once in a year saying that one of the practices taking place are not legal which is something a tenant can take to the tenancy Act. Councillor Janyk mentioned that one lady said that being a Landlord is scary business but that it is up to landlord and tenants to act responsibly and legally. Councillor Janyk commented that it was well attended by about 20 landlords.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Councillor Grills thanked Councillor Ford for acting on the Mayor's behalf while she was away due to a death in the family mentioning what a great job she did with short notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Human Bear
Management Plan – 2nd
Edition (2016)
Report No.16-118
File No. 8396

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

That the Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition (2016) attached as Appendix A in report number 16-118 replace the 2009 edition and be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Transportation Advisory
Group

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

That minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group's Workshop No. 4 of July 11, 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 September 14, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Recreation and Leisure
Advisory Committee

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

That minutes of the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of May 12, June 16 and September 8, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Liquor Licensing Advisory
Committee

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

That minutes of the Liquor Licensing Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (1310 & 1350
Cloudburst Dr) No. 2128,
2016

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310 & 1350 Cloudburst Dr) No. 2128, 2016 receive third reading.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of the
Environment UBCM
Follow Up
File No. 2014.33

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of the Environment dated October 17, 2016, regarding commitments to following up with topics raised from meetings at the Union of British Columbian Municipalities (UBCM) Convention be received.

CARRIED

Graffiti Issues in Whistler
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Perri Domm, President and Founder of Goodbye Graffiti dated October 17, 2016, regarding statistics he has collected and the process he has taken to address issues of graffiti in Whistler be received.

CARRIED

DES Issues
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Karen Thomson, dated October 12, 2016 and October 24, 2016 regarding issues and concerns with her District Energy System be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

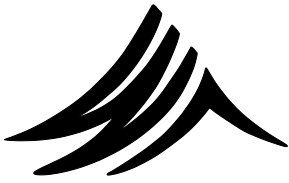
Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the November 1, 2016 Council meeting at 6:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek



WHISTLER

MINUTES

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This Public Hearing is convened pursuant to *Section 464 of the Local Government Act R.S.B.C. 2015, c.1* to allow the public to make representations to Council respecting matters contained in "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310 & 1350 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2128, 2016 (the "proposed Bylaw").

Everyone present shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw. No one will be discouraged or prevented from making their views known. However, it is important that remarks be restricted to matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

When speaking, please commence your remarks by clearly stating your name and address.

Members of Council may, ask questions following presentations however, the function of Council at a Public Hearing is to listen rather than to debate the merits of the proposed Bylaw.

As stated in the Notice of Public Hearing, In general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to modify the existing RM65 Zone and RS12 Zone to reallocate gross floor area between the two parcels in order to optimize development potential of the land. The maximum permitted gross floor area in the RM65 zone will be reduced by 1600 m² to 4400 m², and the maximum permitted gross floor area in the RS12 zone will be increased by 1600 m² to 3875 m².

MINUTES

Public Hearing: Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310 & 1350 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2128, 2016

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Submissions Mayor Wilhelm-Morden called three times for submissions by the public.

No submissions were made by the public.

Correspondence Laurie-Anne Schimek, Municipal Clerk, indicated that no correspondence was received regarding the proposed Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek



REPORT | INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: November 15, 2016
FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE BYLAW UPDATE

REPORT: 16-122
FILE: 6700

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Information Report No.16-122 regarding an update on the progress on a new solid waste bylaw be received.

REFERENCES

- Appendix A - Administrative Report 15-091, Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy Update from July 21, 2015 Regular Council.
- Appendix B - Administrative Report 16-033, Solid Waste Tipping Fee Update from April 5, 2016 Regular Council.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of a new Solid Waste Bylaw, and a summary of information learned during the outreach to date (presently the Consolidated Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 1861, 2008).

DISCUSSION

In 2013, Council approved the Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS), which consisted primarily of five actions to improve waste diversion and reduce solid waste costs. The five (5) actions recommended in the SWMS were:

1. Restructuring of the municipal solid waste service contracts to align with the RMOW's solid waste goals;
2. Modifications to compost infrastructure to improve capacity;
3. Updates to garbage disposal bylaws to improve organics diversion;
4. Participation in the new province-wide residential recycling program (MMBC); and
5. Long-term financial reorganizing of the solid waste utility to make it self-sufficient.

This report addresses Item 3. from this list.

Because the majority of the garbage that Whistler sends to landfill is generated by the commercial sector and multiple residential housing sectors (Reference Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy Update to Council – July 2015), these types of development were recommended to be the main focus to improve Whistler's waste diversion rate and reduce the costs of solid waste disposal.

The major differences between the new Solid Waste Bylaw and the current Consolidated Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 8161, 2008 will be:

- Better waste stream definitions that are shared across the SLRD (where applicable);
- Requirement for incorporating a Solid Waste Management Plan during the development and building phases of new businesses and strata's, and as a component of annual business licensing;
- Requirement for industrial, commercial, institutional (referred to in the remainder of this report as "business") and multiple residential developments (referred to in the remainder of this report as "strata's") to separate waste into three (3) streams:
 - garbage to landfill,
 - food scraps, and
 - recyclables;
- Requirement for parcel owners/agents to schedule Solid Waste to be removed from the parcel as frequently as needed, such that the Solid Waste is not a Dangerous Wildlife Attractant.

The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE) was contracted in 2015 and 2016 to undergo an outreach and business support program relating to a proposed bylaw change that would mandate all commercial and multiple residential properties to separate organic and recyclable materials from their waste materials. Whistler businesses and strata's are already on-board with separating the various materials, and many of them have done this for financial reasons, so dialoging with those early adopters and passing on some of the lessons learned has been part of AWARE's mandate. The actions that have been taken to help make this transition easier include:

1. Creating a "solutions guide";
2. Attending meetings with relevant local associations (restaurant, hotel, and retail sectors);
3. Preparing several example business cases for separating organics and recyclables from other waste;
4. Coordinating communications around the bylaw changes and how to be prepared; and
5. 240 hours of time to directly assist individual businesses with their transition plan.

As part of the transition program, 40 business and strata's in Whistler have been engaged to date, and their feedback on the proposed Solid Waste Bylaw will be compiled and included as the Bylaw is drafted. While some Whistler businesses and strata's already separate their food scraps and recyclables without the incentive of the new Solid Waste Bylaw, others will find some challenges with making these changes and our goal is provide sufficient time for them to be prepared and help them understand what they need to do.

Since the proposed Solid Waste Bylaw will regulate how business and strata organizations handle their waste, there will be a need for some of the businesses and strata's to provide additional space in their development for garbage to landfill, food scraps and recycling bins (and cardboard).

AWARE presented their findings of their outreach to staff, followed by site visits with representatives from the RMOW Infrastructure Services, Planning and Environmental Stewardship Departments, Carney's and AWARE to existing garbage and recycling facilities in existing developments in Whistler Village.

The outreach and site visits identified the following constraints and process requirements for properties that may need to increase their waste segregation spaces:

- Limited or no space available on surface for garbage and recycling room expansion, limited or undetermined spaces in underground parking
- Zoning Bylaw permits 20m² maximum gross floor area exclusion for garbage and recycling rooms regardless of the size of the development
- Zoning Bylaw parking requirements. i.e. expanding garbage rooms into underground parking may require a Development Variance Permit for a parking variance if the building is currently only meeting the minimum required number of parking stalls.
- Zoning Bylaw requires a \$20,000 fee in lieu/stall for parking variance in CC1 Zone (original Whistler Village)
- Expanding garbage rooms into underground parking may require parking lease modifications in the original Whistler Village
- Development Permit (approved by the General Manager) required if a garbage and recycling room expansion affects the exterior of a building.
- Building Permit required for new and expanded garbage and recycling facilities.

The Zoning Bylaw regulations identified above represent constraints to the success of the new Solid Waste Bylaw to mandate waste stream segregation, and it is proposed that a companion Zoning Amendment Bylaw be brought forward in conjunction with the new Solid Waste Bylaw.

Initial thoughts for inclusion into a Zoning Amendment Bylaw include:

- Increased gross floor area exemptions for garbage to landfill, food scraps and recycling facilities within buildings (except for those located in single family and duplex dwellings);
- Allowances for a parking reduction (up to a certain number) for conversion of parking to recycling and food scraps facilities;
- Exempt the fee in lieu for stalls converted to recycling and food scraps facilities.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Materials & Solid Waste	Whistler is well on its way to achieving its "zero waste" goal.	The proposed bylaw will enhance waste diversion and reduce costs
	The community is committed to providing infrastructure capable of continually decreasing our residual wastes	Several recent upgrades to Whistler's solid waste infrastructure, made as part of Whistler's SWMS have improved waste diversion in Whistler.
Finance	Whistler lives within its financial means	The recommendations in the SWMS are expected to result in overall reduction of solid waste operating costs.

	The resort community effectively and efficiently balances its costs and expenditures	The costs and benefits of many potential changes to the solid waste system have been reviewed, and only those with a positive cost-benefit result have been recommended.
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W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
None.		

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Once the new Solid Waste Bylaw is in effect, it is expected that between 3200 and 6400 tonnes of garbage to landfill will be diverted to either food scraps or recycling each year. This represents the range between the Solid Waste Bylaw being 50% successful and 100% successful in getting commercial and strata organics and recycling out of the garbage to landfill.

As this change will result in both a reduction of revenues and costs, the net savings to the Solid Waste budget is estimated between \$46,000 and \$92,000 per year.

The tipping fees for solid waste cover a large percentage of the costs for handling and disposal, so savings from the implementation of the new Solid Waste bylaw will be realized by the waste hauling companies that will be paying the lower tipping fees for food scraps and recycling, rather than the higher tipping fees for garbage to landfill, however there will likely be increased pick up costs for the additional waste stream (food scraps).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

AWARE has been contracted to provide a transition program to assist businesses and stratas to prepare for the changes to the Solid Waste Bylaw. Feedback from this engagement process will be considered when drafting the final Solid Waste Bylaw.

SUMMARY

The first draft of a new Solid Waste Bylaw is ready for review. It is expected over the course of 2017 that this Bylaw will be reviewed by multiple internal and external stake holders prior to adoption.

The schedule below shows the proposed steps in enacting the Solid Waste Bylaw which will be done in conjunction with updates to the following other Bylaws:

- Zoning and Parking Bylaw 303

Step:	Date:
Education and Transition Program	Ongoing
Bylaw adopted and in effect	August 2017
Bylaw enforcement through education	January 2018 to July 2018
Bylaw enforcement through fines	July 2018 onwards

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: July 21, 2015

REPORT: 15-091

FROM: Infrastructure Services

FILE: 604

SUBJECT: WHISTLER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive Administrative Report No. 15-091 on the actions taken to improve waste diversion and reduce solid waste costs as set out in the 2013 Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy; and,

That Council approve the framework for the proposed bylaw to improve diversion of organics and recyclables in the commercial and strata sectors as described in Council Report 15-091.

REFERENCES

Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy – June 2013.

Whistler Zero Waste Plan – Strategies for Garbage Reduction, EBA, March 2013.

Whistler Composting Operations: Cost-Benefit Study, Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, June 2013.

Preliminary Assessment of Biofuel Production, Morrison Hershfield, March 2013.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress on the five actions detailed in the 2013 Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS), and have Council approve the next step in completing the actions recommended in the SWMS.

DISCUSSION

Background

In 2013, Council approved the SWMS, which consisted primarily of five actions to improve waste diversion and reduce solid waste costs. The five actions recommended in the SWMS were:

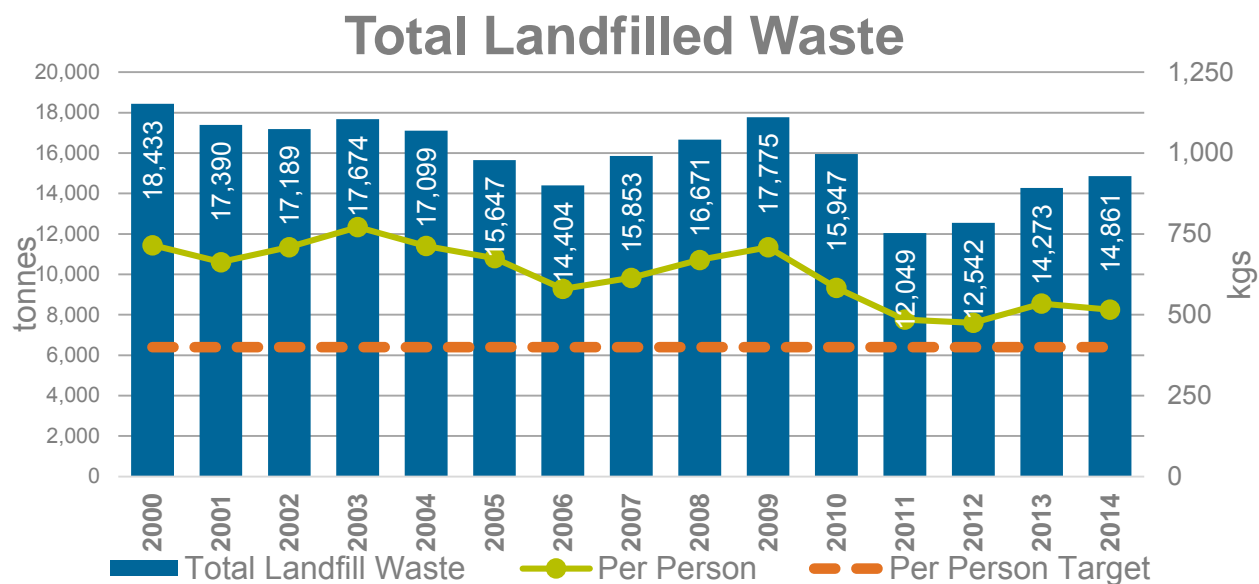
1. Restructuring of the municipal solid waste service contracts to align with the RMOW's solid waste goals;
2. Modifications to compost infrastructure to improve capacity;
3. Updates to garbage disposal bylaws to improve organics diversion;
4. Participation in the new province-wide residential recycling program (MMBC); and
5. Long-term financial reorganizing of the solid waste utility to make it self-sufficient.

In order to develop the Whistler SWMS in 2013, a number of technical studies and assessments were undertaken. The three studies that were used to develop the SWMS are the Whistler Zero Waste Plan – Strategies for Garbage Reduction, Whistler Composting Operations: Cost-Benefit Study, and the Preliminary Assessment of Biofuel Production. These documents are still relevant now, and as the major recommendations in these studies (essentially the five actions in the SWMS) are completed staff will work on the minor recommendations. These minor recommendations include regular waste audits to better track diversion progress, an improved streetscape bin program, promotion of residential composting, and promoting behavior change initiatives. The recent kitchen compost bin give-away for Whistler residents was one example of moving forward on one of these minor initiatives, and was done in conjunction with similar initiatives in the SLRD and District of Squamish.

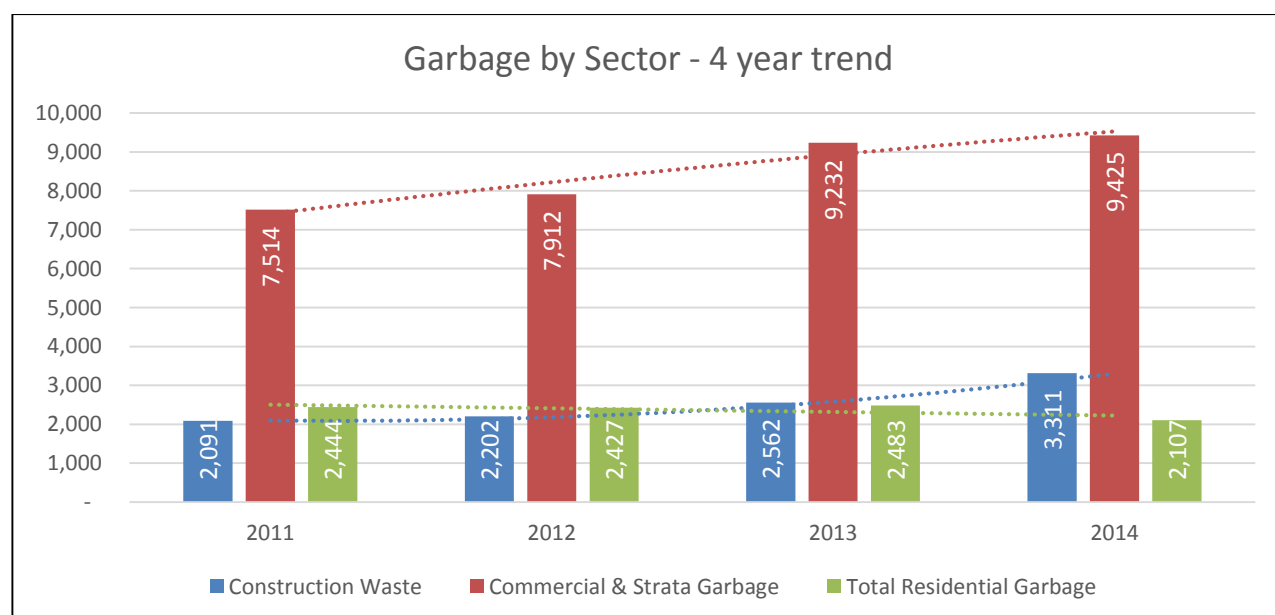
Solid waste policy and planning in Whistler is also guided by several documents which articulate both regional and Whistler goals and objectives for solid waste management. The four main documents that provide guidance on solid waste issues are the Squamish Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) Solid Waste Management Plan, Whistler2020 – Moving Towards a Sustainable Future, the RMOW Official Community Plan, and the RMOW Corporate Plan.

Performance of a solid waste system is measured across the province by the amount per capita that is sent to landfill and by percent diversion (percentage of waste that does not go to landfill). The per capita landfilled amount is becoming the international standard for comparison between jurisdictions as it is relatively straight-forward to measure. Unfortunately, this metric is influenced by the state of the economy and in good economic times this number generally increases due to increased construction and the associated increase in overall waste generation. This effect is amplified in Whistler due to our relatively small population and significant construction industry. Another challenge with this number for Whistler is that the calculation of our population equivalent is not always the most accurate representation of the number of people contributing to our waste stream, but it is the best estimate that we can use. The waste diversion percentage amount incorporates the amount of material handled by our recycling systems, organic waste collection, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs (such as electronic recycling), and items that are reused or repurposed through the Re-Built-It and Re-Use-It Centres.

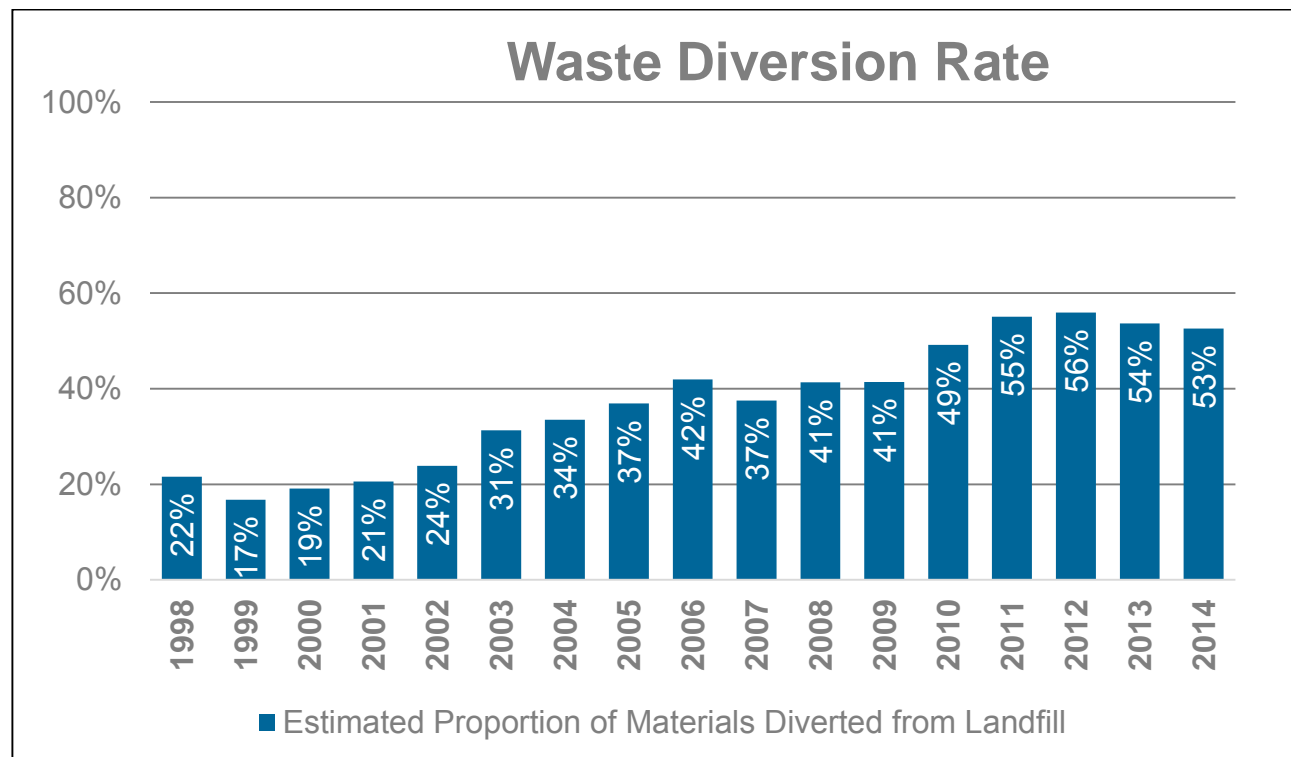
In 2014, Whistler sent an average of 516 kilograms per person to landfill. As can be seen in the chart below, the general trend in landfilled waste per capita is downwards, but 2013 and 2014 amounts are slightly above the previous two years.



To help determine where the additional waste has been generated in 2013 and 2014, the charts below show the amount of garbage collected at the Function Junction and Nesters residential waste depots, and amounts generated by the commercial and construction sectors. As shown, Whistler residents have not increased their waste generation, but the construction and commercial waste has increased significantly.



Whistler's waste diversion rate in 2014 was 53%, down from a peak of 56% in 2012. The graph below illustrates the long-term positive trend in Whistler's waste diversion.



Progress on the Five Actions

Summary Table

1	Restructuring of the municipal solid waste service contracts	Completed in summer 2014.
2	Modifications to compost infrastructure	Completed in late 2014
3	Updates to bylaws	For discussion in this report
4	Participation in new province-wide recycling programs	Completed in spring 2014 and on-going
5	Long-term financial reorganizing of the solid waste utility	On-going with significant changes planned for 2017

Action 1: Prepare New Performance-based Solid Waste Contracts

Whistler's solid waste services are provided by the private sector through operating contracts. The previous fee-for-service agreements did not properly align the payment for services with the goals of the solid waste system, so performance-based solid waste operating contracts were developed with the help of a solid waste consultant to properly incentivize the contractors. Through a public Request for Proposals process approved by Council, proposals to operate our transfer station and composter were requested in the spring of 2014.

The Solid Waste Operating Contract, the contract for operation of the Whistler Transfer Station at the Callaghan Valley, provides for the operation of the Transfer Station, trucking loads of garbage to Surrey, provision and servicing of the garbage and compost bins at the Nesters and Function Junction depots, operation of the weigh scale, and maintenance of the Transfer Station site. The contractor must provide all the mobile equipment (loaders, excavators, compactors) required to perform the services specified in the contract. This contract was also modified to remove barriers to commercial recycling, and more accurately reflect the costs of each portion of the operation. While a public request for proposals was issued for this contract with the intent of getting lower prices through competition, only a single proposal was received, limiting the cost saving effect of this process. The contract negotiated from that proposal did limit the cost increase to a total of 10.5% since the previous contract had been negotiated six years earlier, but did not result in a cost savings as was initially hoped.

The Compost Operations Contract governs the operation of the Whistler Compost Facility including provision of land for curing of the compost product, screening and blending of the cured compost to produce a saleable soil amendment, and marketing and sales of the product. This contract was also reorganized to reduce risk to the RMOW, and allow the contractor to control the sale of the end-product, a portion of the process that contractors are better equipped to manage. Two proposals were received for the operation of the compost system, but again no significant cost savings was possible as both proposals were very close in price, and very similar to the previous contract costs.

Action 2: Increase the capacity of the Compost Facility to reduce overall costs.

Whistler's compost facility treats all of Whistler's biosolids (a product of the wastewater treatment process), accepts biosolids from Squamish and the SLRD, accepts commercial and residential organic waste, and handles land-clearing debris, wood waste, and clean waste lumber. It should be noted that Whistler does not have any other option for the necessary treatment of its biosolids.

A cost-benefit study of several possible changes to the compost facility was completed in 2013, and this study concluded that a building to store wood chips and keep them dry would both increase the capacity of the compost facility and reduce overall operating costs by reducing the amount of biosolids sent to landfill. Sending food waste to an alternative compost facility during times of the year when the facility is over capacity also has a positive cost-benefit for similar reasons.

A dry wood chip storage building for the compost facility was completed in late 2014, and the long-term benefits of this dry storage facility will be realized during our usually wet winter months. This capital improvement has allowed us to re-negotiate the Compost Operations contract, and reduce the RMOW costs to process compost.

Food waste haulers in Whistler have also been directed to take food waste to the alternative food waste composting facility operating near Rutherford Creek during peak busy periods – generally in January, February and March.

A cost-benefit analysis of converting the compost facility to biofuel production has also been completed, and while it doesn't appear to be an option in the short-term, this may become a long-term solution for reducing costs at the compost facility and any capital investments in the facility are being considered with this potential in mind.

Action 3: Improve diversion in the commercial and multi-family sector

Sixty-four percent of the waste Whistler sent to landfill in 2014 was generated by the commercial and strata sectors, and this has been quite consistent for several years. In addition, a waste audit done in 2012 showed that of this commercial and strata garbage, fifty-four percent was compostable and thirteen percent was recyclable. This large segment of Whistler's waste needs to be the focus of additional diversion measures in order for Whistler to reduce its solid waste costs. Changes to the municipal Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw can provide additional incentives for diversion of organics and recyclables from this waste stream, and will allow these sectors to save money as the tipping fees for organics and recyclables are significantly lower than tipping fees for garbage.

This action will be discussed further in the Next Steps section of this report.

Action 4: Participate with new provincial residential recycling program

The RMOW opted to participate with the province-wide program for residential recycling beginning in May 2014 and Whistler's participation in the program has been successful over the first year.

In the past, the costs to collect residential recycling were paid for by the RMOW, while under this new program, the Provincial Ministry of Environment has required the producers of residential packaging and printed paper to collect these materials at their cost. The producers formed a company called Multi-material British Columbia (MMBC) to collect and process the recyclables on their behalf.

On the positive side of the balance sheet, this new program has resulted in \$83,000 in payments from MMBC to the RMOW for the recyclable material, no costs to the RMOW for collecting the recycling, avoided costs for handling commercial garbage illegally deposited at the depot sites, and additional revenue from commercial tipping fees. On the negative side, the above savings are almost entirely offset by the cost of staffing the depots twelve hours per day, seven days per week.

This change in the residential recycling program has been cost neutral, but having the attendants at the depot sites has been a significant improvement to the level of service at the depots, and the survey of 351 depot users done in January and February 2015 showed that many people thought the depot attendants had been a great addition to the depot sites. Having the depot attendants close and secure every compactor and container before they leave and lock the gates at night has had the added benefit of eliminating the rewards that bears would often find at the depots in the past.

Having attendants at the sites has also had the side effect of making many commercial operators obey our bylaws and take their garbage to the Transfer Station where they must pay a tipping fee, rather than having the cost of their garbage being absorbed by the taxpayers that pay for those depots.

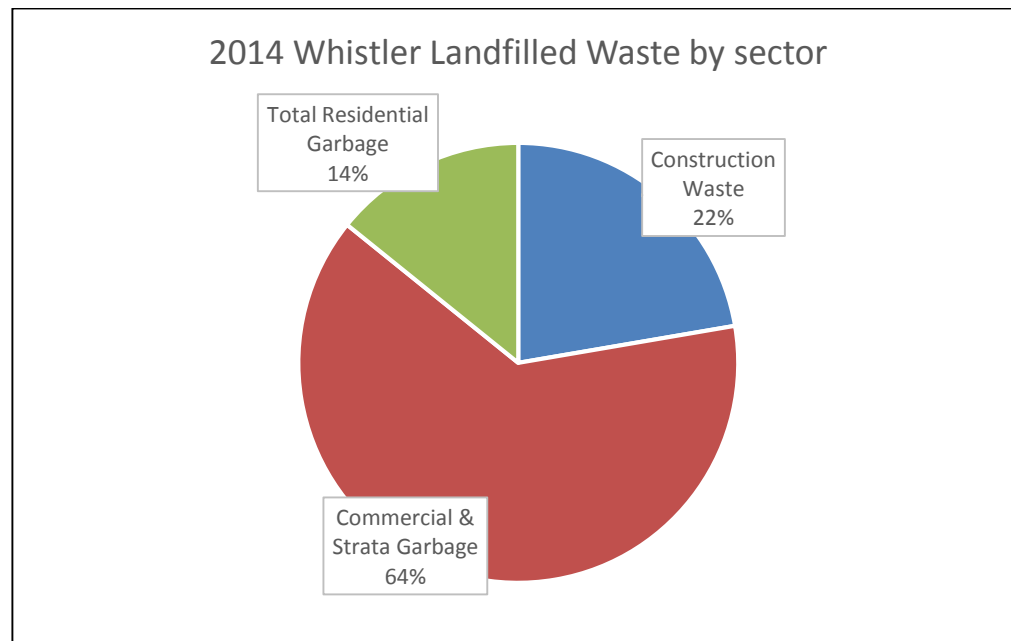
Action 5: Make the Solid Waste Utility financially independent

Like the RMOW's water and sewer utilities, the long-term financial goal for the solid waste utility is for it to be financially sustainable without supplemental funding from the General Fund. Implementing a bylaw to improve diversion in the commercial and strata sectors will reduce solid waste costs and help reduce the amount of supplemental funding required from the General Fund. Once the recommended changes have been implemented, and one of the long-term debts has been paid off in 2017, solid waste finances will be reviewed and additional changes may be required for the solid waste utility to become financially independent. Determining and establishing appropriate reserve fund contributions to ensure long-term replacement of solid waste infrastructure will also be necessary at that time. Financial independence of the utility will be important for long-term decision making.

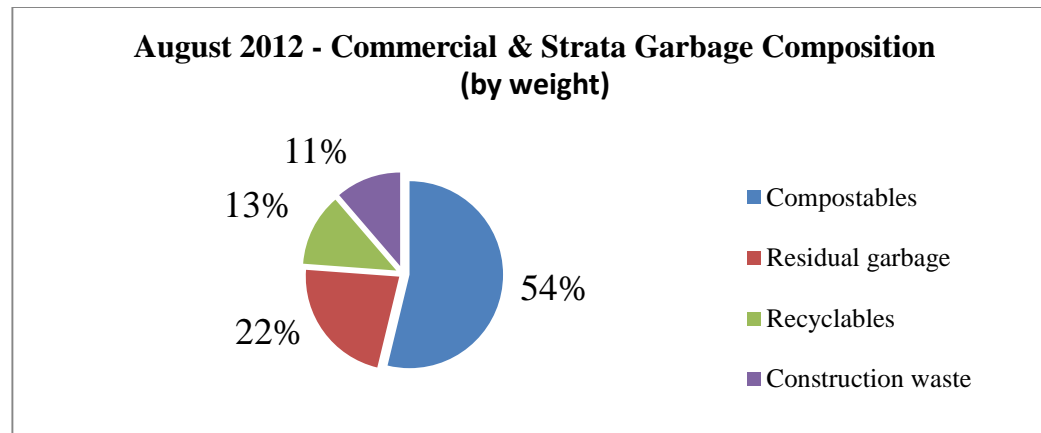
Next Steps

Action 3, updating Whistler's Garbage Disposal bylaw, is the next of the actions to move forward.

Because the majority of the waste that Whistler sends to landfill is generated by the commercial and multi-family strata housing sectors, it needs to be the focus of additional incentives to improve the diversion rate and reduce the costs of solid waste disposal. The following chart shows the amount of garbage produced by different sectors in Whistler.



In August 2012, the RMOW had a waste audit done on the commercial and strata garbage. For nine days in August waste received at the Whistler Transfer Station was inspected and weighed. While this is a short snap-shot of what is in the commercial waste stream, it does illustrate why improving diversion in the commercial and strata sectors is important. The table below illustrates the composition of the garbage produced by the commercial and strata sectors.



A proposed bylaw to regulate how commercial and strata organizations handle their waste will include the requirement for the commercial and strata sectors to provide space for recycling and organics bins, and a ban of recyclable and organic materials from the garbage stream at the Whistler Transfer Station. This ban will take the form of significantly increased tipping fees paid by the waste haulers for any loads of garbage that contain materials that should have been recycled or composted.

Metro Vancouver has just gone through a similar process (their ban of organic materials started January 1, 2015), and an early notification, outreach process, and phased implementation of the ban will be used in Whistler, similar to what was done in Metro Vancouver.

The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE) have been contracted to provide a transition program to help businesses and stratas prepare for these changes to how they handle their waste materials. Many Whistler businesses and stratas are already on-board with separating the various materials, and many of them have done this for financial reasons, so dialoging with those early adopters and passing on some of the lessons learned will be part of AWARE's mandate. The actions that will help make this transition easier include:

1. Creating a "solutions guide";
2. Attending meetings with relevant local associations (restaurant, hotel, and retail sectors);
3. Preparing several example business cases for separating organics and recyclables from other waste;
4. Coordinating communications around the bylaw changes and how to be prepared; and
5. 240 hours of time to directly assist individual businesses with their transition plan.

As part of the transition program, most business and stratas in Whistler will be engaged, and their feedback on the proposed bylaw will be compiled and included as the bylaw is drafted.

While some Whistler businesses and stratas already separate their organics and recyclables without the incentive of a bylaw, others will find some challenges with making these changes and our goal is provide sufficient time for them to be prepared and help them understand what they need to do. The schedule below shows the proposed steps in enacting this bylaw:

Step:	Date:
Transition Program to assist businesses	July 2015 to December 2015
Council Presentation with draft Bylaw	February 2016
Bylaw adopted and in effect	July 2016
Bylaw enforcement through education	July 2016 to December 2016
Bylaw enforcement through fines	January 2017 onwards

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Materials & Solid Waste	Whistler is well on its way to achieving its “zero waste” goal.	The proposed bylaw will enhance waste diversion and reduce costs
	The community is committed to providing infrastructure capable of continually decreasing our residual wastes	Several recent upgrades to Whistler’s solid waste infrastructure, made as part of Whistler’s SWMS have improved waste diversion in Whistler.
Finance	Whistler lives within its financial means	The recommendations in this update to the SWMS are expected to result in overall reduction of solid waste operating costs.
	The resort community effectively and efficiently balances its costs and expenditures	The costs and benefits of many potential changes to the solid waste system have been reviewed, and only those with a positive cost–benefit result have been recommended.

W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
None.		

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Once the new bylaw is in effect, it is expected that between 3200 and 6400 tonnes of garbage will be diverted to either compost or recycling each year. This represents the range between the bylaw being 50% successful and 100% successful in getting commercial and strata organics and recycling out of the garbage.

As this change will result in both a reduction of revenues and costs, the net savings to the Solid Waste budget is estimated between \$46,000 and \$92,000 per year.

The tipping fees for solid waste cover a large percentage of the costs for handling and disposal, so the real savings from the new bylaw will be realized by the waste hauling companies that will be paying the lower tipping fees for compost and recycling, rather than the higher tipping fees for garbage. The business and strata sectors will need to renegotiate their waste hauling contracts to ensure they get the benefits of these savings. The savings to the business and strata sectors is estimated between \$200,000 and \$400,000 annually.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

AWARE has been contracted to provide a transition program to assist businesses and stratas to prepare for the changes to this bylaw. As part of this transition program it is expected they will spend 240 hours meeting directly with the local businesses and stratas that need the most support for this transition, and will provide information to most if not all Whistler businesses and stratas.

Feedback from this engagement process will be considered when drafting the final bylaw.

SUMMARY

Three of the five actions approved by Council in the 2013 Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy have been completed with successful results.

The next action item, recommended in this report is a bylaw that will provide incentives for Whistler businesses and stratas to separate organics and recyclables from their garbage. As this sector produces the majority of the waste in Whistler, this change will have a significant effect on reducing the amount of garbage that must be sent to landfill and improving our municipal diversion rate. It is expected that this change will also allow a net reduction in the Solid Waste budget of between \$46,000 and \$92,000 annually.

Making this change will be challenging for some Whistler businesses and stratas, so a six month active transition program funded by the RMOW is proposed to help businesses and stratas prepare for the new requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT | INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: April 5, 2016
FROM: Infrastructure Services
SUBJECT: SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE UPDATE

REPORT: 16-033
FILE: 604

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Information Report No.16-033 regarding an update to the RMOW's solid waste tipping fees be received.

REFERENCES

Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy Update Report to Council – July 21, 2015

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of upcoming proposed changes to the solid waste tipping fees charged at the Whistler Transfer Station.

DISCUSSION

Council received an update on the progress of the Whistler Solid Waste Management Strategy (SWMS) in July 2015. The SWMS, approved by Council in 2013, consisted primarily of five actions to improve waste diversion and reduce solid waste costs. The five actions recommended in the SWMS were:

1. Restructuring of the municipal solid waste service contracts to align with the RMOW's solid waste goals;
2. Modifications to compost infrastructure to improve capacity;
3. Updates to garbage disposal bylaws to improve organics diversion;
4. Participation in the new province-wide residential recycling program (MMBC); and
5. Long-term financial reorganizing of the solid waste utility to make it self-sufficient.

The updated solid waste tipping fees described in this report will play a part in the two actions that remain to be completed:

Action 3 – updated bylaws to improve organics diversion; and

Action 5 – financial reorganizing of the solid waste utility to make it self-sufficient.

The changes described in this report will be proposed as part of the Five-Year Financial Plan 2016-2020 Bylaw that will be brought forward for Council approval.

The solid waste tipping fees charged to deposit waste material at the Whistler Transfer Station have not been updated since 2008, and due to changes to the RMOW's costs to dispose of some of the materials, as well as changes to the tipping fees charged in other neighbouring jurisdictions, it is now time to update the tipping fees.

In general, the tipping fees charged should be set to equal the cost to the RMOW to handle and dispose of the various different materials so the users of our solid waste system pay a fair cost. But there are also external forces that affect the amount that can or should be charged to dispose of various materials. Setting disposal costs too high, or raising them too quickly can cause an increase in illegal dumping, and tipping fees should be similar among neighbouring jurisdictions to prevent waste haulers from driving to other locations looking for a cheaper place to dump their garbage.

As described above, the RMOW has been following the steps of the Whistler SWMS to bring down solid waste costs first, then evaluate what, if any, tipping fee changes need to be made.

Two recent changes have made an update to the RMOW's tipping fees important:

1. The cost of disposing of drywall (gypsum board) in British Columbia has significantly increased due changes implemented by WCB.
2. The District of Squamish recently updated the solid waste tipping fees at their landfill.

The table below outlines the current fees and the proposed fees:

Material	Current tipping fee	Proposed tipping fee
Recyclables	Free	Free
Garbage (including construction waste)	\$120 / tonne	\$130 / tonne
Minimum Charge	None	\$5 / vehicle
Gypsum Board	\$200 / tonne	\$290 / tonne
Appliances	\$15 / unit	\$15 / unit plus \$10 for ozone removal (if required)
Tires	\$3.50 / car tire \$7.50 / commercial truck tire \$3.50 surcharge with rim \$30 / cubic metre bulk rate	\$8 / tire \$25 / tire with rim
Cardboard Penalty	50%	Replace with "Mixed Waste"
Mixed Waste - More than 25% recyclables	n/a	\$260 / tonne
Mattresses	Per tonne	\$10 each
Clean wood waste	\$30 / tonne	\$30 / tonne
Clean wood chips	Free	Free
Biosolids	\$110 / tonne	\$120 / tonne
Organics (food waste)	\$75 / tonne	\$75 / tonne

Recyclables

Any loads of recyclables brought to the transfer station will remain free of charge!

Garbage

The tipping fee for household and commercial garbage (including construction waste) will be increased to \$130 per tonne to match the cost at the Squamish landfill. This change will narrow the gap between the actual cost of disposing of garbage and the tipping fee, while balancing the cost impact on local businesses and the incentive for illegal dumping.

Minimum Charge

A minimum charge per load will be implemented to recover some of the costs associated with the operation of the scale at the transfer station.

Gypsum Board

Due to new WBC rules for handling gypsum board (drywall), the gypsum recycling operations in Vancouver have significantly increased their disposal fees. The increase in the tipping fee to \$290 will match the cost of disposal in Squamish, and narrow the gap between the tipping fee and the actual cost of disposal. For drywall that was made pre-1988, we will have to require that it arrives at the Transfer Station in double bags to ensure that our contractor's employees at the Transfer Station are not potentially exposed to asbestos.

Appliances

The tipping fee on appliances that do not require ozone-depleting substance removal (such as stoves and dishwashers) will remain the same, but there will be an additional \$10 charge if substances such as Freon need to be removed before the appliance can be recycled. This will better match the RMOW's costs of disposal and will generally align with the new tipping fees in Squamish.

Tires

A simpler fee structure for tires will be implemented that will better match actual costs. This change will also discourage bulk dumping of tires and help to encourage better product stewardship as this change will provide more incentive for used tires to go back to the place they were purchased.

Cardboard Penalty

The cardboard penalty rate will be removed as this fee is outdated, and will be replaced with a Mixed Waste rate to encourage all recyclables to be removed from garbage.

Mixed Waste

A Mixed Waste rate will be implemented so that any loads of garbage with more than 25% recyclable material will be charged twice as much. This rate will encourage better recycling.

This definition will be further revised to include organics in an upcoming change to the Garbage and Recycling Bylaw that will encourage commercial and strata organics diversion. In future years, the percentage of recyclables or organics allowed will also be decreased.

Mattresses

The company that recycles mattresses in Vancouver has recently raised the rates for mattress recycling, making the RMOW's costs to dispose of the mattresses significantly higher. Charging on a per unit rate, rather than just a tipping fee per tonne, will narrow the gap between tipping fee and the RMOW's actual costs.

Clean Wood Waste and Wood Chips

The rates for these items remain the same as we still require these items for the operation of the Whistler Compost Facility.

Biosolids

While recent upgrades at the Whistler Compost Facility have allowed for significantly decreased costs, this increase in the tipping fee to \$120 per tonne is still required to more accurately reflect the costs of processing the biosolids. This tipping fee may be increased again in subsequent years.

Organics

The tipping fee for food waste will not increase as diversion of organics is still one of the priorities for reducing the total amount of garbage that is produced in Whistler. The increased difference between the rate for garbage (\$130 / tonne) and organics (\$75 / tonne) will also help to encourage more diversion of food waste.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Materials and Solid Waste	Increased business performance and economic opportunities are being realized as a result of smart materials management	Charging the appropriate tipping fees encourages good business decisions with respect to materials management.
Finance	The resort community effectively and efficiently balances its costs and expenditures	These proposed changes will better balance RMOW costs and revenues.
Finance	Financial principles, practices and tools employed by both the public and private sectors encourage behaviour that moves Whistler toward success and sustainability	Fair tipping fees encourage Whistler businesses to manage their material flows in a sustainable way.
Materials and Solid Waste	Partnerships are developed such that collective procurement choices favour companies and suppliers that are consistent with our identified materials and solid waste values	Fair tipping fees encourage Whistler businesses to manage their material flows in a sustainable way.

W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
	None.	

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Changes to solid waste tipping fees are periodically required to ensure the revenues and expenses of our solid waste system are balanced. The proposed changes to the solid waste tipping fees are included in the proposed 2016 Solid Waste Operating Budget.

No increases to solid waste property taxes are proposed for 2016.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

If proposed changes are approved by Council, the changes will be advertised in the local newspapers and our operating contractor will start informing customers in advance of the changes.

SUMMARY

Changes to the solid waste tipping fees charged at the Whistler Transfer Station are proposed to better balance the tipping fees with the actual costs of disposal of the various items.

Respectfully submitted,

James Hallisey
GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES



REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: November 15, 2016

REPORT: 16-123

FROM: Resort Experience

FILE: RZ 1077

SUBJECT: RZ 1077 - Gross Floor Area Exclusion Regulations

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Resort Experience be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to prepare and bring forward for Council's consideration a zoning amendment bylaw to amend the gross floor area exclusion for basement areas for single family and duplex dwellings to restrict the exclusion to those portions of the basement that are deemed to be in the ground, as described in this Administrative Report No. 16-123.

REFERENCES

- April 3, 2012 Administrative Report to Council No. 12-038 (not attached)
- June 21, 2016 Administrative Report to Council No. 16-065 (not attached)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks Council direction to undertake preparation of a zoning amendment bylaw, as described in this report, to amend the regulations pertaining to gross floor area exclusions for basement areas for detached and duplex dwellings, to address issues relating to building massing and associated neighbourhood impacts.

DISCUSSION

Background

On May 15, 2012 Council adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Gross Floor Area Exclusion Amendments) No. 1992, 2012 which incorporated changes to the definitions of gross floor area (GFA), crawl spaces and void spaces resulting from the work of the Council-appointed Illegal Space Task Force (ISTF). This bylaw was proposed as a significant first step towards addressing issues related to existing floor area constructed and occupied in residential buildings without permits and contrary to maximum permitted densities.

Construction and use of non-permitted basement areas in single family and duplex dwellings was identified by the ISTF as the most common situation and priority to address. The creation of these spaces is a natural result of developing on the sloping terrain typical to many of Whistler's residential parcels. The bylaw sought to address such "basement" areas by excluding them from the calculation of gross floor area and provided a fair and equitable approach that applied to all detached dwelling and duplex property owners.

On June 21, 2016, staff presented a comprehensive review of the monitoring results for the Illegal Space initiative and the basement exclusion rules that were adopted. This review was provided in Administrative Report to Council No. 16-065. Overall, the report found the initiative to be effective in addressing existing unauthorized and unpermitted construction, and found that there were no significant impacts of concern related to infrastructure and servicing, but that these should be

continued to be monitored. However, the report identified a number of considerations related to the form and character of development and the need to further assess neighbourhood development trends and character impacts, and address any negative impacts that were deemed to be attributable to the adopted basement exclusion rules.

At the Council meeting, Council adopted the staff recommendations, and further discussed the need for an expedited process to identify and address problems of concern related to neighbourhood impacts resulting from the adopted basement exclusion rules. Council had received correspondence from negatively impacted neighbours, and expressed concerns regarding the building size and massing of new buildings recently being developed. Staff had also received comments from some local architects and builders expressing similar concerns.

To address these growing concerns, staff developed an expedited approach to this complex issue which has been completed over the past several months. Initially staff conducted field reviews and assessments of building permit drawings for various properties with new construction to understand a full range of examples and site conditions, and to begin to isolate and identify specific problems and concerns. Staff then met with the members of the Illegal Space Task Force (ISTF) and convened a Working Group with two representatives of the ISTF, a member of the municipal Advisory Design Panel and key staff members from the Planning and Building Departments, as well as the Council representative on the ISTF. The Working Group members provided extensive local knowledge and architectural, development and construction expertise. Staff also made verbal presentations and obtained some input from the Advisory Design Panel at two Panel meetings.

The Working Group worked together over a series of four meetings, revisiting the initial objectives of the Illegal Spaces Initiative and common understandings; assessing building design and development trends through site reviews and review of permit drawings; consideration of various rules and variables affecting building massing and character; identifying key problems of concern; exploring and evaluating various conceptual approaches to address identified problems considering future potential consequences, and ease of understanding and application for permit review and inspection; and achieving agreement on the recommended language for proposed amendments to the exclusion regulation.

The Working Group also discussed considerations related to implementation of new rules, specifically how and when the new rules would apply to existing outstanding unauthorized construction that may not comply with the new rules proposed; and to new developments that do not have active or authorized building permits but for which significant investments have been made in planning and design consistent with the existing regulations.

This report recommends that Council direct staff to prepare a zoning amendment bylaw for Council's consideration that reflects the recommendations of the Working Group, described as follows.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw Under Preparation

Through its working sessions, the Working Group identified a number of factors contributing to changes in neighbourhood character and in relation to building size and massing. These factors included general trends associated with new construction, building design and replacement of existing first generation cabins, as well as specific factors related to building height calculations, site grading and alteration, site coverage and maximum density rules, and mechanical exclusions. To move forward, the Working Group determined it was prudent to take an incremental approach that addressed the factor of greatest concern, and to avoid uncertain outcomes and potential negative impacts that may likely occur by trying to address a number of factors all at once.

The key finding of the Working Group was that the existing regulations adopted for basement floor areas exclusions were resulting in extensive areas that were essentially above ground, with more of the basement out of the ground than in the ground, effectively becoming an additional floor. With the entire basement area qualifying for an exclusion, the full permitted gross floor area was then utilized for upper floors further contributing to increased building size and massing.

Proposed Amendment to Basement Exclusion

Under the existing rule complete basements qualified for exclusion from the maximum permitted gross floor area of development for a property, if on average the basement was one metre below the adjoining ground. This is a weighted average calculation that enabled multiple sides of the basement to be open and above ground.

The existing rules are as follows:

PART 2 Interpretation

- (1) "gross floor area" means the total area of all floors in all buildings on a parcel, measured to the outside surface of the exterior walls of the building including stairwells, basements and cellars but excluding areas specified in section 26 of Part 5, (Bylaw No. 1992)

PART 5 General Regulations

- 26.(1)(a)(i) basement floor area having an elevation at least 1 metre below the average level of finished ground adjoining the exterior walls of the building, to a maximum of 125% of the floor area of the storey immediately above;

The proposed rules amend the exclusion such that only those portions of the basement that are below ground, or in-ground, qualify for the exclusion. The proposed rule also replaces the one metre below ground requirement, with a requirement for at least 50% of the basement wall height to be below ground.

The proposed rules are as follows:

PART 5 General Regulations

26. (1)(a)(i) in-ground basement floor area to a maximum of 125% of the gross floor area of the storey immediately above.

PART 2 Interpretation

"in-ground basement floor area" means the portion of the lowest floor of the building, where at least 50% of the exterior wall height of this floor is below the level of finished ground adjoining the wall, and where wall height means the vertical distance from the level of the finished floor to the underside of the floor system above.

The Working Group has endorsed this proposed language and has consulted with other members of the ISTF. The proposed rule change is expected to address concerns related to recent trends in building size and massing, is consistent with the initial intention of the work of the ISTF for basements to be in the ground, and is considered easy to understand and apply for designers and staff for permit review and field inspection.

Implementation Considerations

The Working Group expressed concerns over developments that are actively in the planning and design stage, with significant investments made in reliance on the existing regulations, and that have not yet

submitted building permit applications or do not have authorized permits. To address this, members of the Working Group most familiar with this process, recommended that a minimum three month period should be considered for applicants to submit applications under the existing rules. This would be from the time of first and second reading of the proposed zoning bylaw amendment and would be written into the proposed bylaw. Staff consider that the objective of such a grace period could be achieved by judicious use of the permit withholding power in s. 463 of the Local Government Act. Once the amendment bylaw is in preparation, Council will have authority to direct that a building permit for a development that is contrary to the bylaw be withheld for 30 days, and during that period to direct that it be withheld for a further 90 days, to enable Council to complete the bylaw amendment process. If the bylaw is not adopted within that period, the permit would have to be issued and the owner could claim delay damages from the municipality. Reviewing building permit applications in relation to the amendment bylaw would enable staff to identify those involving the greatest non-conformity with the proposed amendments for report to Council for possible withholding of the permit. Permits involving more minor non-conformity and not considered to have neighbourhood impact could be processed in the usual way up to the date of bylaw adoption.

The other concern expressed is that there is a remaining number of existing developments with unauthorized spaces that have not yet been brought into conformance. Based on a number of examples reviewed, there is concern that the proposed new rules, which are more restrictive, would not enable some of these spaces to be brought into conformance and legitimized. The recommendation is to make provisions in the proposed zoning amendment bylaw that would address this anticipated problem applying specifically only to existing situations and not new construction.

