



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor J. Ford

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

ABSENT:

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Acting General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, K. Roggeman
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Information Technology, K. Ing
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

*Acting Mayor Ford recognized the attendance of Eric Martin and Garry Watson
holders of the Freedom of the Municipality.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of October 18, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council and Public Hearing minutes of October 4, 2016.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Wolfgang Run - no address in Whistler asked the questions:

Will Council and staff be sincere in reading former Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Paul Hellyer's book "Money Mafia – World in Crisis", which explains about the Bank of Canada and how we can spend money into existence without incurring debt? That means for our housing. What if we had all the capital that we could spend into existence to solve our interim and affordable housing situation with excellence and collaborative imagination. What if we had all the money at our disposal. What if we thought there wasn't enough money, but what if we thought we could create and spend that money into existence for our infrastructure needs and mitigate the suffering that is going on in our community.

Has Council, CAO and staff done the in depth research to implement ATCO-esque camps to act as a shock absorber to dampen the un-real estate and unsustainable market practices in force today?

Has the CAO and staff implemented a step by step cost and benefit analysis by recommending a plan to end the social suffering? Did I not hear the excuse from the CAO for not planning smart interim dwelling in the last meeting because he was concerned about legal challenges if the people should they be wanting to keep their workforce village camp intact and might create a legal precedent? Is this legal card just another avoidance tactic to not do the most crucial proactive plan to end the suffering in our community at the cost of financial and social harm versus social wellbeing by using smart money creation through the Bank of Canada?

What are the reasonable excuses that staff and Council seem to reinforce week after week, month after month, year after year? Do we want to spend 3 million on interim housing or do we want to spend it on permanent dwellings? What if you were able to cultivate and shift into a dynamic political will to make available all the monies to be spent into existence for both interim and permanent housing?

Is Council and staff willing to investigate and educate themselves in this new political paradigm that was implemented between 1938 – 1974? It's a fact.

Will the Mayor set the bar higher and commit to solve the affordable housing shortage and commit and promise on public record that all creative shock absorbers will be set in place regardless what the housing market demands to have affordable high quality housing?

Will Council, staff and Mayor be willing to take in this great wisdom from William Lyon McKenzie King our former Prime Minister? Will you investigate the wisdom and how can we apply his wisdom today, make it dynamic and make our life better in this community and village?

"Once a nation parts with the control of its currency and credit, it matters not who makes that nation's laws. Usury, once in control, will wreck any nation. Until the control of the issue of currency and credit is restored to government and recognized as its most conspicuous and sacred responsibility, all talk of the sovereignty of Parliament and of democracy is idle and futile."

Acting Mayor Ford stated that she couldn't answer all the questions Mr. Run asked but reiterated that Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had offered to meet with him outside the Regular Council Meeting format to discuss his ideas further. Acting Mayor Ford replied that this Council and past Councils have been committed to doing the best they can to provide housing and to work with community stakeholders to assist in that endeavor. And that they are committed through the Mayor's task force on housing to look at creative ideas and to come up with solutions in a short and medium term platform. Acting Mayor Ford replied that they are working on it, are committed and are not ignoring the issue

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

A presentation was given by Eric Martin, President and Chair of the Whistler 2020 Development Corp. regarding the District Energy System at Cheakamus Crossing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Whistler Writers Festival ran from October 13 to 16.

The festival held:

- twelve workshops
- fourteen reading events for adults
- one reading event for young readers
- one workshop for young writers
- a Chef's reception featuring authors of cook books
- and an authors in schools program in partnership with the English classes in five Sea to Sky corridor high schools.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that industry representatives from Penguin Randomhouse, Groundwood and other agencies and publishers were in Whistler to hear pitches from emerging authors. A Literary Salon workshop specifically for readers and book club members hosted book clubs Seattle, the Gulf Islands and the Fraser valley.

A new prize and event for independently published books was initiated this year. Participants came from Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta. The festival is in its fifteenth year and saw participation levels increase by 17 per cent with overall attendance at 1,810. The Resort Municipality of Whistler invested \$10,000 through the Resort Municipality Initiative funds from the Province of British Columbia in the following events: Comedy Quickies, Literary Cabaret and Signature Reading events. All were sold out.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that the sixth annual Whistler 50 Relay and Ultra was a success saying that feedback has been positive, despite the rain. A thousand runners participated in the event, of which sixty four solo participants ran the whole distance and the rest competed in teams. The event brought around one thousand, five hundred people to Whistler. The municipality's Festival, Events and Animation funding was invested in the Finish Line Party. At the finish line the runners received food and there was an awards ceremony at Whistler Olympic Plaza. The event donated money to the Sea to Sky Food Banks and have given thirty six thousand dollars over the past six years.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that Whistler Housing Authority and the Resort Municipality of Whistler arranged a free information session for landlords on October 13. Landlords B.C. spoke about tenant selection, making agreements, inspections and common issues. The event was a huge success. Over 40 people attended and filled the library's Community Room. A session on tenant's rights is planned for November with a presentation by the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre.

On behalf of the RMOW and Council Acting Mayor Ford congratulated artist Sarah Turton, whose proposal was selected for the design of the 2016 and 2017 fall and winter street banner series. Her proposal is called "Winter in Motion", and involves four different designs. This selection resulted from an open competition process. Sarah was also the winner of the previous spring and summer competition. Acting Mayor Ford encouraged everyone to check out the new banners, which are currently being hung on street light posts in Whistler Village. Through the Street Banner Program, each series is displayed for two seasons and then sold to the public. Revenue from sales contribute to future public art projects. Street banners are also upcycled through the banner to bags program, which turns retired banners into reusable bags. Learn more at whistler.ca/banners.

Acting Mayor Ford updated that the RMOW corporate operations have been formally recognized for achieving carbon neutrality in 2015. The recognition was given recently by the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee.

Acting Mayor Ford updated that the RMOW's corporate operations Carbon Neutral Operations plan, which is consistent with Whistler's Community Energy and Climate Action Plan, have achieved carbon neutrality annually since 2010 and Corporate GHG emissions have been reduced by 38 per cent since peak levels in 2009. The RMOW had signed the Climate Action Charter in 2007 to commit to working with the Province of British Columbia and the Union of BC Municipalities to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and continues to work diligently on climate management planning at both the community and corporate operations scales.

Acting Mayor Ford conveyed that an information session is being held about the St. Andrews alley waterproofing project for Parking Lot B. The session is to share information and also to receive input. Any businesses and residents impacted by the project are invited to attend on Wednesday, October 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Delta Whistler Village Suites.

Acting Mayor Ford encouraged Whistler's residents to take part in the ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday, October 20 at 10:20 a.m. At 10:20 a.m., hundreds of thousands of British Columbia residents will Drop! Cover! and Hold On! The drill is a particularly valuable exercise in this region because Whistler has a 15 to 20 percent chance of a damaging earthquake in the next 50 years. And we all have experienced minor tremors in the past year. If you would like to Drop! Cover! and Hold On! with a group, Whistler Public Library will be taking part. To sign up online, please visit ShakeOutBC.ca.

Acting Mayor Ford congratulated Palmer's Gallery Bar and Grill for being Whistler's first restaurant to complete the Whistler Bear Smart Restaurant program to be a Bear Smart restaurant. The program is offered online for free, and offers restaurant staff and managers practical solutions to minimize conflict between humans and bears at the workplace. The Get Bear Smart Society and the Resort Municipality of Whistler developed the program, which includes an initial consultation, training and a free follow-up evaluation as well as assistance. Anyone interested in taking part can contact the municipal Bear Smart program assistant at bearaware@whistler.ca.

Acting Mayor Ford shared that the Whistler Refugee Response volunteer group will be welcoming a Syrian refugee family to our community this week. If you would like to help the family adapt to their move, please find out more on the Whistler Refugee Response Facebook page and donations can be made on the group's website.

Acting Mayor Ford informed Whistler's residents that the Fitzsimmons Creek pedestrian bridge in Whistler Village will be undergoing maintenance from Tuesday, October 25 to Wednesday, October 26. The bridge will be closed those days from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pedestrians and cyclists can take two possible detours:

- The Valley Trail on Blackcomb Way past the Gondola Transit Exchange.
- The Valley Trail on Lorimer Road past the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

The maintenance is required to extend the life of the bridge.

Councillor S. Maxwell informed that it is Waste Reduction Week and that AWARE is hosting a photo challenge where you can enter pictures of your recycling activities. On Thursday October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre there will be a screening of "Just Eat It" which is a great movie by Vancouver filmmakers Grant and Jen who will be available to answer questions on waste reduction and food waste topics as well. From the Get Bear Smart Committee they have released some new videos from the YouTube channel. This is good for anyone new to Whistler wanting to know how to interact with bears - they are very funny, even for anyone who has been here for a long time.

Councillor A. Janyk, speaking as the Head Referee for the Whistler Youth Soccer Association thanked Paul Beswetherick, Landscape Maintenance and Snow Clearing Supervisor and his staff for their help in being able to fit in the final games scheduled on the fields this past weekend despite a weather warning for the area.

INFORMATION REPORTS

District Energy System
Annual Report
Report No.16-115
File No. 420.2

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

That Council receive Information Report No.16-115 regarding the Cheakamus Crossing District Energy System Annual Report.

CARRIED

Planning And Building
Departments Application
Activity Report – 2016
Third Quarter
Report No.16-113
File No. 7076.01

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

That Information Report No.16-113 summarizing the Planning Department and Building Departments application activity for the third quarter of 2016 be received.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

DES Repair and
Maintenance Program
Funding
Report No.16-117
File No. 420.2

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

That Council approve an expenditure from Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) to Whistler 2020 Development Corporation (WDC) in the amount of \$350,000 for the purposes described Administrative Report 16-117; and

That Council approve the expenditure to be funded from the 2016 General Contingency budget; and.

That Council direct staff to increase the amount owed to RMOW by WDC by \$350,000.

CARRIED

Council Endorsement Of
Technology Advisory
Committee
Report No.16-116
File No. 2800

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

That Council endorse the creation of a Whistler Technology Advisory Committee ("TAC"),

That Council endorse the Technology Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of Administrative Report to Council 16-116; and,

That Council endorse the Technology Advisory Committee as a Committee of Council.

CARRIED

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

That Council amend the Terms of Reference to include one member from Arts Whistler on the Committee.

CARRIED

Mayor's Task Force on
Resident Housing
Report No.16-114

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

File No. 2150 **That** Council endorse the Terms of Reference as amended as circulated to Council for the Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing as outlined in Appendix A of Administrative Report to Council 16-114.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That minutes of the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2126, 2016 Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2126, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

What Is Whistler – Who Are We?
File No. 3009 Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Hakon Kalvenes dated September 29, 2016, requesting Whistler consider changing our community branding from “Host Mountain Resort 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games” to something which identifies what we are today and want to be in the future be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness Week (PEDAW)
File No. 3009 Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Amy Pezzente, Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness (PEDAW) Campaign coordinator dated October 4, 2016, requesting that the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit up purple February 3, 2017 in support of eating disorders awareness be referred to staff.

CARRIED

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

That correspondence from Kerry Dennehy dated October 4, 2016, regarding changes to the Memorial Bench Program be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

District Energy System Issues Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

File No. 3009

That correspondence from Suzanne Adamson dated October 9, 2016, regarding issues with her DES be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Memorial Bench
Program
File No. 8014

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

That correspondence Andy Szocs dated October 10, 2016, regarding changes to the Memorial Bench Program and supporting Kerry and Ginny Dennehy's memory bench legacy be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Medical Marijuana
Business Opportunity
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Brad Harvey dated October 10, 2016, requesting an opportunity to work with the Municipality to institute a marijuana dispensary or lounge in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED6

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council adjourn the October 18, 2016 Council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor, J. Ford

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek