



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015, STARTING AT 5:30 PM**

**In the Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maurice Young 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. Paul
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Corporate Officer, S. Story
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Resort Parks Planning, M. Pardoe
Manager of Recreation, R. Weetman
Manager of Special Projects, T. Battison
Senior Planner, J. Belobaba,
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Planner, F. Savage
Planning Analyst, K. Creery
Planning Analyst, B. McCrady
Council Coordinator, A. Winkle
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of October 20, 2015.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of October 6, 2015.
CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Dave Buzzard, 9295 Emerald Drive, asked, given the Federal election last night, if the RMOW had made any plans for the regulating and zoning of marijuana stores in the village.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden replied that the RMOW has not made any plans at this point. The RMOW has only one licensed grow operation which is permitted under the bylaw. She will be speaking about the legalizing of marijuana more in the Mayor's Report based on her experience in Colorado where it is legal to sell marijuana. She commented that Attorney General Suzanne Anton spoke about it in the media today and that the RMOW position will be the same as hers in that we will see what the Federal Government's plans are. Once Mr. Trudeau is sworn in, we will see what they are intending and take their lead and the lead of the province and go from there.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

A presentation was given by Crosland Doak of Crosland Doak Design on behalf of the applicants regarding DVP 1106 at 2521 Whistler Road.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden, on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, shared her condolences to Tom Eddie and the family of Joan Baron following her passing. Joan was a positive and creative contributor to this community. In addition to her career as an artist, she volunteered on the Public Art Committee for six years. Joan won a public art competition with her proposal for the Poet's Pause sculptures, which are the big chairs and chimes now permanent elements of Alta Lake Park at the south end of the lake. The Poet's Pause concept inspired Whistler's annual poetry competition which is now part of the Mayor's Poetry Challenge. Her own poem, "Your Turn", won Whistler's 2013 poetry prize. Joan will be missed and her contributions will live on in our community.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Pamela Goldsmith-Jones for her win as the Liberal candidate in this riding and her new position as Whistler's Member of Parliament. She looks forward to working with Ms. Goldsmith-Jones in the coming weeks, months and years along with the federal Liberals. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden acknowledged John Weston as our Member of Parliament for his diligence and hard work over the years and on behalf of Council she wished him all the best in the coming years and whatever the future holds for him. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden has sent handwritten notes to Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and John Weston on behalf of Council.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the fourteenth annual Whistler Writers Festival took place over the weekend. Over fifty Canadian and international authors took part. Most of the events were sold out in advance and over two thousand three hundred people attended—a fifty per cent increase on the number of people who attended last year. The festival attracted significant

incremental room nights because many participants travelled from Washington State, the Gulf Islands and the Lower Mainland. This festival strengthens Whistler's reputation as a destination for the arts. The RMOW invests in the Whistler Writers Festival as part of its Festivals, Events and Animation program.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that The Great BC ShakeOut took place on October 15 with more than 765,000 people participating in the "Drop! Cover! And Hold On! Great British Columbia ShakeOut." In addition to municipal staff, the public at the Whistler Public Library participated this year. Whistler is located within the Seismic Zone four, so Whistler is at high risk from earthquake damage. For more information go to whistler.ca/earthquake.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Waste Reduction Week takes place this week, and the community is encouraged to get involved with reducing solid waste. The community has reduced landfill waste from 600 kilograms per person in 2009 to 516 kilograms per person last year. The Waste Transfer Station and Compost Facility have helped with that process. The RMOW will be working with restaurant owners and property managers to help them establish divided waste systems to separate landfill waste from recycling and compost. The Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment has been contracted to provide free toolkits and waste management training. To learn more, visit whistler.ca.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Transportation Advisory Group is being resurrected and is looking for three qualified volunteers to help with the committee's work advising Council on transportation matters. The citizen-at-large posts require attending quarterly meetings of around three hours over a two-year term. The group's purpose is to identify transportation issues within Whistler and the surrounding area, and to advise on strategic options with consideration to social, environmental and economic implications. The application deadline is October 26. Visit whistler.ca for more information. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented on transportation issues observed during their trip to Colorado.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Tapley's Farm Halloween event runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. The area will be closed to traffic from 5:00 p.m., and the Park and Spook shuttle will be available from Marketplace. The shuttle is provided by BC Transit and the RMOW, organized by Fast Park and decorated by the Whistler Waldorf School. Fireworks will be set off at 8:00 p.m. at Myrtle Philip School. Although entry to the Tapley's Farm Halloween is free, a donation to the Whistler Food Bank is requested and candy can be given to the Tapley's Farm residents at collection boxes at all schools, daycares and most grocery stores.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that this year the Extra Early Bird Passes for cross-country skiing are offering additional savings. Before November 1, Lost Lake Cross-Country season passes are available for \$199. Customers who purchased cross-country passes last winter can purchase passes for \$149. To read more about the deals on all Nordic passes visit whistler.ca/crosscountry.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that a screening of the acclaimed documentary *Marinoni* is being shown at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 at Millennium Place. The event is dedicated to Kelly Blunden and Ross Chafe and part of the proceeds go to the B.C. Cycling Coalition to promote safety. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$20 at Race and Co., located at the third floor above TD Bank or online at marinonimovie.com.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she led a fact-finding mission to Colorado last week from October 12 to 16 which Council has wanted to do for several years. It is critical for Whistler to stay competitive, and the mission was an opportunity to learn from other very successful ski resorts. Council, several staff and partner representatives participated. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported it was a very full week where they met with a number of towns elected representatives and senior staff and discussed shared experiences. They went to Aspen, Snowmass, Beaver Creek, Vail and Breckenridge. All these towns experienced similar challenges, although to differing degrees even though they are in the same geographic area they were quite different although they are faced with the same challenges in regards to employee housing and traffic management, parking and preservation of historical buildings. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented on how they addressed each of those challenges. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that each of the towns visited had numerous and significant arts and cultural amenities which have been enabled by funding from private benefactors, for example Aspen Art Museum, Vilar Performing Arts Center in Vail, Anderson Ranch in Snowmass, Gerald Ford Amphitheatre and Betty Ford Gardens in Vail. Mayor Wilhelm commented on the Audain Art Museum in Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on challenges with how to respond to the growing shared economy. She commented on the differing perspectives on the issue and similarities in Whistler for issues such as transport, housing and the traffic congestion on I70. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on transit being free in the towns and how they provided for that.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on affordable housing options and the targets for employees living within their boundaries. The RMOW has 82% of employees housed within our boundaries. In Aspen it was approximately 12%, Vail was around 20% and Breckenridge's goal is 45%. They have differing views for what they want to achieve.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on their mixed use recreational facilities.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said it was a very informative few days, everyone was welcoming and generous with their time that they spent with them. She reported that they will be seeing some of those same representatives at the Colorado Association of Ski Towns Conference which will be held in Whistler in January, welcoming more opportunity for communication and relationship building.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden talked about the legalizing of marijuana in Colorado and spoke to people on the street, mayors and other elected representatives. She reported that she did not see anyone openly smoking.

She was told by the Mayor of Aspen that the only influx of people who are coming into the town for the purpose of purchasing marijuana are baby boomers. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said it was interesting to hear about the revenue increases.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she investigated the process of purchasing marijuana, and went into a store to look at the different products available. She purchased a marijuana cigarette at a cost \$18, and left it as a tip for the cleaning staff in the hotel.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she and Council are putting together and sending all their notes to Toni Metcalf, Economic Development Officer for a report about lessons learned on the trip. The report will help Council inform their budgeting and Corporate Plan exercises in the coming months.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Council had a historic meeting with the Squamish First Nation Council, as a council to council meeting. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden said it was a very informative four hour meeting and that they are looking at moving forward on the groundwork that was achieved at that meeting.

Councillor A. Janyk commented that the highlight of the Colorado visit for her was hearing how important the recreation piece was to the towns and their bottom line and how they focus on sports like soccer, rugby and lacrosse. She commented that due to the snow factor in their towns they felt the need to put in artificial sports fields and she was able to go and see some examples. She thanked staff for the patching on the Myrtle Philip Fields as they have been great for teams to play on this season.

Councillor A. Janyk commented on the setup of the marijuana stores in Colorado she was told they don't make any more money than any other business in Aspen. She commented on the weather during their trip.

Councillor J. Grills said he is looking forward to getting their comments and notes to Toni Metcalf.

Councillor J. Grills and Councillor J. Crompton stayed longer in Boulder, Colorado and visited Galvanize, a tech start-up company, and were interested to see if it was possible to have a satellite facility in Whistler. There are six operating in the USA. They met with the Economic Developer Officer in Boulder, which is similar to a resort town.

Councillor J. Grills and Councillor J. Crompton went to Powder Mountain in Utah and Park City to meet with Myles Rademan who has history with Whistler. Councillor J. Grills suggested having him come to Whistler to see what has been done in the fifteen years since he was last here. Councillor J. Grills thanked staff for setting up all the meetings and events for the week.

At 6:01 p.m. a Public Hearing was held regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Shipping Containers) No. 2093, 2015.

At 6:31 p.m. the meeting resumed.

Councillor S. Maxwell and Councillor and A. Janyk talked to High Country Conservation, a company that partnered with multiple levels of government around energy and water conservation and waste reduction, and looked at food security by building green houses. Councillor S. Maxwell mentioned that many communities had banned plastic bags.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

DVP 1106-2521
Whistler Road –
Parking Variance
Report No. 15-122
File No. DVP 1106

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

That Council not approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP 1106 for the proposed development located at 2521 Whistler Road to:

- a) Vary the parking requirement from 3 parking spaces to 0 parking spaces.

as shown on the plans prepared by Crosland Doak Design, dated June 22, 2015, attached as Appendix B to Administrative Report No. 15-122; and,

That Council direct staff to work with the property owner to attempt to achieve a compromise situation whereby:

1. The parking spaces required do not need to go the full 24 feet back; and,
2. As many as the mature trees as possible be preserved.

CARRIED

DVP 1110-8232
Rainbow Drive –
Setback Variances
Report No. 15-123
File No. DVP 1110

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP 1110 for the proposed development located at 8232 Rainbow Drive to vary the setbacks as follows for a proposed addition to an existing detached dwelling:

1. Vary the front setback from 7.6 metres to 6.47 metres,
2. Vary the front roof overhang setback from 6.6 metres to 5.80 metres,

as shown on the plans prepared by S. McKinney, dated August 14, 2015, attached as Appendix B to Administrative Report No. 15-123.

CARRIED

DVP1109-3837 & 3839
Sunridge Drive – Side
Setback and Height
Variances
Report No. 15-122
File No. DVP 1109

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

That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP 1109 for the proposed development located at 3837 Sunridge Dr and 3839 Sunridge Drive to:

1. Vary the side setback from 6.0 metres to 2.0 metres to accommodate a covered driveway structure at 3837 Sunridge Drive;

2. Vary the side setback from 1.0 metres to 0.0 metres from the property line and vary the height from 0.6 metres to 4.5 metres for a proposed retaining wall at 3837 Sunridge Drive; and,
3. Vary the side setback from 1.0 metres to 0.0 metres from the property line and vary the height from 0.6 metres to 4.5 metres for a proposed retaining wall at 3839 Sunridge Drive;

all as shown on the plans pp. 1-5, prepared by Bromley Projects Limited, dated received September 17, 2015, and attached as Appendix B to Administrative Report No. 15-122.

That Council direct staff to advise the applicant that prior to issuance of DVP 1109, the following matters shall be completed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

- a) Registration on the title to 3837 Sunridge Drive a covenant that modifies building control covenants BJ342512 and CA3079614 to accommodate the construction of the covered driveway structure; and further,

That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the required amending covenant.

CARRIED

LLR1232/1233 -
Whistler and
Blackcomb Mountain
Temporary Use Areas
Report No. 15-124
File No. LLR 1232,
LLR 1233

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

That Council pass the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 15-124 providing Council's recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regarding an application from Whistler Blackcomb for a Permanent Change to Dusty's Liquor Primary Licence No. 072033 to add a Temporary Use Area Endorsement, including six designated temporary use areas on Whistler Mountain; and

That Council pass the resolution attached as Appendix "B" to Administrative Report No. 15-124 providing Council's recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regarding an application from Whistler Blackcomb for a Permanent Change to Merlin's Liquor Primary Licence No. 122183 to add a Temporary Use Area Endorsement, including six designated temporary use areas on Blackcomb Mountain.

CARRIED

LLR 128-Listel Hotel
Extension of Hours for
Cornucopia
Report No. 15-120
File No. LLR 128

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

That Council authorize hours of liquor sale to 4:00 a.m. on the night of Saturday, November 14, 2015 at the Listel Whistler Hotel for a Special Occasion Licence for the Revolutions event as part of the Cornucopia festival.

CARRIED

Recreation and Leisure
Master Plan
Report No. 15-126
File No. 8039.01

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

That Council endorse the *Recreation and Leisure Master Plan Report* and *Detailed Recommendations* attached as Appendices A and B to Administrative Report No. 15-126.

CARRIED

Whistler Village
Wayfinding Signage –
Award of Fabrication
and Installation
Contract
Report No. 15-127
File No. P032

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

That council Authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a contract with Architectural Graphics Incorporated (AG) for the execution of the work described in *RFP #PO32-2015a: Whistler Village Wayfinding Signage – Fabrication & Installation* in the amount of \$1,094,168.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Liquor Licence Advisory
Committee

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

That minutes of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee meeting of March 5, 2015 and August 13, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

Recreation and Leisure
Advisory Committee

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

That minutes of the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of July 9, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

Forest and Wildland
Advisory Committee

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

That minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of September 9, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (Shipping
Containers) No. 2093,
2015
File No. RZ1107

No action was taken on this item.

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Taxation Exemption for
Not-For-Profit
Organizations
Amendment Bylaw No.
2094, 2015
File No. Bylaw 2094

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councilor J. Ford

That Taxation Exemption for Not-For-Profit Organizations Amendment Bylaw No. 2094, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Transportation Advisory
Group Appointments

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council appoint Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden and two Councillors to the Transportation Advisory Group from for a two year term of 2016 and 2017.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell

WHEREAS the SLRD has asked for comments from Council on the draft Solid Waste & Resource Management Plan (SWRMP);

WHEREAS the draft SLRD SWRMP includes an option to explore waste incineration;

WHEREAS incineration is defined as any thermal treatment of waste such as mass burn, pyrolysis, gasification or others that is used on mixed waste at non-biological temperature and pressure for the creation of heat, gas or other forms of energy and ash or slag;

WHEREAS the use of waste incineration as a disposal option is:

- contrary to the principles of zero waste and sustainability,
- known to emit more GHGs than recycling/compost and landfill options,
- known to be more harmful to human and environmental health than recycling/composting and landfill options,
- creates fewer jobs than recycling/compost and landfill options, and,
- directly competes for staff and financial resources with zero waste alternatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to recommend changes to the draft plan that eliminate the option for waste incineration (also known as waste to energy) of mixed municipal waste.

CORRESPONDENCE

Flooding and Water
Meters
File No. 501.4

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Hans Kögler dated October, 2015, regarding flooding in Whistler and water meters be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Sea to Sky Community
Services – Annual
Report
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Lois Wynne, Executive Director of Sea to Sky Community Services, dated October 2, 2015, regarding the Sea to Sky Community Services 2014/2015 annual report be received.

CARRIED

Climate Change
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Chris Rose, dated September 30, 2015, regarding a call for action on Climate Change be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

I AM PRO SNOW
Campaign
File No. 3009

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

That correspondence from Lindsey Halvorson, dated October 13, 2015, inviting Whistler to support a letter on the Climate Reality Project's I AM PRO SNOW Campaign to world leaders as a representative of winter sports and mountain communities worldwide be received and a letter of support be issued.

CARRIED

A Day for Our Common
Future
3009.1

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That correspondence from Laurie Gourlay, President of the Vancouver Island and Coast Conservation Society (VICCS), dated October 12, 2015, requesting December 11, 2015 be proclaimed "A Day for Our Common Future" be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

Foster Family
Month
3009.1

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development, dated October 1, 2015, regarding recognition of Foster Family Month be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Ford

That Council adjourn the October 20, 2015 Council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

Corporate Officer: S. Story