



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

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

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor: J. Ford

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

ABSENT: Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden, Councillor S. Anderson,

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
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of the Building Department, J. Mooney
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

General Manager, Whistler Housing Authority, M. Zucht

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

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

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Wolfgang Lindemann – formerly of Tamarisk.

Questions are regarding the affordable housing shortage not just a housing shortage.

- Do you all agree that it is time to end the affordable housing shortage?
- Are you willing to implement policies for massive action to find smart ways to use our existing institutions by the implementation of a Whistler infrastructure bank monitored by the Bank of Canada Fiduciary's?
- Where will all the money and capital come from?
- Will you and your staff commit fully to money education creation because the answer to this question will answer the question "Where will the money come from"?
- Will you consider inviting Canada's modest think tank called COMER (Committee on Monetary Economic Reform) to help in this education process?
- Will you have a town hall meeting so you can ask us what we think – what kind of ideas and solutions we can offer?

Mr. Lindemann quoted Toni Ben former UK Member of Parliament who said "if you want to see what kind of democracy your rulers are creating ask these questions":

1. What powers do you have?
2. How did you get your powers?
3. What do you do with these powers in serving the community?
4. How can we get rid of you?

- Acting Mayor Ford thanked Mr. Lindemann for his well thought out questions.
- Acting Mayor Ford commented that it is a topic that is at the Council table all the time stating that there is a presentation further in the meeting from the Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) that address some of the issues brought up by Mr. Lindemann.
- Acting Mayor Ford reported that the presentation will discuss where our community is at and where it would like to be.
- Acting Mayor Ford answered the question "what do we do with those powers" saying that Council treat their powers with the utmost of respect.
- Acting Mayor Ford commented that it is something Council works on with staff and through the WHA and that she hoped the report later in the meeting would answer some of Mr. Lindemann's questions.

CAO M. Fury responded:

- How do we get rid of you? You vote at the next Council Election in November of 2018.
- What powers do they have? Powers under the *Community Charter*, the *Local Government Act* relating to land use planning primarily and other provisions of authority.
- How did they get those powers? Received by legislation through the *Resort Municipality of Whistler Act* of 1975 from the Provincial Government.

- What do they do with those powers? By carrying out the functions of water, sewer, provision of other services to the community, recreation, waste management and other functions related to that.
- Will you have a Town Hall Meeting? The RMOW held a town hall meeting in the form of the Community Forum in June where there was a table devoted to housing. This does not preclude future housing discussions and other matters.

Mr. Lindemann asked what about education and money creation? Despite the question being asked away from the podium CAO Mike Furey responded:

- Each year The RMOW has a budget process which you may watch online or you can attend the Budget Open House Meetings. The RMOW's financial statements are audited by an independent auditor and published on the Whistler.ca website. We send out pamphlets and other information that is part of our property tax collection each June which sets out at a high level how we spend our money. You can go into our budget which is online and see the line by line identification of how we spend both the capital and operating monies.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Next week, Council will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention in Victoria. UBCM as it is known, is the advocate for local government in B.C. and Council will be attending with our local government staff and counterparts from around the province. At the convention, Council will have the opportunity to participate in forums, vote on UBCM resolutions, network with other municipalities, and engage in discussions with provincial ministers and officials. This year, Whistler has put forward a resolution for a Universal Daycare Plan. This resolution urges the provincial government to implement a universal daycare plan that creates new and affordable licensed day care spaces for infant and toddler care, for the benefit of families with an annual income below \$40,000 per year and to include all communities in BC. We have heard from our community members that the availability of affordable childcare spaces is a critical issue in Whistler. With endorsement of UBCM members, we hope to see the Province take action on this important issue. Whistler hosted the UBCM Convention in 2014 and will again host the convention in 2018.

Acting Mayor Ford commented that we have heard from our community members that transportation is an issue of concern. Through the RMOW's Transportation Advisory Group council committee which was re-established this year to address and recommend strategies related to Whistler transportation issues, we were able to operate a pilot project this summer, offering free transit throughout Whistler for six Saturdays. The pilot project was funded by the Day Lot Parking Committee which is the RMOW and Whistler Blackcomb, with extra buses funded by the RMOW and BC Transit. Acting Mayor Ford thanked Whistler Transit for providing the necessary service levels to make the free Saturday pilot project viable. The last day of free transit by the program was September 3. The RMOW is now asking for community feedback on the pilot project from visitors and residents—

including both those who took free transit and those who did not. The feedback we receive will be used to shape future transportation and transit decisions in Whistler. A link to the survey can be found at www.whistler.ca/transit.

The RMOW is also asking for feedback on this summer's Food Truck pilot program. From May until September, Food Trucks have been operating on a rotating basis at Lost Lake, Rainbow and Spruce Grove Park. A survey is open at www.whistler.ca/foodtrucks to gather feedback from the community about the pilot program and help determine if the program will continue in 2017.

Acting Mayor Ford reminded residents and visitors to Whistler that this is a very critical time for our bear population. Right now, bears are biologically driven to eat as much as they possibly can in order to consume enough calories for hibernation. Because of this, they may be more likely to be drawn in by attractants such as garbage, fruit trees, bird feeders and barbeques. Acting Mayor Ford encouraged everyone to do their utmost to be "Bear Smart" in Whistler and take steps to prevent bears from being attracted to our neighbourhoods.

Acting Mayor Ford asked that residents and visitors leash their dogs at all times to avoid conflicts with bears and avoid provoking aggressive behaviour in bears. Leashing dogs just doesn't keep bears safe, it is also a municipal bylaw. The whistler.ca website now has a link to a provincial map that collects and maps all wildlife reports to the Conservation Officer Service. Acting Mayor Ford encouraged residents to view this map and be aware of the significant number of bears and other wildlife in our community at all times. A link to this map can be found on www.whistler.ca under our environmental services page. Acting Mayor Ford would also like to hear about all the great Bear Aware actions local residents and visitors are involved in. As an incentive, we are running a Bear Aware contest on our Facebook site where individuals can share their Bear Smart actions and be entered to win a day pass to Whistler Bike Park and a two hour lake rental from Backroads Whistler or two-day passes to Meadow Park Sports Centre. The RMOW Facebook page can be found by searching @rmowhistler on Facebook. Acting Mayor Ford encouraged everyone, if they haven't already, to "Like" our Facebook page to get the latest information from the municipality.

It is that time of year again. Winter is coming and cross country ski and snowshoe passes for Lost Lake are now on sale. Early bird pricing is in effect until October 10. The RMOW is offering a 70-day ski assurance for all Lost Lake Cross Country pass holders. This means that if fewer than 70 skiable days are provided during the season, pass holders will receive approximately a 1% credit for each day determined non-skiable by the ski area. As well, Monday and Thursday nights will be 50-percent off and all cross country passes are valid for snowshoeing as well.

On behalf of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Acting Mayor Ford extended congratulations to Whistler athlete Finn Iles on his win of the Union Cyclist

Internationale Mountain Bike World Championships Junior World Cup Title World Cup in Val Di Sole, Italy on September 11. We are always so proud of our local athletes and their accomplishments, especially our younger athletes and Finn is only 17 years old. Congratulations Finn on this accomplishment. All of Whistler is proud of what you have achieved so far and we look forward to cheering you on in the future.

Councillor Grills passed on the announcement from the Chamber of Commerce that Danny Tuff has been named the CEO, taking over from Val Litwin. Councillor Grills welcomed Danny and his family to the Whistler community and commented that Council looked forward to working with him in the near future.

Councillor Grills confirmed that there will be one more yard waste drop-off scheduled over the Thanksgiving weekend. The drop off location will be announced later in the newspaper.

Councillor Maxwell informed that she, Councillor Janyk and Transportation Demand Management Coordinator Emma Del Santo attended a workshop on active transportation commenting that they learned where Whistler was strong and about other communities' transportation solutions. Councillor Maxwell appreciated the opportunity to see what other communities were doing and hoped that they would be able to share what they learned with staff and the community.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

RCMP Statistics and Review

A presentation was given by RCMP Inspector Neil Cross regarding the RCMP Statistics and Review.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Whistler Housing Authority's 2016 Employer Housing Needs Assessment Report No. 16-107
File No. 7724

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

That Council receive the Whistler Housing Authority's 2016 Employer Housing Needs Assessment attached as Appendix A to Council Information Report No. 16-107.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Amendment to Building and Plumbing Regulation Bylaw No. 1617, 2002
Report No. 16-108
File No. 4654/4604

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

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2126, 2016.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Whistler Bear Advisory
Committee

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

That minutes of the Whistler Committee meeting of July 13, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Building and Plumbing
Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2126, 2016

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

That Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2126, 2016 receive first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Five-Year Financial Plan
2016–2020 Amendment
Bylaw No. 2127, 2016

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

That Five-Year Financial Plan 2016–2020 Amendment Bylaw No. 2127, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

Taxation Exemption for
Philanthropic Purposes
Bylaw No. 2125, 2016

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

That Taxation Exemption for Philanthropic Purposes Bylaw No. 2125, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (Whistler RV) No.
2110, 2016

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

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Whistler RV) No. 2110, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Union of British
Columbian Municipalities
(UBCM) – completion of
Fuel Management
Project Update
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Peter Ronald, Programs Officer UBCM dated August 30, 2016, regarding the Union of British Columbian Municipalities (UBCM) completion of Fuel Management Project Update be received.

CARRIED

Graffiti in Creekside
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Elizabeth Turner dated August 31, 2016, regarding graffiti in Whistler Creekside and possible solutions be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Municipal Construction
Site Considerations
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Stuart Munro dated September 10, 2016, regarding recommendations for construction sites be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Four Seasons Resort
Initiative - Festival of
Trees Support for BC
Children's Hospital
Foundation
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Louise Caparella, Executive Assistant, Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler dated September 13, 2016, regarding the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler's initiative and requesting Municipal support for Festival of Trees in support of BC Children's Hospital Foundation be received and direct staff to source the funding in support of the initiative as per Council request.

CARRIED

District Energy System
(DES) Issues
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Marc Dionne dated September 13, 2016, regarding issues with his DES be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Light Up Teal for
Canada Trigeminal
Neuralgia Canada
(CaTNA)
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Kathy Somers, Group Leader for Canada TNA regarding information on Trigeminal Neuralgia (chronic face pain) and requesting that the Fitzsimmons bridge be lit up teal (or close to it) on October 7, 2016 be received and the supported.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the September 20, 2016 Council meeting at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek