



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

**In the Franz Wilhelmson 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

### **PRESENT:**

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey  
Acting General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Ertel  
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail  
Acting General Manager of Resort Experience, M. Kirkegaard  
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek  
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau  
Senior Planner, J. Belobaba  
Manager of Recreation, R. Weetman  
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto  
Outdoor Facility Coordinator, K. Beattie  
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 August 16, 2016.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

**That** Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of July 26, 2016.

CARRIED

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

*There were no questions from the public.*

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

### Summer Saturday Transportation Update

A presentation was given by Emma DalSanto, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator regarding an update on the Summer Saturday Transportation initiative.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

It has been a busy summer so far in Whistler with many great events ongoing and under our belt. Crankworx Whistler is underway right now and is celebrating its 14th year bringing a great vibe and energy to Whistler Village. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she was hopeful for another successful event. Throughout the summer, the Resort Municipality Initiative has funded the "Whistler Presents" concert series. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden took the opportunity to thank the Province of British Columbia for their generous support. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden remarked that there had already been many great artists on the stage at Olympic Plaza. This Saturday, Whistler will be one of the many locations in Canada to broadcast the CBC special presentation of "The Tragically Hip: A National Celebration". This will be a free of charge presentation, however, the RMOW has partnered with the Canadian Cancer Society for those attending who wish to make a donation to cancer research. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that there is an opportunity to enjoy the Olympic Spirit in Whistler with a daily broadcast of Olympic coverage at our own Whistler Olympic Plaza. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden observed that she saw many people enjoying the lawn area watching the live telecast of the Women's soccer game. This Sunday, the closing ceremonies will be broadcast beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Last week we heard the news of the sale of Whistler-Blackcomb to Vail Resorts Incorporated. Whistler Blackcomb has seen various ownership models over the years and they have always continued to be a positive community leader. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that once again they have been voted top ski resort in North America so we are confident the new owners will continue to be good stewards and we look forward to working with them and the local senior management team. Vail Mountain Resorts is a very successful resort leader and their interest in Whistler Blackcomb is a testament to the world class status of Whistler. In 2015 senior staff and members of Council visited Vail, Beaver Creek and Breckenridge and Mayor Wilhelm-Morden remarked how impressed she was by their thriving and well managed communities. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden stated that we are encouraged by Vail Resorts' stated plans to invest substantially in Whistler Blackcomb. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that they look forward to learning more about these new developments.

Even bigger news for Whistler this past week, which garnered a significant amount of media attention — was the migration of tens of thousands of Western Toads at Lost Lake Park. To protect the toadlets, and give them the best chance at survival, RMOW staff have temporarily closed the beach area at Lost Lake and Lost Lake Road to vehicle traffic. Many volunteers helped them on their way as this year the toadlets did not use the areas put in place for them to safely cross and stretched out, up and over the bridges and underpasses created for them. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that

she had the opportunity to volunteer at Lost Lake redirecting traffic and said it was great to see so many community members and families volunteering for hours to help them across the road. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that a family from Victoria she spoke to while volunteering had extended their vacation so that their children could continue to help the toads and that even her own daughter estimated she had moved around 500 toads. The Western Toads have been part of the RMOW's bio monitoring program since 2005. The significant amount of attention their migration received this year was a very positive news story for Whistler and highlighted one of the ways we work to balance the needs of our ecosystem with the operations of a year round resort. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the RMOW's environmental technicians, parks staff and "AWARE" - the Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment for their efforts and extra hours spent ensuring this protected species can migrate safely and successfully. She stated that they expect this closure to continue for a couple of more days as the toads complete their migration.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden recently returned from a short trip to Japan as part of the sister city relationship that was established with Karuizawa in 1999 as Canadian/Japanese sister cities. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that this was the second time she had visited Karuizawa and was reminded again of the cities similar attributes notwithstanding the fact that we are very different from a cultural perspective. Tourism is very important to both communities, we have significant visitation from elsewhere and we have second home owners who are very important components of our community. During her time in Karuizawa, Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had the opportunity to speak to a gathering of 500 community members about the importance of the sister city relationship and also about Whistler's strengths and our goal of creating a sustainable resort community. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had the opportunity to speak to local media about Whistler and the value of expanding the exchange and spoke to Council and staff about some initiatives we may want to pursue in that regard. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that in the 2-3 days she was in the resort it seemed that everyone she spoke to had some relationship to the exchange; they were either chaperones or they knew someone who was or their children had been on the exchange or they had been hosts themselves. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it is a very important aspect of the sister city relationship and that she looks forward to seeing this relationship grow as our two cities continue to learn from each other.

It's one of the most exciting times of the year when our new RMOW Recreation Guide comes out. The Fall/ Winter edition is online now and registration for programs opens online at 12:01 a.m. this Sunday, August 21 and in person at 9:00 a.m. There are several new programs this year including a physical literacy program for preschoolers, creative dance for children and a pilates mat class. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden hoped that everyone will be able to take part or try out some of the wonderful programming we have available through the recreation department. There is a new alarm protocol with The Whistler Fire Rescue Service which has adopted a new practise when responding to automatic home alarm triggers. In order to reduce the risk to firefighters and the public, reduce public apathy to emergency lights and sirens and decrease noise within the

municipality, the Whistler Fire and Rescue will no longer use lights and sirens when responding to unconfirmed automatic alarms. For confirmed alarms and incidents, Whistler Fire will continue to respond with lights and sirens as well as when delays such as traffic congestion could impact response time to an alarm call. A very small percentage of routine calls do turn out to be an emergency. When a routine alarm is an actual emergency call, firefighters already on the way receive the appropriate information and can respond appropriately with lights and sirens.

The Whistler Public Library is turning 30 years old this year. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned how proud we are of what our library has become in the past 30 years. From a small space in 1986 to a wonderful 12-thousand square foot LEED green building built in 2008 that now houses 49,000 items including best-selling and classic fiction, non-fiction, movies, audiobooks, video games and 25 online databases. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden invited all residents and visitors to a 30th birthday celebration for the library on Sunday, August 28 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked Neil Cross, RCMP Officer in Charge for the Sea to Sky Regional Police Service as after 10 years serving the Sea to Sky corridor, Neil will be transferring to Regina, Saskatchewan to head departmental security in five provincial areas. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she valued the work Neil had done to help make Whistler a safe and vibrant community and his contributions to public safety in the Sea to Sky corridor. During his time in Whistler crime has continued on a downward trend and rates are currently on pace for a 4.83% reduction in total criminal code cases in 2016. RMOW resident satisfaction surveys with policing services continued to be positive over the past few years and was at 92% satisfaction in 2015. Neil will continue in the role for some time yet while the process to appoint his successor takes place. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden remarked, from a personal perspective, that she enjoyed working with Neil and that he was very responsive to issues and concerns but most importantly she said that he understood policing in a resort. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that it was a pleasure working with him and wished him the best of luck and thanked him for serving our community.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Cross Country Skiing  
and Snowshoe Fees for  
2016/17 to 2019/20  
Report No. 16- 096  
File No. 7737

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

**That** Council consider providing first three readings to Parks and Recreation Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2124, 2016 to amend the cross country and snowshoe fees and charges; and

**That** Council authorize staff to renew their reciprocal use agreement with the Whistler Sports Legacies Society for the provision of Dual Area Passes for Lost Lake and Ski Callaghan (Whistler Sports Legacies Society and Callaghan Country) trails for the next 4 years with up to an average 30% pass price discount provided on the Lost Lake portion of the combined pass price conditional on reciprocal proportional revenue splitting and a \$5/pass administration fee allowance for the seller; and

**That** Council authorize staff to provide an Extra Early Bird Pass option and Nicklaus North Only day ticket products; and

**That** Council authorize staff to offer an additional community night, on Thursday nights, at 50% off regular night rates; and

**That** Council authorize staff to offer sea to sky corridor Nordic ski clubs a discounted pass price at the same rate established by Ski Callaghan for children and youth registered in a Nordic program at Lost Lake; and

**That** Council authorize staff to provide a 70 day ski assurance to passholders; and further,

**That** Council authorize staff to provide up to 25 complimentary annual adult cross country seasons passes for Provincial high performance and national development level athletes including coaches.

CARRIED

SLRD Referral:  
Canadian Wilderness  
Adventures Proposed  
Rezoning  
Report No. 16-097  
File No. CR00060

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

**That** Council direct staff to provide the response attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 16-097 to the Squamish Lillooet Regional District expressing the Resort Municipality of Whistler's support and conditions of support for the application by Canadian Wilderness Adventures to rezone their existing tenure area to permit existing uses that have been Provincially-approved, some Provincially-approved but unbuilt uses, and some new uses which have not received Provincial approval, subject to revising the conditions of support as follows:

- By deleting condition number 2
- By deleting condition number 3
- By revising condition number 4 to read "Exclude 4X4 Skills tracks from the permitted uses of the BC4

*Opposed: Councillors S. Maxwell, J. Ford*

CARRIED

RBC GranFondo  
Whistler Catering Liquor  
License  
Report No. 16-098  
File No. 8216

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

**That** Council approve the Catering License capacity of over 500 for the RBC GranFondo Whistler to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016, subject to Liquor Licensing and Distribution Branch (LCLB), Whistler Fire Rescue and RCMP approvals.

CARRIED

Whistler Village Beer  
Festival Special  
Occasion Licence  
Report No. 16-099

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

File No. 8216.52                   **That** Council endorse a requested capacity of over 500 people for a Special Occasion Licence (SOL), subject to Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB), Fire and RCMP approvals for the Whistler Village Beer Festival to be held in Whistler Olympic Plaza on Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, 2016.

CARRIED

### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Liquor Licence Advisory    Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Committee                    Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** minutes of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting of June 9, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

### **BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

Parks and Recreation       Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Fees and Charges            Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton  
Amendment Bylaw No.  
2124, 2016

**That** Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 2124, 2016 receive first reading.

CARRIED

### **BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION**

Land Use                     Moved by Councillor A. Janyk  
Procedures and Fees        Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson  
Amendment Bylaw  
(Fees For Home-  
Based Artist Studios)  
No. 2122, 2016

**That** Land Use Procedures and Fees Amendment Bylaw (Fees For Home-Based Artist Studios) No. 2122, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bylaw Enforcement         Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Officer Appointments       Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**Whereas** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (“Whistler”) wishes to appoint Luc Perrault as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 36 of the *Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 367, and upon Luc Perrault swearing the oath pursuant to section 1(b) of Police Oath/Solemn Affirmation Regulation, B.C. Reg. 136/2002 before a Commissioner for taking Affidavit in the Province of British Columbia, Whistler hereby appoints Luc Perrault as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officers job descriptions.

CARRIED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Lower Mainland             Moved by Councillor A. Janyk  
Vacancy Tax                 Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

- File No. 3009
- That** correspondence from Andrew Weaver, MLA Oak Bay-Gordon Head dated July 13, 2016, regarding Vancouver's introduction of a Vacancy Tax and requesting a response on Whistler's thoughts on the policy be received and referred to staff.
- CARRIED
- 2016 Small Community  
and Traffic Fine  
Revenue Sharing  
Grants  
File No. 3009
- Moved by Councillor J. Crompton  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford
- That** correspondence from Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development dated July 22, 2016, regarding the 2016 Small Community and Traffic Fine Revenue Sharing Grant be received.
- CARRIED
- Speed Issues on  
Fitzsimmons Road  
South  
File No. 3009
- Moved by Councillor J. Grills  
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford
- That** correspondence from Merideth Schutter dated July 30, 2016, requesting that something be done regarding speed control issues on Fitzsimmons Road South in White Gold be received and referred to staff.
- CARRIED
- District Energy System  
(DES) Issues  
File No. 3009
- Moved by Councillor A. Janyk  
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell
- That** correspondence from Chris Simeoni dated July 29, 2016, regarding issues with their DES system be received and referred to staff.
- That** correspondence from Robin Jewers dated August 2, 2016, regarding issues with their DES system be received and referred to staff.
- That** correspondence from Jordan Glasser and Amanda Steele, dated August 3, 2016 regarding issues with their DES system be received and referred to staff.
- CARRIED
- Teen Driver Safety  
Week Proclamation  
File No. 3009.1
- Moved by Councillor J. Ford  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills
- That** correspondence from Louise Logan, President and CEO, Parachute dated July 27, 2016 requesting a Proclamation and support for National Teen Driver Safety Week October 16 - 22, 2016 be received and proclaimed.
- CARRIED
- Lakeside Garbage  
Issues and Suggested  
Solutions  
File No. 3009
- Moved by Councillor J. Crompton  
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills
- That** correspondence from Jan Tindle, dated July 31, 2016, regarding garbage accumulation after hours at local lakes and suggestions for a solution be received and referred to staff.
- CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council adjourn the August 16, 2016 Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

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Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek