



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor: N. Wilhelm-Morden

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

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Transportation and Solid Waste, G. Woodward
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
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 15, 2016.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

That Council adopt the following minutes:

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

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Wolfgang Run of Whistler – temporary housing at the Whistler Hostel

Q – Mr. Run had a question regarding something the Mayor said at the last Council regarding mobilization of emergency temporary housing. Mr. Run quoted that she said “We don’t have an immediate response at this time – we do not have a response”. Mr. Run questioned why there was no response.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden interrupted to relay that she would like Mr. Run to get to his question saying that this is not the time for a long dissertation.

Q – Mr. Run asked that she respect that he had a question and to let him get to it otherwise he would be thrown off his train of thought.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she is the chair of the meeting and sets the rules of conduct for it. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said she did not intend to be rude but that there is a busy agenda and that if Mr. Run would like to have a big discussion about a topic than he could call her and set up an appointment to discuss a point or send an email or write to staff or Council. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reiterated that this portion of the meeting is for question and answers only.

Q – Mr. Run said that his question is on immediate temporary housing. Mr. Run continued that he spoke to Councillor Grills a few weeks ago about whether they could have emergency temporary housing. Mr. Run said that Councillor Grills commented that we don't want to spend three million on an emergency measure where we could put it towards a permanent measure.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked if Mr. Run could get to his question.

Q – Mr. Run replied that this is his question. Why isn't there temporary housing? Mr. Run continued to say that was Councillor John Grills aware that if we had 500 people in a work force chalet campus paying \$10 per day that there would be \$5000 in revenue coming in per day. Mr. Run continued to say that he has talked to other Mayor's.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked if it was correct to surmise the question is "Why don't we have emergency housing"?

Q – Mr. Run said that his question was why the Mayor isn't doing her job, saying she's the leader of the community and that she is refusing to respond.

AMayor Wilhelm-Morden replied that Mr. Run still has not asked her a question.

Q – Mr. Run continued to say why is the Mayor not giving us a response? Mr. Run said that last Council meeting the Mayor said there were 15 homeless people. Mr. Run commented that he went to Whistler Hi Hostel and there is over 150 homeless there looking for housing. Mr. Run commented that he was shocked when the Mayor said that there was only 15. Mr. Run asked what is wrong with this picture and continued on to say that Council and staff are totally disconnected from reality and that hundreds of people come up to him saying that they are frustrated and upset and that they want to be here to contribute to the resort and that Council is not acting.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that emergency housing falls within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Government. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden suggested that Mr. Run speak to our MLA Jordan Sturdy. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden continued that there are community services available here and that you can speak to the Whistler Community Services Society (WCCS) about them.

Q – Mr. Run said that Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had already told him that saying they ship them off to Squamish. Mr. Run asked whether we are taking care of our people or are we just shipping off the responsibility to Squamish? Mr. Run said that this is not acceptable leadership.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that if Mr. Run wished to have a discussion about emergency housing then he should make an appointment and come to her office to speak about it. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden suggested that Mr. Run should also speak to the MLA and to WCSS.

Q – Mr. Run asked why it couldn't be discussed in public.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that this is not the forum to take the podium and have a big debate about a topic of importance.

Q – Mr. Run interrupted asking why they were not doing their jobs.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that they were doing their jobs and that he was being argumentative.

Mike Furey asked that he be able to speak before being interrupted as Mr. Run had been doing to the Mayor. Mr. Furey continued that this is a question and answer period and not a debate on any particular issue. Mr. Furey acknowledged that the issues Mr. Run has raised are valid and that we are prepared to have a discussion with him but that this is not the forum for it. Mr. Furey informed that if Mr. Run could not respect the process then he was denying the other people in the room, Council members and the business before us, from proceeding. Mr. Furey went on to say that Mr. Run has been very abusive to the process and asked Mr. Run politely one more time to ask a very distinct question and then leave the podium.

Q – Mr. Run said the distinct question is what is preventing Council and the Mayor and staff from taking massive action to handle our immediate housing crisis of hundreds of young people looking for housing.

Mike Furey said thank you and that that is a very important question.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that we have a number of initiatives underway such as:

- Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) is building a 27 unit complex which will come on-stream next year and provide housing for up to 100 people.
- The transferring of another parcel of land to Whistler Housing Authority for a similar project.
- The formation of the Mayor's Task Force on housing.
- Staff is taking action on illegal nightly rentals in subdivisions.
- Staff are doing a number of studies regarding market housing and resident restricted housing so that evidence based decisions can be made and to where attention needed to be focused.

Q– Mr. Run said thank you asking where is the immediate action for emergency housing for the hundreds of young people looking for housing at this time?

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that Mr. Run has asked her that already and that she has said that we do not have emergency housing available in Whistler. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden continued that for women and children who maybe in abusive relationships who need emergency, temporary housing there are housing situations available in Pemberton and Squamish and through the WCSS. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden also said that there are temporary accommodations available through the WCCS and other Provincial agencies for those who may have some mental health issues.

Q – Mr. Run asked what prevents Council from implementing and strategizing social economic viability in emergency housing right here taking care of our own in Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she has already answered him twice already and that Mr. Run has been at the podium 10 minutes and asked Mr. Run to sit down saying if he wished to have the discussion further he could call her office to book an appointment.

Q - Mr. Run asked whether he should make the appointment with Wanda to which Mayor Wilhelm-Morden answered yes.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

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

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden called a recess at 5:44 p.m.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that the Province of British Columbia has invested two million dollars in the Whistler Housing Authority project at 1310 Cloudburst Drive. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that this building will be complete by October 2017 and will offer twenty seven new units of affordable rental housing that will accommodate up to a hundred beds. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the Province of British Columbia for recognizing the housing issue and investing in solutions.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that Whistler's Remembrance Day service was attended by around a thousand people. There were 50 current service members who participated, including representatives from the 39 Signal Regiment in Vancouver, the British Army, the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Whistler Fire Rescue Service and the RCMP. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that after the Colour Party and Parade, the service featured the Whistler Children's Chorus, readings, a helicopter fly over and two minutes of silence. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that this year, organizer Brian Buchholz, emphasized the effect of war on veterans. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that he also honoured those who had fought at Vimy Ridge 100

years ago next April. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had the opportunity to talk to some of the attendees who had never had occasion to take part in our Remembrance Day services before and who commented that it was a wonderful service with a great local, community feel. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked Brian Buchholz and the organizing committee for doing a superb job this year.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that on Saturday, the Fitzsimmons covered bridge, Village Gate Boulevard Inukshuk, Olympic Rings and Paralympic Agitos were lit red at dusk. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that this was part of a nation-wide initiative by the Federal Government to Light Canada Red. November 12 marked 50 days until the beginning of 2017, Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. This anniversary will be marked with year-long celebrations.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden updated that the new Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing met for the first time last week. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that during the meeting, the task force discussed action plans already in progress including:

- the increased enforcement of nightly rentals of properties not zoned for this use, and we have seen some compliance successes already from our efforts
- implementing business licences for nightly rentals to assist with regulation,
- and businesses leasing properties long term on behalf of staff.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the task force also discussed potential short and long-term solutions for consideration. A small sub-group was formed to discuss matching landlords and businesses to create leases for long-term employee housing between the parties. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that she was encouraged by how collaborative the discussions were and how heart felt everyone was who came to the table. Every task force member recognized that Whistler's success depends on us implementing solutions that relieves the housing supply challenges. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said that she is confident that we will be able to work towards a successful resolution of this problem.

Councillor Maxwell informed that she attended a grizzly bear symposium which was well attended by a lot of people in the community and commented that it was nice to see the collaboration between all the different people as well as understanding better the First Nations cultural connection with the grizzly bears. Councillor Maxwell commented that it was mentioned at the meeting that the previous Council had moved a resolution to support grizzly bear recovery so that was appreciated there as well.

Councillor Crompton said he attended a Regional Growth Strategy of Elected Officials Forum last Thursday which among other things discussed regional issues and how we can manage the growth we are all experiencing in a positive way. Councillor Crompton said that it was encouraging to see that we are all on the same page and moving in the same direction together.

Councillor Crompton informed that he attended the inaugural Wine Summit at Cornucopia which is an event focused on the industry specifically and involves people from all over the west coast and said that he thought it was an exciting add to the program. Councillor Crompton said that Cornucopia seems to get bigger and better every year.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Council and staff attended the opening of the pedestrian tunnel at Mons commenting that it was good to see that project finished and that it was a great collaboration between public and private organizations. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said it has been the missing piece of the valley trail and that it was great to see it finally open. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that the artwork inside and out was interesting. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden relayed that while they were standing by the tunnel a train came by and the private developer of the tunnel, Steve Bayly commented that they were really glad that they didn't use cheap concrete.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

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

That Information Report No.16-122 regarding an update on the progress on a new Solid Waste Bylaw be received.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

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

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.

CARRIED

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

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

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.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Advisory Design Panel
(ADP)

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

That minutes of Advisory Design Panel Committee meeting of August 17, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group Workshop 5 of September 22, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Liquor Retail Sales) No. 2120, 2016 Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

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

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

CORRESPONDENCE

District Energy System (DES) Issues Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
File No. 420.1 Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Jacqui Lawrence dated October 18, 2016, regarding concerns with her District Energy System be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Lost Lake Signage Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
File No. 3009 Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That correspondence Colleen MacDonald dated October 28, 2016, regarding the lack of signage at Lost Lake Park be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Memorial Bench Program Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
File No. 8014 Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Marcus Samer dated October 31, 2016, regarding the memorial bench program be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Medal of Good Citizenship Awards Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
File No. 3009 Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That 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 be received.

CARRIED

Adoption Awareness
Month and New Online
Tool
File No. 3009

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

That 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 be received.

CARRIED

Local Transit
Suggestions
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Andrew Wilkens dated November 4, 2016, regarding suggestions for Local Transit be received and referred to staff and the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) and the Transportation Management Advisory Committee (TMAC).

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the November 15, 2016 Council meeting at 6:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek