



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016, STARTING AT 5:31 PM**

**In the Franz Wilhelmssen 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. Grills, A. Janyk, S. Maxwell

**ABSENT:** Councillor J. Crompton, Councillor J. Ford,

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  
Director Corporate, Economic and Environmental Services, T. Battiston  
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. Dal Santo  
Planning Analyst, R. Licko  
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**That** Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of July 12, 2016.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

**That** Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of June 21, 2016 and the  
Public Hearing minutes of May 17, 2016.

CARRIED

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

*There were no questions from the public.*

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared her condolences on behalf of Council and expressed her deep and profound sadness with the family of Gordon McKeever. Gordon contributed greatly to our community over many years. Gordon served as a member of municipal council for two terms from 2002 through 2008. During that time he was active on several Council committees and board appointee positions including:

- Tourism Whistler
- Chamber of Commerce
- The Whistler Public Library
- Governance and Ethics Standing Committee
- Emergency Executive Committee

Most recently he was the Chair of Council's Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee, having taken on this role in 2009. He served on the committee since 2002. Gordon served as the Chair of the Whistler Housing Authority Board for two years and served on the board for a total of four years. His knowledge and commitment to housing in Whistler are reflected in the book he co-authored "The Whistler Housing Story: A History of Affordable Housing in Whistler". A long-time resident, Gordon was also well-known for his incredible work as Chair of the Sea to Sky Trail Society and project manager for the Sea to Sky Trail. Both projects have been a significant benefit to the recreation community and ecotourism in the Sea to Sky corridor. Gordon was also involved in the business community through his property management company, Rainbow Retreats. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she worked with Gordon on the 2005-2008 Municipal Council and that he was very diligent in his approach to Municipal politics saying he was always thoughtful and respectful in his comments and very generous of himself and his time. His passing is a significant loss for our community. He will be sadly missed and leaves a true legacy. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said our thoughts are with his wife Libby and daughters.

Councillor Grills commented that he was recently nominated by Gord to join an astute group of gentlemen called the Whistler Literary Society saying as a sponsor he raised the level of their friendship. Councillor Grills related that at their first dinner Gord imparted the rule "That you have to have an opinion. It doesn't have to be correct but you have to be willing and able to defend it". Councillor Grills commented that after they had all learned of Gord's passing they were at a loss for words and a comment was made that that would be totally unacceptable to Gord McKeever. Councillor Grills further informed that there will be a Celebration of Life Service but that as per Libby McKeever's request please do not return from holidays to attend as Gord would want everyone to carry on with their life.

Gord's Celebration of Life will be held at the Whistler High School on Saturday July 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. if you would like to attend.

Councillor Janyk remarked that Gord was a good friend and a committed citizen of this community. Councillor Janyk relayed that she had the privilege of being a School Trustee when his children were attending the High School and she said that she always valued his input. Councillor Janyk

also commented that she had the opportunity to work alongside him and his wife Libby and acknowledged that they gave a lot to this community and that he will be dearly missed.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that we recently celebrated a wonderful Canada Day weekend here in Whistler. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented how amazed she was at the number of people who came out to celebrate. The hundreds of people and businesses that came and participated in the community's wonderful Canada Day Parade to the six-thousand people who attended the evening performance of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra saying it was a truly remarkable weekend that demonstrated why Whistler is always one of the best places in the country to celebrate Canada.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and Maestro Bramwell Tovey for their two performances. Our community has seen a huge benefit over the past five years the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has come to perform in Whistler. They provided us with a world class performance and an experience that is unparalleled for residents and visitors in Whistler. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked them for their ongoing partnership. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden also thanked the Province of British Columbia for their funding for the Canada Day events through the Resort Municipality Initiative funding (RMI). This funding from the Province increases our ability as a resort community to increase events and amenities, tourism, investment, employment for residents and our municipal tax revenue and we value their ongoing support.

The first week of July was also a second very successful year for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Institute at Whistler. It has successfully developed an internationally renowned orchestral residence program for students from around the world. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned how pleased everyone is with this year's program, from the music that filled the Village through small chamber performances to the finale performance directed by VSO Maestro Bramwell Tovey Tuesday, July 5 in Olympic Plaza. Despite rain during the initial part of the performance, around 500 people attended the concert. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated all who took part in this wonderful partnership.

Looking ahead, Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned we have an action packed lineup of events throughout the rest of the summer saying there is excitement building about the Whistler Presents Concert Series, funded by the Resort Municipality Initiative. The Program includes a fantastic line up of Canadian and international artists that will take the stage free of charge at Whistler Olympic Plaza. Now in its sixth year, the series has become a large part of the excitement and vibe of visiting Whistler in the summer and a positive contributor to our tourism industry and local economy. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said she looked forward to these performances and encouraged all attendees to enjoy in a safe and responsible manner.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden mentioned that the next few weeks will be very busy in terms of events and the number of visitors who choose to spend their vacation in Whistler. This week the Pemberton Festival will bring thousands through the Sea to Sky corridor to our neighboring community and the

following week will bring the Subaru Ironman Canada Race to Whistler. Tomorrow afternoon and evening, the Pemberton Music Festival will be kicking off here in Whistler, with a free show at Olympic Plaza featuring the Arkells, The Givers and Funk Hunters. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden welcomed these events and took the opportunity to remind everyone that weekends are busy on both the roads and in the Village especially on summer weekends.

There are many opportunities to take part in reducing traffic congestion at these times. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged people to take transit into the Village and to use the Valley trail by bike when possible. As our parking lots fill up quickly – Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged people to leave themselves plenty of time if they are going to drive to the Village, and to consider other underground parking lots instead of just the day lots. Additionally, this weekend the Blackcomb Excalibur gondola will be running and additional parking will be available in Lots 6, 7 and 8. We encourage people to take advantage of this parking as well and enjoy a scenic and stress-free gondola ride to the Village. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged everyone to know before you go. More information about parking in lots 6, 7 and 8 as well as BC Transit info will be available on our website at [www.whistler.ca](http://www.whistler.ca). Check the Pemberton Festival and Subaru Ironman Canada websites for detailed accessibility and transportation information about those weekends.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that our fantastic schedule of events is one of the reasons Whistler is growing as a popular summer resort destination. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared the recent news that Whistler has been recognized by “TripAdvisor” as one of the “Ten Most Popular Summer Rental Spots in Canada” for 2016. The list was compiled from an analysis of vacation rental interest for stays between June 2016 and August 2016. Whistler was recognized as the fifth most popular destination. As well, Whistler was recently recognized by “U.S. News” a global digital news company as number seven on the top nine “Best Vacations in Canada.” The website combined traveller’s opinions as well as expert analysis to produce the ranking. With 2015 being a banner summer for tourism in Whistler this news furthers our reputation as a world-class year round destination.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked and recognized “Divers for Cleaner Lakes”, a group of residents who held the annual lake clean-up of Lost Lake and Alta Lakes this past weekend. Their efforts removed almost 340 pounds of garbage from the lakes. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked all the volunteers locally and from the organization for their time for this wonderful effort to help keep Whistler’s lakes clean. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden acknowledged Roger McCarthy former member of Council for his efforts in creating this initiative which is now a successful annual event on the community calendar and encouraged residents and visitors to make their trips to our lakes, rivers and parks as garbage-free as possible.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she was happy to participate in a news conference several weeks ago regarding a major funding announcement making the Spearhead Huts Program a reality. Several funders are helping to make this project including the Kees Brenninkmeyer Foundation who announced their \$900,000 donation last month. The

Municipality is providing a grant of 150-thousand dollars from the provincial Resort Municipality Initiative to the program to help enable the construction of three backcountry huts in Garibaldi Provincial Park. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said she was pleased to support this important project that will make this spectacular skiing and hiking experience accessible to more people and increase safety by providing shelter for travellers in the backcountry.

As a vibrant, growing community Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that she is pleased to announce new programs for some of our youngest residents through the Municipality's Recreation Department. This fall, our pre-school aged children will have new courses to encourage their development through physical literacy and music. "Follow me to Physical Literacy" will help children master fundamental movement skills and essentials to build their motivation and confidence. "Music and Art" will be led by our fantastic early year's educator Cynthia Higgins. Both music and arts literacy are key to early years development and we are excited about offering this program in the community this fall.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden informed that the RMOW recently held the annual Council Recognition Fiesta June 29 to acknowledge the contributions of the many Council committee members who volunteer their time and knowledge to our 16 committees of Council. It was a beautiful evening in Florence Petersen Park. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked everyone for coming and for their involvement in important matters and decisions that affect our community and work toward our shared success.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced the appointment of Tom Bunting to the Board of Variance for a three year term. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Tom on this appointment and thanked Alan Maten who served two terms on the Board. The Board of Variance is independent from Council and deals with appeals for minor variances to Whistler's Zoning Bylaw. They meet the last Monday of every month.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden took a moment to thank Val Litwin, CEO of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce for his years of service and leadership at the Chamber and congratulated him on his new position as CEO of the B.C. Chamber of Commerce. The expanded profile of his new position obviously speaks to the outstanding work he has done leading the Whistler Chamber of Commerce for the past three years. The Whistler Chamber of Commerce is a valued partner of the Resort Municipality and we appreciate the work Val has done with us on a number of challenging issues facing our community's businesses. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden wished him great success in his new position and looks forward to his leadership at the provincial level.

Councillor Janyk relayed that she attended the Whistler Children's Festival with her grandchildren and thanked the organizers for a great event. She commented that luckily the weather held up and that she saw many happy faces.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

License Plate  
Recognition System  
Report No.16-084  
File No.1512

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

**That** Council direct staff to bring forward a subsequent amendment to the 2016-2020 Five-Year Financial Plan to include additional funds in 2016 from the Day Lot Capital Reserve in the amounts of \$49,627.20 to purchase a mobile license plate recognition system.

CARRIED

SEC0017 – 8628  
Driftwood Close  
Report No.16-085  
File No. SEC0017

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

**That** Council grant an exemption in accordance with section 524 of the *Local Government Act* – “Requirements in Relation to Flood Plain Areas”, to allow a storage use in the existing basement of the dwelling at 8628 Driftwood Close; and further,

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute a Section 219 covenant on the title of the subject property for this exemption, attaching the geotechnical reports prepared by Hay and Company Consultants, dated July 31, 2008, and Cordilleran Geoscience, dated May 7, 2015 confirming that the property is safe for the intended use.

CARRIED

Whistler Transit System  
Expansion MOU and  
Regional Transit Study  
MOU  
Report No.16-086  
File No. 536

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

**That** Council authorize the General Manager of Infrastructure Services to execute the Expansion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BC Transit and the Resort Municipality of Whistler dated June 13, 2016 regarding the Whistler Transit System as attached in Appendix A to Administrative Report No.16-086; and,

**That** Council authorize staff to endorse BC Transit's Sea to Sky Transit Corridor Study Memorandum of Understanding dated June 14, 2016 as attached in Appendix B to Administrative Report No.16-086.

CARRIED

2016 Updated Summary  
of Key Findings and  
Economic Planning  
Report  
Report No. 16-088  
File No. 2041

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

**That** Council endorse the 2016 Updated Summary of Key Findings & Economic Planning Report as attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 16-088.

CARRIED

Whistler Village Land  
Co. LTD – 2016 Annual  
Report

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

Report No.16-087  
File No. Vault

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of the Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd. pass the 2016 consent resolutions of the shareholder of the Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd., a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No 16-087 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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 May 11, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

Recreation Leisure  
Advisory Committee

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

**That** minutes of the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of March 23, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

## OTHER BUSINESS

Bylaw Enforcement  
Officer Appointments

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

**Whereas** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("Whistler") wishes to appoint Norm McPhail as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 36 of the *Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 367, and upon Norm McPhail 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 Norm McPhail as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officers job descriptions.

**Whereas** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("Whistler") wishes to appoint Shannon Story as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 36 of the *Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 367, and upon Shannon Story 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 Shannon Story as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officers job descriptions.

**Whereas** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("Whistler") wishes to appoint Derek Tsui as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 36 of the *Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 367, and upon Derek Tsui 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 Derek Tsui as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officers job descriptions.

**Whereas** the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler ("Whistler") wishes to appoint Sabina Smith as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer pursuant to section 36 of the *Police Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c 367, and upon Sabina Smith 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 Sabina Smith as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officers job descriptions.

CARRIED

### CORRESPONDENCE

District Energy System  
(DES) Issues  
File No. 3000

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

**That** correspondence from John Moen dated June 16, 2016, regarding issues with his DES be received and referred to staff.

District Energy System  
(DES) Issues  
File No. 3000

**That** correspondence from Karen Thomson dated June 16, 2016, regarding issues with her DES and requesting reimbursement for out of pocket expenses be received and referred to staff.

District Energy System  
(DES) Issues  
File No. 3000

**That** correspondence from Claire Mozes dated June 17, 2016, regarding her DES and requesting action from Council be received and referred to staff.

District Energy System  
(DES) Issues  
File No. 3000

**That** correspondence from Peter and Pat Dagg dated June 17, 2016, regarding issues with their DES and requesting action from Council be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Renaissance and  
Further Growth in  
Whistler  
File No. 3000

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

**That** correspondence from John and Karen Wood, dated June 17, 2016, regarding Whistler Blackcomb Renaissance Project and further growth in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Boulder Ridge Right of  
Way Vegetation  
Pruning  
File No. 3000

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

**That** correspondence from Ross Clark dated June 17, 2016, regarding excessive vegetation pruning on a right of way trail on his property be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Electric Car Charging Stations in Cheakamus Crossing File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell  <b>That</b> correspondence from David Lord dated June 18, 2016, requesting that a charging station for electric cars be installed in the Cheakamus neighbourhood be received and referred to staff.  CARRIED
Street Name Change for Squaw Valley Crescent File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell  <b>That</b> correspondence from Joan Marie Cubbon dated June 18, 2016, requesting that Council consider changing the name of Squaw Valley Crescent in Whistler Creek be received and referred to staff.  CARRIED
Trail Maintenance Feedback File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson  <b>That</b> correspondence from Nance Bass dated June 20, 2016, regarding their appreciation of trail work done between the Highway 99 and Northlands Boulevard be received.  CARRIED
Event Tent Issues in Residential Neighbourhood File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor J. Grills Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson  <b>That</b> correspondence from Marie Pupo dated June 20, 2016, regarding Whistler Lodge use of an event tent to host large parties be received.  CARRIED
2016 Community Recognition Awards Call For Nominations File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell  <b>That</b> correspondence from Lynn Embury-Williams, Executive Director, Wood Works! BC dated June 22, 2016, regarding nominations for recently completed civic buildings or structures with wood use be received and referred to staff.  CARRIED
UBCM Resolution Support - Tenant Evictions Through Renovations File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor J. Grills Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell  <b>That</b> correspondence from Jonathan Cote, Mayor New Westminster dated June 24, 2016, requesting support for a Resolution for Tenant Evictions through renovations at the 2016 UBCM Annual General Meeting be received.  CARRIED
Access to One Duck Lake Trail Complaint File No. 3000	Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

**That** correspondence from Ursel Brown dated July 1, 2016, requesting that access to One Duck Lake in Emerald Estates be created be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

UBCM Resolution  
Support – Diagnosis of  
Work Related Mental  
Health Injuries Among  
First Responders  
File No. 3000

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

**That** correspondence from Jay Gilbert, City Clerk for the City of Coquitlam dated July 4, 2016, requesting support for a Resolution for Diagnosis of Work Related Mental Health Injuries Among First Responders at the 2016 UBCM Annual General Meeting be received.

CARRIED

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell

**That** Council adjourn the July 12, 2016 Council meeting at 6:35 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

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Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek