

# WHISTLER

# MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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
Acting General Manager of Resort Experience and Director of Planning,
M. Kirkegaard
Acting Corporate Officer, L. Schimek
Acting Manager of Communications, M. Darou
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Engineering Technologist, J. Dunlop
Planner, A. Antonelli
Recording Secretary, A. Winkle

Whistler Housing Authority: General Manager, M. Zucht

# **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**That** Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of September 15, 2015 as amended to include another item of business under "Other Business."

**CARRIED** 

# **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of September 1, 2015.

**CARRIED** 

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

#### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Resort Municipality of Whistler was recently recognized by the Province of British Columbia for achieving carbon neutrality in 2014. The municipality adopted a Carbon Neutral Operations Plan in 2009, which committed the organization to achieving carbon neutrality by 2010. She reported that the municipality is proud of this recognition by the Province and acknowledged staff and the community's efforts and contributions to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions across the organization and Whistler. Find more information at whistler.ca/climateaction.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported thanked the community for being part of the 40th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, September 6. The festivities marking the anniversary of the Resort Municipality of Whistler's official incorporation included face painting, crafts, artists in action, roving street animation and a performance by Spirit of the West. More than 4,500 people were in attendance over the course of the afternoon. The honour of Freedom of the Municipality was endowed upon three citizens: Sue Adams, Eric Martin and Jim Moodie. The 40th anniversary celebrations are continuing with a special exhibit "40 Years, 40 Stories" by the Whistler Arts Council at Millennium Place, which runs until October 12.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on the 6th annual RBC GranFondo Whistler last weekend. Over 3,000 cyclists pedaled from Vancouver to Whistler during the event. Whistler welcomed cyclists to the final 2015 Whistler Presents Summer Concert Series performance by Canadian rock band Trooper.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees is accepting applications until October 31. Appointments are for a two-year term and begin on January 1, 2016. The Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees is appointed by Whistler Council and manages the municipal library. Application forms are available at the Whistler Municipal Hall or the library or online at whistler.ca.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that residents of the Tapley's and Whistler Cay neighbourhoods are invited to an open house on September 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss three flood control options to protect private properties in these areas. Find more details at whistler.ca.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Whistler Fire Rescue Service and the Resort Municipality of Whistler hosted a Change of Command Ceremony last week for retiring Fire Chief Sheila Kirkwood and newly appointed Fire Chief Geoff Playfair. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked Sheila Kirkwood for her 29 years of service to Whistler, and welcomed Geoff back to the Whistler Fire Rescue Service and congratulated him on his new appointment as chief.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that during the RMOW's 40th Anniversary Celebrations, MLA Jordan Sturdy presented Whistler with a Resort

Municipality Initiative funding cheque from the Province of British Columbia. RMI funding is a significant revenue source, which allows Whistler to invest in many important programs and services to support tourism since it was implemented in 2006. Funding for the program is confirmed on an annual basis, based on accommodation business generated in the previous calendar year, and subject to approval by the Province. We commend and thank the Province for their investment and commitment to the program toward building tourism in British Columbia.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that, thanks to the conservation efforts of Whistler residents and businesses and cooler rainy weather, Whistler will return to Level 1 water restrictions this Thursday. This means that residential sprinkling will be permitted from 4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. two days per week. The Level 2 restrictions were implemented on August 20, as a result of unseasonably dry conditions. During Level 2 restrictions, the Resort Municipality of Whistler also reduced overall irrigation by 40 per cent. Learn more about sprinkling regulations and water conservation at whistler.ca/savewater.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that ICBC and the province are launching a month-long information campaign, targeting distracted drivers. ICBC says one in four deaths on B.C. roads involves distracted driving. This month, police officers will be at roadsides across B.C. looking for people on their phones, putting on makeup, eating, or even driving with pets in their laps. Residents can take a stand against distracted driving and display a "not while driving" decal as a reminder to leave phones alone. The decals are free at ICBC driver licensing offices and participating Autoplan broker offices.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that yesterday she met with newly appointed Minister of Education Mike Bernier, MLA Jordan Sturdy, Val Litwin of the Chamber of Commerce, representatives of the school district and various business representatives. They discussed matters of mutual concern, with discussion focusing on the labour shortage in Whistler. It was discussed how high school students can be encouraged to work in Whistler now, and to go away, get trained and return to work in Whistler again.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reminded everyone as we move into fall months that the local bear population is moving into the valley as the alpine berry crop is now gone and they are looking for food sources. She reminded everyone to ensure they keep outdoor barbeques clean, that garbage is not stored outside and not to have bear attractants, such as bird feeders, outside. A bear that is attracted to garbage is, sooner or later, a dead bear.

# **INFORMATION REPORTS**

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

**That** Council receive the Whistler Housing Authority's 2015 Employer Housing Needs Assessment attached as Appendix A to Council Information Report No. 15-105.

Whistler Housing Authority's 2015 Employer Housing Needs Assessment Report No. 15-105 File No. 7724

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

New Whistler Housing Authority Resident Restricted Rental Housing Development Report No. 15-106 File No. 7724 Moved by Councillor J. Ford Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

**That** Council authorizes staff to support the Whistler Housing Authority's direction to develop a new Resident Restricted Rental Housing Development in Cheakamus Crossing.

CARRIED

DP 1454 - 4338 Main Street – Activity Central Canopy Report No. 15-108 File No. DP 1454 Moved by Councillor J. Ford Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council approve the issuance of Development Permit DP 1454 for a canopy over the Activity Central storefront in the Tyndall Stone Lodge per the architectural plans A1.0 and A2.1 prepared by Murdoch and Company Architecture and Planning, dated September 1, 2015 attached as Appendix B to Council Report No. 15-108 subject to the resolution of the following items to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

- 1. Adherence to the Whistler Village Construction Management Strategy;
- 2. Tree pruning carried out by a landscape professional under RMOW supervision;
- 3. Registration of an encroachment agreement for the portion of the canopy located on municipal property; and,
- 4. Amendment of the patio license agreement for Dairy Queen; and further,

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the referenced encroachment agreement and patio license agreement.

**CARRIED** 

DP 1408 – 8413 Indigo Lane - Indigo Villas Report No. 15-107 File No. DP 1408 Moved by Councillor J. Crompton Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

**That** Council approve the issuance of Development Permit DP 1408 for the development of a 12-unit apartment complex, as per the site and architectural plans A000 – A810 prepared by Derek Venter Architectural Design, dated September 1, 2015, and landscape plans L1 – L3 prepared by Tom Barratt Ltd. Landscape Architects, dated August 28, 2015, attached as Appendices B and C to Council Report No. 15-107, subject to the resolution of the following items to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

- Provision of a letter of credit, or other approved security, in the amount of 135 percent of the costs of the hard and soft landscape works, as security for the construction and maintenance of these works; and.
- 2. Provision of a snow shed analysis verifying the safety of the design and adherence to Snow Shed Policy G-14.

DP 1463 – 1220/1224 Alpha Lake Road – Phase 1 Light Industrial/Commercial Development Report No. 15-109 File No. DP 1463 Moved by Councillor J. Crompton Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** Council approve the issuance of Development Permit DP 1463 for a new light industrial/ commercial development at 1220/1224 Alpha Lake Road per the architectural plans A1.0, A2.0, A2.1, A2.2, A3.0, A3.1, and A7.0 prepared by ATA Architectural Design Ltd., dated July 13, 2015 and landscape plan L1 prepared by Tom Barratt Landscape Architects Ltd, dated July 08, 2015 attached as Appendix B to Council Report No. 15-109, which includes the following variances to the Zoning Bylaw:

- a) Vary the rear setback to permit an existing retaining wall to be located 0.0 metres from the parcel line; and
- b) vary the south side setback from 3.0 metres to 2.4 metres to accommodate the southeast corner of the proposed building;

subject to the resolution of the following items to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

- Provision of a letter of credit, or other approved security, in the amount of 135 percent of the costs of the hard and soft landscape works as security for the construction and maintenance of these works;
- 2. Provision of a snow shed analysis by a professional engineer;
- 3. Finalization of signage details;
- 4. Provision of a detail for the application method of the wood detailing;
- 5. Finalization of the storm water management plan; and further

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute any legal documents required in conjunction with this Development Permit.

**CARRIED** 

Parking and Traffic Amendment (Speed Limit) Bylaw No. 2095, 2015 Report No. 15-110 File No. 180.5, Bylaw 2095

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

**That** Council consider giving first, second and third readings to Parking and Traffic Amendment (Speed Limit) Bylaw No. 2095, 2015.

**CARRIED** 

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Measuring Up Select Committee

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

**That** minutes of the Measuring Up Select Committee meetings of November 5, 2014 be received.

# BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Parking and Traffic Amendment (Speed Limit) Bylaw No. 2095, 2015 Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

**That** Parking and Traffic Amendment (Speed Limit) Bylaw No. 2095, 2015 receive first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED** 

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Deputy Corporate
Officer Appointment

Move by Councillor J. Crompton Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** Council appoint Norm McPhail as Deputy Corporate Officer for the purpose of executing and witnessing documents.

CARRIED

UBCM Resolution for Syrian Refugees in Canada

Moved by Mayor Wilhelm-Morden Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**WHEREAS** the ongoing crisis for Syrians has ignited a need for a coordinated effort of aid from all levels of government in Canada,

**AND WHEREAS** Canada has a history of extending offers of settlement to refugees for humanitarian reasons,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM urge the federal government to act immediately to accelerate the process and to significantly increase federal commitments to receive Syrian refugees in Canada matching or exceeding historic levels.

**CARRIED** 

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Green City Grow Lights File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Lew Mearns, dated August 31, 2015, regarding Green City Glow Lights be received.

**CARRIED** 

Sponsoring Refugees File No. 3009

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

**That** correspondence from Sue Stangel, dated September 7, 2015, regarding interest in sponsoring a refugee family be received.

Lower Mainland Local Government

Association (LMLGA) File No. 2083 Moved by Councillor J. Crompton Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** correspondence from Corisa Bell, LMLGA President, dated August 28, 2015, requesting the opportunity to visit Council to introduce herself and learn more about the needs and challenges of the community be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Medal of Good Citizenship File No. 3009 Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** correspondence from Marc-André Ouellette, Honours and Awards Secretariat, dated August 27, 2015, regarding a call for nominations for the Province of British Columbia's new Medal of Good Citizenship be received.

CARRIED

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor J. Ford

That Council adjourn the September 15, 2015 Council meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Acting Corporate Officer: L. Schimek