It is recommended that staff's review of future applications, and consideration for withholding of permits, also take into consideration the recommendations above relative to a three month grace period for projects currently in planning and design, and for existing unauthorized developments that may be legitimized under the existing rules but not under the new proposed rules.

Neighbourhood Trends Analysis

In addition to the recommended zoning amendment bylaw for basement exclusions, staff will continue its work on Neighbourhood Development Trends as described in the June 21, 2016 Council Report. As part of this, staff will conduct on-going monitoring to assess the effectiveness of any adopted changes to regulations and the necessity for further revisions.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

Whistler 2020 is the municipality's long term strategic plan for the community's future. The plan describes what Whistler aspires to be in the year 2020: the values, sustainability principles, vision, priorities, and directions that define success and sustainability for the resort community. Specific policies identified in the plan that are pertinent to this Zoning Bylaw Amendment are listed below:

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Built Environment	The built environment is attractive and vibrant, reflecting the resort community's character, protecting viewsapes and evoking a dynamic sense of place.	Amending the Excluded GFA regulations will help to ensure that: 1. New construction continues to fit with the character of existing neighbourhoods, and 2. Existing viewsapes are protected.
Built Environment	Limits to growth are understood and respected.	Amending the excluded GFA regulations will help to address inappropriately sized development in residential neighbourhoods.

W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
none		

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed Zoning Amendment Bylaw is a municipal initiative funded within approved departmental budgets.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

The process that has been undertaken by staff has involved meetings and communications with members of the Illegal Space Task Force (ISTF); working sessions of a Working Group comprised of two members of the ISTF, a member of the Advisory Design Panel and municipal staff; along with previous reports and presentations to Council.

Staff does not propose further community engagement, however, staff will develop a communications plan to inform the public of the proposed changes to the gross floor area exclusion rules. A Public Hearing will be conducted as required by the *Local Government Act* for any proposed zoning amendment bylaw brought forward for Council consideration subsequent to first and second reading of the bylaw.

SUMMARY

This report recommends that Council direct staff to prepare and bring forward a zoning amendment bylaw for Council consideration to address issues related basement floor area exclusions for detached and duplex dwellings as described in the report.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kirkegaard
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
for
Jan Jansen
GENERAL MANAGER OF RESORT EXPERIENCE



REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: November 15, 2016

REPORT: 16-124

FROM: Infrastructure Services

FILE: 155

SUBJECT: Project Funding Application - Clean Water and Wastewater Fund

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse applications to the Canada-British Columbia Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for funding assistance for the Spring Creek Booster Station and the Emerald UV Disinfection System projects as set out in the 2013-2015 Five-Year Financial Plan.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report asks for Council's endorsement for funding assistance under the CWWF for two critical water projects as identified in our strategic planning documents and five-year plan for the Municipal Water System, specifically:

- \$2.6m Emerald UV Disinfection Project, including well field and pump station rehabilitation
- \$2.5m Spring Creek Booster Station Project, including Cheakamus/Function Junction pressure zone rationalization.

DISCUSSION

The Provincial/Federal governments have recently opened the first intake period for the The Clean Water Wastewater Fund (CWWF). An RMOW submission will be made for this intake if supported by Council. The rules established for this intake allow two applications to be submitted and since these two projects are of high importance to community water quality and water supply, have well developed requirements, and are already in the five-year plan for 2017/2018 they are felt to be good candidates for this intake.

There are significant funds available from the Federal and BC governments, and the funding formula for approved projects provides up to 83% of project costs. These two projects are both of sufficient value to make this level of external funding highly desirable.

Staff have reviewed the evaluation criteria for this intake and feel these projects are both eligible under the multiple evaluation criteria used to judge eligible projects.

Please note that this application for funding assistance does not change the current scope of the approved projects. It merely seeks to acquire funding from an alternate source.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Economic	Whistler proactively seizes economic opportunities that are compatible with tourism, and effectively adapts to changing external conditions.	Periodic funding opportunities come up, yielding opportunities for significant cost avoidance for the taxpayers, thereby keeping the Resort Community as affordable as possible.
Economic	Effective partnerships with government and tourism organizations support economic health.	Receiving funding through senior government programs strengthens our partnerships with the Province and the Federal Government.
Finance	Senior levels of government recognize the value of the resort community and support its success.	Receiving funding through these funding programs strengthens our partnerships with the Province and the Federal Government.

W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

The CWWF fund provides up to 83% funding for projects, including previously incurred costs occurring from April 2016 onward.

The Emerald UV project is currently forecast to cost \$2.6m in 2016/2017, including \$20,000 of the design-related expenses incurred in 2016 to-date which would be eligible for funding.

The Spring Creek Booster Station project is currently forecast to cost \$2.4m in 2017/2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

No further engagement and consultation is foreseen for this request to make application for funding assistance. This funding request does not change the scope of the already approved projects.

SUMMARY

The Federal Government, in partnership with the Province, is accepting applications to the Canada-British Columbia CWWF until November 23, 2016. Each local government is permitted to submit up to two applications. Staff have determined that the Emerald UV and Spring Creek Booster station

projects are high priority projects which would be strong candidates to secure senior government funding assistance. Staff request that Council endorse the submitted application to the Province/Federal governments for funding assistance under the Clean Water Wastewater Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Day
Manager of Utilities

for

James Hallisey
GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

WHISTLER



MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016, STARTING AT 2:30 P.M.**

**In the Flute Room at Whistler Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Architect AIBC, Brigitte Loranger
Architect AIBC, Chair, Duane Siegrist
Architect AIBC, Tony Kloepfer
MBCSLA, Julian Pattison
MBCSLA, Kristina Salin
Member at Large, Pat Wotherspoon
Councillor, Steve Anderson
Director of Planning & Acting ADP Secretary, Mike Kirkegaard
Planning Analyst, Tracy Napier
Planner, Amica Antonelli Recording
Secretary, Kay Chow

REGRETS:

UDI, Co-Chair, Dale Mikkelsen
Member at Large, Rylie Thiessen
Senior Planner & ADP Secretary, Melissa Laidlaw

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Tony Kloepfer
Seconded by Brigitte Loranger

That Advisory Design Panel adopt the Advisory Design Panel agenda of August 17, 2016.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Pat Wotherspoon
Seconded by Tony Kloepfer

That Advisory Design Panel adopt the Regular Advisory Design Panel minutes of April 20, 2016.

CARRIED.

That Advisory Design Panel adopt the Regular Advisory Design Panel minutes of May 18, 2016.

CARRIED.

UPDATE

Director of Planning Mike Kirkegaard provided an update of major development and policy projects underway by the RMOW Planning Dept.

Development projects include the Beacon Pub (Crystal Lodge) patio, Tapley's Pub improvements and Larco property improvements which includes Earls restaurant renovation for review by Advisory Design Panel today.

Policy projects include tourist accommodation review; issues to consider, what are the impacts of booking engines such as Airbnb, covenanted rental pool properties that aren't available for tourist accommodation, availability of rental properties in general, and protecting the core bed base.

Amendments to the Gross Floor Area Exclusions bylaw are being considered. There was a discussion about some of the bylaw impacts, for example large homes that change the neighbourhood character, the scale and massing of these large homes. Home owners are asking to maximize floor area at the design stage. Affordability is another concern. A potential solution would be to stratify the properties, as an example the City of Vancouver did not do this and it was a huge missed opportunity. Stratifying properties could allow young people to enter the home ownership market as well as allowing those people who are looking to retire to downsize and stay in the community. There was a suggestion for a future workshop session with Advisory Design Panel (ADP) to discuss bylaw amendments and neighbourhood character.

Councillor Anderson advised the panel that council members participated in a wayfinding tour recently. The wayfinding project was reviewed and supported by ADP.

PRESENTATIONS

Earls Restaurant
1st Review
File No. DP1508

The applicant team of Brent Murdoch, Murdoch & Company Architecture & Planning and Kevin Wallace, General Manager Earls Restaurant Whistler entered the meeting.

Planning Analyst Tracy Napier, RMOW introduced the project for an interior and exterior renovation of Earls restaurant. Proposed exterior changes: new covered entrance canopy, removal of some of the existing permanent planters in the patio entrance area and replace with free standing planters, new seating, gas fire bowls, addition of wall mounted gas heaters and repaint the guard rails to a black colour. Staff seeks Panel comments on the proposed exterior changes.

Brent Murdoch advised on the following.

1. Earls restaurant took over the space from the Hard Rock Café and inherited everything from them.
2. This project proposes to revitalize the interior, upgrade and expand the kitchen, upgrade mechanical, heating, ventilation and lighting systems, reconfigure seating, construct a new covered entrance canopy, maintenance and refinishing or replacement of some existing patio trellis timbers.
3. Proposed timeline for this phase to start at the beginning of September through to the opening of the ski season. A second phase for expansion of the back terrace is planned for summer 2017.
4. The kitchen has become the operational bottleneck preventing optimal business; it currently cannot serve all of the available seating capacity. Kitchen reorganization and upgrades will include replacement of existing equipment with new more energy efficient equipment.
5. The proposed open canopy will serve to identify and announce the entrance and provide queuing opportunities. Wood colours and textures will match existing timbers; the smaller timber members will need to be fire retardant treated as per Building Code; torch on roof; heavy grade rain water leaders intentionally placed and located; heat trace; roof will be structurally able to hold snow.
6. The terrace and wood trellis was developed approximately 10 years ago; some of the trellis members are now requiring some maintenance or replacement.
7. Removal of some of the existing permanent planters will help to alleviate pinch points.
8. Restaurant operations staff will clear snow when required.
9. Animation will be provided with seasonal planting, flowers, creating a celebratory environment.
10. The use of gas heaters and proposed gas fire bowls are offset by replacing outdated kitchen equipment, mechanical, ventilation and lighting systems with new energy efficient equipment and systems. Some of the lighting has already been swapped out with LED lighting; a reduction in energy costs is already being achieved. Energy modeling calculations will be performed and provided to staff.

Panel supports the projects' direction and offers the following comments.

Site Context and Landscaping

1. Circulation issues and weather protection at the entrance have been addressed.
2. Panel had some concern regarding removal of the permanent planters. Panel recommends replacing them with a uniform family of different kinds of planters that speak to each other; planters with very little detail to reduce visual clutter, as the trellis is already very busy looking.

Form and Character

1. The proposal is a nice upgrade to the building, it articulates the entrance.

2. Panel recommended a window treatment that would maintain ambient light instead of enclosing the windows.

Materials, Colours and Details

1. Panel recommends either aesthetically screening the heaters or integrating them with the trellis and concealing wiring and conduits to create a more polished façade.
2. Panel suggested consideration of a more durable / robust appearing material for replacement of the top smaller trellis members.
3. Panel supports the change of the handrail colour to be black.

Green Building Initiatives

1. Panel strongly recommends providing energy consumption calculations for the gas heaters and fire bowls.

Moved by Duane Siegrist
Seconded by Pat Wotherspoon

That the Advisory Design Panel supports the project and recommends the applicant continue working with staff and respond to Panel comments; Panel does not need to see this project return for further review. Panel supports the renovation and addition of the covered canopy at the entrance; consideration should be provided for the heating design to be concealed and integrated into the trellis design; reconsider not enclosing the windows or provide opacity to these windows that are proposed to be enclosed; and unify the renovated areas with planting and a planter design that is simpler.

CARRIED.

The applicant team left the meeting.

Whistler Creek Lodge
1st Review
File No. DP1520

The applicant team of Katharine Boake, Century 21 and Shivauna Brown, R3 Creative entered the meeting.

Planner Amica Antonelli, RMOW introduced the project proposal for a new colour scheme for Whistler Creek Lodge. Existing colours are a muted dusty blue with rust trim which complement the surrounding neighbourhood. The proposed new colour scheme: a medium gray for the main façade with 3 trim colours: brown, black and cream. Staff seeks Panel comments on how the colours will contribute to the vibrancy of the streetscape and commercial area; will they enliven Creekside; and how will the colours appear in darker weather.

Shivauna Brown advised on the following.

1. The Whistler Creek Lodge building is comprised of a multi residential development and an adjoining commercial development occupied by Creekbread restaurant.
2. Inspiration for the proposed colours was taken from adjacent buildings.
3. The proposed colours for the residential side are Sherwin Williams paint colours “pewter cast” a light gray for the building siding; “oyster bar” an off white for the window trim; “caviar” a black colour for the fascia and soffits

to complement the existing black balcony railings; “cedar 77” stain for log beams at the front entrance.

4. The proposed colours for the commercial side are “pewter cast” for the building siding; “leather bound” for window trim; clear lacquer for the wood windows and doors; “leather bound” for the fascia; no change to the log beams.

Panel supports the application, however Panel recommends the applicant strongly consider the comments provided by the Advisory Design Panel:

Materials, Colours and Details

1. Panel supports the proposed colour selections except for the “oyster bar” window trim colour.
2. Panel recommends to return to a “mountain character” colour treatment of the windows.
3. Panel does not support highlighting the chimney corners with the “caviar” (black) colour.

Moved by Duane Siegrist
Seconded by Tony Kloepper

That the Advisory Design Panel supports option 1 of the colour scheme that was presented but requests the applicant alter the window trim and all of the return corner trims to be a wood appearing colour palette and that the chimney treatment be a uniform colour, the same as the primary building colour. Panel does not need to see this project return for further review.

CARRIED.

The applicant team left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

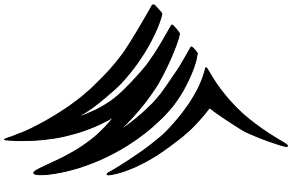
Moved by Duane Siegrist

That Advisory Design Panel adjourn the August 17, 2016 committee meeting at 4:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

CHAIR: Duane Siegrist, Architect AIBC

SECRETARY: Mike Kirkegaard



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File 546

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 5

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, STARTING AT 1:00 p.m.

**In the Board Room, Whistler Chamber of Commerce
201 – 4230 Gateway Drive, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Andrée Janyk, RMOW Councillor – Meeting Chair
Jen Ford, RMOW Councillor and Acting Mayor
Jack Crompton, RMOW Councillor (*Alternate*)
Mike Furey, RMOW – CAO
Mark Sedgwick, WB – VP Information Technology
Karen Goodwin, Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales
Mechthild Facundo, Whistler Chamber of Commerce – GM, The Whistler Experience
Bill Murray, Citizen-at-Large
Ben Smith, Citizen-at-Large
Scott Pass, Citizen-at-large
Matthew Boyd, BC Transit – Regional Planning Work Lead
Don Legault, MOTI – Operations Manager, Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast
James Hallisey, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services
Emma DaSanto, RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Richard Drdul, Community Transportation Planner
Kevin Stankiewicz, Parsons, Senior Transportation Engineer
Seth Hayto, Parsons, Transportation Engineer EIT
Paula Smith, BC Transit – Regional Transit Manager (*Alternate*)
Doug Forseth, Whistler Blackcomb – VP Government Relations & Special Projects
Doug MacFarlane, Whistler Blackcomb – Director Mountain Operations
Jim Watts, FastPark – Founder
Randi Kruse – RMOW, Senior Communications Officer

REGRETS:

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW Mayor - Chair
Steve Anderson, RMOW Councillor
Janusz Sobieniak, Citizen-at-Large
Jan Jansen, RMOW – GM of Resort Experience
Jesse Morwood, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) (*Alternate*)
Lindsay Debou, RMOW Bylaw Supervisor, *invited guest*
Linda Glenday, District of Squamish – CAO, *invited guest*

Assigning a Chair
for the Meeting

*Moved by B. Murray
Seconded by B. Smith*

That Councillor Janyk be appointed Acting Chair of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) for the September 22, 2016 workshop.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by M. Furey
Seconded by Acting Mayor J. Ford*

That the Agenda of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) of September 22, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Moved by B. Murray
Seconded by M. Furey*

That the Minutes of July 11, 2016 of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) be adopted with the following amendment:

- That in the section "Transportation Options – YVR to Whistler" the word 'suggested' be changed to 'discussed' to read "TAG discussed that BC Transit include information from Tourism Whistler"*

CARRIED

Presentations and Delegations

Transportation Today
Presentation

Summer Pilot Project Results and Learnings:

Emma DalSanto, RMOW TDM Coordinator, presented the results of the Summer Know and Then Go Pilot Project. The project ran for six Saturdays from the BC Day long weekend through to the Labour Day long weekend providing additional and free transit until 6pm for the first two Saturdays and then until 8pm for the final four Saturdays. Transit ridership was up over 50% on the free Saturdays compared to the equivalent Saturdays in July. The most mentioned reason stated by new riders taking transit on the summer Saturdays was to avoid the hassle of finding a parking spot in the Village.

ACTION: *THAT TAG discuss extending this pilot project to summer 2017 as part of the Transportation Tomorrow Exercise 5 later in the workshop.*

Summer 2016 Parking Study Findings and Recommendations:

Richard Drdul, Community Transportation Planner presented the summer 2016 parking study findings. Results, key findings and recommendations of the summer parking study were reviewed. The general goal for a parking resource (free or pay) is to have 85-90% occupancy, which is equivalent to 10-15% availability, to maximize use of the valuable resource while reducing customer frustration by providing availability for those that want to park. Key findings and recommendations from both the winter and summer parking studies will be submitted to the RMOW in the form of a final report later this fall.

ACTION: *THAT TAG discuss parking recommendations further during Exercise 5*

Councillor Crompton arrived at 2:25p.m.

TAG had a 5 minute break.

R. Drdul, D. Forseth, D. MacFarlane and J. Watts left the meeting at 2:30pm.

Sea to Sky Traffic Model:

The RMOW in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways have retained Parsons to develop a Sea to Sky Highway 99 Traffic Model from Horseshoe Bay through to Pemberton. Kevin Stankiewicz, Parsons Senior Transportation Engineer and Seth Hayto, Parsons Transportation Engineer EIT, presented the draft base model demonstrating how it is calibrated to existing February Friday afternoon peak period traffic and how it can be used to model future base levels of traffic.

P. Smith left the meeting at 3:15pm.

ACTION: RMOW staff will arrange to have Parsons give this presentation to the SLRD Regional Growth Strategy working group and receive their comments on the population and jobs assumptions before testing future scenarios.

K. Stankiewicz, S. Hayto and D. Legault left the meeting at 4:15pm.

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TAG Vision and Goals:

TAG reviewed and discussed the proposed revised vision statement and goals.

ACTION: RMOW staff will take TAG's comments and revise the Vision and Goals and circulate them with the minutes.

Action Planning Discussion:

TAG members were asked to bring their top 5 Short Term (2017 budget), Medium Term (2018-2020) and Long Term (2020-2030) Actions to the meeting. The group reviewed and discussed the actions. A summary of the actions will be circulated with the minutes. TAG's next workshop should focus on 2017 Action Planning.

Correspondence:

*Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by S. Pass*

Train service from
North Vancouver to
Prince George

THAT correspondence from Mayor Lampman dated March 7, 2016, regarding train service from North Vancouver to Prince George be received.

CARRIED

Updates and Other
Business

- TAG's Terms of Reference were updated July 12, 2016 to include a fourth Citizen-at-Large. Council appointed Scott Pass to sit on TAG. The updated Terms of Reference and Member's List will be circulated with the Minutes.
- TAG briefly discussed holding a Community Transportation Forum in 2017 with the goal of sharing the work that has been done to date as well as the 2017 action items.

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Transportation Advisory Group Workshop

Thursday, September 22, 2016

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- Topics for future meetings:
 - 2017 Action Planning
 - Community Transportation Forum
 - Defining “Community Transportation Initiative”
 - Potential “Measures of Success”
 - Highway 99 Incident Investigation & Emergency procedures

Next Meeting The next TAG meeting will be scheduled October or early November 2016 focusing on 2017 Action Planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Pass

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourn the September 22, 2016 TAG workshop at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED

Acting CHAIR: Councillor A. Janyk

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER
ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW (LIQUOR RETAIL SALES) NO. 2120, 2016**

A BYLAW TO AMEND ZONING AND PARKING BYLAW NO. 303, 2015

WHEREAS Council may, by bylaw, divide all or part of the area of the Municipality into zones, name each zone and establish the boundaries of the zone, regulate the use of land, buildings and structures within the zones, and prohibit any use in any zone;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Liquor Retail Sales) Bylaw No. 2120, 2016".
2. Zoning and Parking Bylaw No. 303, 2015, is amended as follows:
 - a. In Part 2, the definition of "packaged liquor" is deleted and the following definition is inserted:

"packaged liquor" means liquor, including beer, cider, malt liquor, wine, and fermented, distilled and spirituous liquors of any kind, that is in a sealed container such as a bottle, can, keg or growler, and is sold or intended for consumption in a location other than where it is sold.
 - b. In Part 2, the definition of "retail" is deleted and the following definition is inserted:

"retail" means the sale of merchandise to a person who buys the merchandise as the ultimate consumer or end user, being the last person in the chain of distribution, for personal consumption or use and not for further sale;
 - c. In Part 4 – General Prohibitions, the following text is added as a new subsection, after subsection (8):

(9) Except in a location identified in Schedule D to this Bylaw, and only in relation to the types of liquor listed under the heading "Permitted Sales" for that location, no person shall use any land or building for the retail sale of packaged liquor..
 - d. The table that appears as Schedule D of Zoning and Parking Bylaw No. 303, 2015 is amended as follows:
 - (i) In the row for "4211 Village Square", in the Address column "Village Square" is deleted and replaced with "Sunshine Place";
 - (ii) In the row for "4284 Mountain Square", in the Address column "4284" is deleted and replaced with "102-4280";
 - (iii) In the row for "205-2071 Lake Placid Rd", the following text is added to the Legal Description column, after "NWD": "PID: 025-991-809";
 - (iv) In the row for 7017 Nester's Road, in the Address column "7017" is deleted and replaced with "100 – 7015";

- (v) In the row for “Rainbow Lands”, the existing text in the “Legal Description” column is deleted and replaced with “Lot 9, DL 7302, Plan BCP38413, PID: 027-688-062” and the existing text in the “Permitted Locations” column is deleted and replaced with “Floor area maximum for packaged liquor sales as set out in CD1 Zone”;
- (vi) The following three rows are added as new rows to the table:

4355 Blackcomb Way	Lot 8, Plan LMP219, DL 5028 NWD Gp1, & DL 5275 EXPL Plan LMP24003 PID: 017-370-833	Same as Legal Description	Beer that is produced on the premises
1045 Millar Creek Road	Lot B, Plan BCP3043, DL 4119 NWD, Gp1 & DL 7861 & 7862 PID: 025-562-029	Same as Legal Description	Beer that is produced on the premises
1212 Alpha Lake Road, Units 2 & 3	Lots 2 & 3, Plan VAS2270, DL 4120 NWD, Gp1 & DL 6083 PIDs: 012-068-993 and 012-069-035	Same as Legal Description	Beer that is produced on the premises

Given first and second readings this 6th day of September, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 890 of the *Local Government Act*, a Public Hearing was held this 4th day of October, 2016.

Given third reading this 4th day of October, 2016.

Approved by the Minister of Transportation this 31st day of October, 2016.

Adopted by the Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden,
Mayor

Laurie-Anne Schimek,
Municipal Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Liquor Retail Sales) Bylaw No. 2120, 2016.

Laurie-Anne Schimek,
Municipal Clerk

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 1:30 PM
Subject: Jacqui Lawrence Cheakamus DES Issue

Hello Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached PDF – the email correspondence from myself to you this time last year.

After spending close to \$5000 in 2015 on my DES heating system, it is not working again. When I went to turn my heat on Oct 1, no heat was forthcoming. I went to the mechanical room to find my circulating water pump scorching hot and fried (for the third or fourth time, I have lost count). My children and I have now been without heat for 3 weeks.

Kind Regards,

Jacqui Lawrence
8-1245 Mt Fee Rd,
Whistler, BC, V0N1B1
604-902-2480

From: colleen macdonald [<mailto:colleenmacd@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 06:30

To: Mayor's Office <mayorsoffice@whistler.ca>

Subject: Lost Lake Signage

Dear Mayor and Council,

Congratulations on the new signage in the Village. It's bright and bold and so much easier to find one's way around the village. This is a much-needed improvement and I'm pleased to see it underway.

Could you please tell me if there are plans to update signage in Lost Lake Park? I was cycling recently on the Lost Lake Loop and noticed that there are no signs in some key areas, specifically at the intersection Board #7 near Mill Road and Molly Hogan, but also in many other areas. I would be pleased to take a tour with the appropriate department to point out some areas where I got lost.

If there is a committee or focus group relating to signage improvements, I would be very much interested in being involved.

Sincerely, Colleen MacDonald
7240 Fitzsimmons Rd S
Whistler, B.C.

Submitted on Monday, October 31, 2016 - 16:28 Submitted by anonymous user: 96.49.56.167
Submitted values are:

Full Name: Markus Samer

Mailing Address: 32-7337 Spruce Grove Lane Whistler BC V0N 1B7 Civic address if different from mailing address:

Email Address: vestcoaster@gmail.com

Phone Number: 604-902-4148

Your Message:

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing in regards to the change in the memorial bench program. We received a letter from the RMOW advising that our memorial bench will expire. When our family went through the process to purchase and choose a location for our fathers memorial bench we were under the impression that there was no expire date. I could not see an expiration date mentioned in our bench documents. We were excited to have the opportunity to have a place to remember him in a location that he absolutely loved, the Lost lake Dog Beach where many other people can benefit from his bench. On behalf of our family we are respectfully asking Mayor and Council to reconsider the changes to the program or grandfather the existing memorial benches in the valley from the new memorial bench program containing an expiration date.

Yours Truly,

Markus Samer

Please sign the form by entering your initials: M



British Columbia MEDAL OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP



November 2, 2016

Her Worship Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and Councillors
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler BC V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Re: Medal of Good Citizenship ~ Call for Nominations

The Honours and Awards Secretariat would appreciate your help in promoting the Medal of Good Citizenship and soliciting new nominations. Launched in 2015 by Premier Christy Clark, the prestigious Medal of Good Citizenship recognizes individuals who, through exceptional long-term service, have made outstanding contributions to their communities without expectation of remuneration or reward. The medal reflects their generosity, service, acts of selflessness and contributions to community life.

Since the first medal was presented in October 2015, 21 individuals and two communities have been named as recipients of the Medal. The full list of recipients can be accessed [here](#). Please help us promote the Medal by informing your community about the opportunity to nominate one of its outstanding citizens.

The online [nomination form](#) is available on the [website](#). **Nominations are accepted year round but we are currently soliciting nominations to be received in the next few weeks for the Selection Committee to consider early in the New Year.**

The completed Nomination Form, description of achievement, testimonial letters and any supporting materials must be submitted electronically as one package by email to the Honours and Awards Secretariat at bchonoursandawards@gov.bc.ca.

For your convenience, a call for nominations poster is also attached. Should you or your contacts require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office by phone at 250.387.1616 or email to bchonoursandawards@gov.bc.ca
Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
and Chair of the Selection Committee

MEDAL *of* GOOD CITIZENSHIP



I WANT TO NOMINATE SOMEONE!

Nomination forms are available at
www.gov.bc.ca/medalofgoodcitizenship.

For information on eligibility
and other information:
www.gov.bc.ca/medalofgoodcitizenship.

Email us at:
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From: MCF Info MCF:EX <MCF.Info@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 11:13 AM
To: info
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Stephanie Cadieux

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 229940

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
E-mail: info@whistler.ca

Dear Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Council:

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and British Columbia is making history as the first province in Canada to design and launch an online tool that will streamline the adoptions process for waiting families and help ensure kids find the loving homes that they deserve, sooner.

Created with input from the Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia (AFABC), 'Adopt BC Kids' provides a personalized and user-friendly platform for adoptive families to view their application process, track what documents have been received and better understand next steps. A built-in matching service ensures that matching criteria between a prospective parent and adoptee is automatically flagged, connecting waiting children and teens with forever homes, faster. Anyone interested in becoming an adoptive parent can begin their journey online at: www.gov.bc.ca/adoptbckids.

In your community and across the province, there are young people right now hoping for a family to call their own. Over the past 10 years, an annual average of approximately 270 children have been adopted in British Columbia, but there are still approximately 1,000 children and youth in government care who are waiting for a forever home. Some are part of a sibling group, some have special needs, and some are teens. Regardless of personal circumstances, each and every child deserves a family to belong to, a place to grow up, help with preparing for the challenges of adulthood, and someone to rely on for support, encouragement and love.

Together with the AFABC, we are working to find those 1,000 families. The 1000familiesbc campaign is our joint effort to connect waiting children with caring families. Please help us raise awareness on Facebook and Twitter by using the hashtag #1000familiesbc or by directing members of your community to 1000familiesbc.com.

There are many other ways you can celebrate adoptive families and help raise awareness of adoption, for example by creating an adoption display in your office or helping to promote the celebration events for adoptive families in your community throughout the month of November.

The AFABC's representative for your area can provide you with more information on these events, or about adoption in general. Their contact information, as well as contact information for the four licensed adoption agencies in British Columbia, can be accessed at: <http://gov.bc.ca/howtoadopt>.

On behalf of the Ministry of Children and Family Development, thank you for helping us raise awareness about adoption and find loving homes for British Columbia's waiting children and youth.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Stephanie Cadieux
Minister of Children and Family Development
101-5658-176th Street
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V3S 4C6

Submitted on Friday, November 4, 2016 - 09:15 Submitted by anonymous user: 50.92.169.80 Submitted values are:

Full Name: Andrew Wilkins

Mailing Address: 8328 Ski Jump Rise, Whistler, BC, V0N1B9 Civic address if different from mailing address:

Email Address: geoclimb.andrew@gmail.com Phone Number: 604-905-9812 Your Message:

To Mayor and Council,

Transit and what needs to be done to get me out of my car.

Throwing new money and new buses at transit will not get me out of my car unless a fundamental change in the way transit is delivered occurs.

In the winter time, I commute to work in the village. It takes me 10 minutes to drive and I have free parking. The transit system needs to be able to compete with this convenience.

The current system is route based; it is slow and does not suit the busy and active lifestyles of this town. I propose that Highway 99 be treated as a rapid transit artery. Express buses would travel up and down Highway 99 between Cheakamus Crossing, Creekside, the Village and Emerald Estates. The buses would not leave the highway to stop at Rainbow or Meadow Park or Nesters etc. The only stops where these buses would leave the highway are Creekside and the Village. Some more bus pull outs and pedestrian crossings would need to be built along the route. A bus only lane would need to be built in high congestion areas of Highway 99, like what was done during the Olympics. The current transit bus loop in the Village is located in a congested area and needs to be moved to a different location, probably where the current greyhound bus loop is located. These express buses would not follow a fixed schedule necessarily, but one could depend on a bus showing up at least every 10 minutes, much like riding the skytrain in the city.

At the larger subdivisions a route based system would be in place that would link to the main transit artery, not the Village. These buses probably don't even need to be full size buses and would run on a fixed schedule.

More ski and boot lockers should be located at the ski lifts, so local transit users do not have to lug their ski equipment on the bus.

Public transit in this country will always be a bit of hard sell. North Americans are brainwashed to love their vehicles. For public transit to become mainstream in Whistler, it needs to be reliable, efficient, relevant and as convenient as driving.

Please sign the form by entering your initials: ALW