

# WHISTLER

# MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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, and

S. Maxwell

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey

General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Paul General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen

General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail

Fire Chief, S. Kirkwood

Deputy Corporate Officer, L. Schimek

Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard

Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford

Manager of Village Animation and Events, B. Andrea

Manager of Communications, M. Comeau

Manager of Special Projects, T. Battiston

Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw

Planner, F. Savage

Planning Analyst, B. McCrady

Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto

Recording Secretary, A. Winkle

# **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**That** Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of July 7, 2015 with the addition of a presentation of an update of the Wildfire situation.

**CARRIED** 

# **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor J. Grills Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of June 23, 2015.

**CARRIED** 

#### PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

#### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Wildfire Update

A presentation was given by Sheila Kirkwood, Fire Chief, regarding an update on the current wildfire situation.

Free Shuttle Pilot Project

A presentation was given by Joel Chevalier, Vice President of Employee Experience at Whistler Blackcomb, regarding the outcomes of the free shuttle pilot project for the #7 Staff Housing route service.

Cycling Infrastructure

A presentation was given by Frank Savage, President of the Whistler Cycling Club, regarding recommendations to MLA Jordan Sturdy for road cycling infrastructure and maintenance improvements in the Sea to Sky region.

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

**That** Council support recommendations as presented by Frank Savage, President of the Whistler Cycling Club.

**CARRIED** 

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Council approved three committee appointments earlier today in the closed meeting:

- Derek Bonin, Registered Professional Forester, for the vacant Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee position.
- Mike Wilson for a two-year term as the Food and Beverage Sector Pubs/Bars representative on the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee.
- Kevin Wallace for a two-year term as the Food and Beverage Sector Restaurants representative on the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked everyone who joined the Canada Day celebrations. This has become one of the most popular events produced by the municipality annually. The Canada Day parade had 40 locally made floats and 3,000 spectators turned up. After the parade, the municipality handed out 400 servings of gelato. The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra played a wonderful series of concerts to large crowds throughout the week: around 3,000 people on Canada Day, 4,000 on Friday, and over 5,000 on Saturday evening. The resort was very busy last week and this has been a strong start to the summer.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Vancouver Symphony Orchestral Institute at Whistler had a week-long inaugural session. Seventy-six talented students between the ages of 14 and 25 participated from around the world. The Institute ran last week from June 28 to July 5. They had instructors from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO), private lessons, rehearsals and

chamber sessions. They played a Canada Day evening concert at Millennium Place to a packed crowd, a series of concerts throughout Whistler, and as at full ensemble with Maestro Bramwell Tovey on Sunday afternoon a Whistler Olympic Plaza. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the Vancouver Symphony Society, and municipal staff. This was the first of a three-year partnership between the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the RMOW. This was a Learning and Education Task Force initiative, and is also in line with the Economic Partnership Initiative action plan to enhance arts and cultural development in Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that a delegation from Whistler's sister city Karuizawa, Japan, visited over Canada Day. We welcomed Mayor Fujimaki, Chairperson of the Karuizawa Town Council Mr. Tsugio Uchibori, and Director of General Affairs Mr. Shigeo Yoda. The delegates took part in the Canada Day Parade and were guests of honour at the VSO performance. Mayor Fujimaki also planted a Sunset Maple tree at Meadow Park. Whistler and Karuizawa have been sister cities since 1999 and our two communities have a lot in common.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the ninth annual BC Bike Race also took place over last weekend. The event organizers told us that it was their best BC Bike Race ever. Six hundred participants took part and seventy-one per cent of the race spaces are already sold for 2016.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the thirty-second annual Whistler Children's Festival returns for three days this weekend from Friday, July 10 to Sunday, July 12. The event includes creative workshops, crafts, theatre, dance, music and more. Entrance to Whistler Olympic Plaza will be \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and free for children under the age of two. Congratulations to the Whistler Arts Council for growing and evolving this event over the years into one of the community's signature events.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Emily Carr University of Art and Design summer studio has confirmed it will go ahead this summer. The studio is for teens aged 15 to 18 and will run from August 10 to 19. Students will learn about sketching, drawing, illustration, the creative process and skills development and classes will include field studies. Students will explore landscape, nature and place. The ten days culminate in a public exhibition at Millennium Place, starting August 19. The program will be held at the old hostel site on Alta Lake, together with field study visits around Whistler. The initiative is a partnership between the RMOW and Emily Carr University of Art and Design. It is part of the Economic Partnership Initiative's action plan to develop learning and education initiatives as well as cultural tourism initiatives. The studio is in line with the Cultural Tourism Development Strategy, Whistler Community Cultural Plan, and Learning & Education Task Force report.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported there is an extreme fire hazard rating right now, as presented by the Fire Chief. There are no camp fires permitted. She asked the public to report any fires immediately, do not hesitate to call 911, and there is no smoking permitted in parks and on trails. There will be

increased patrols. The Fire Department is available for consultation on how to Fire Smart your property, with information on whistler.ca.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that an advisory has been put out by Vancouver Coastal Health and will be put out in the form of a news release and will be posted to the municipal website as soon as possible. The current air quality in Whistler is extremely poor. The Ministry of Environment has issued a Wildfire Smoke Advisory for the Sea-to-Sky Corridor, including Whistler and Pemberton. Exposure is particularly a concern for infants, the elderly and those who have underlying medical conditions such as diabetes. and lung or heart disease. With poor air quality and high temperatures, it's important for vulnerable people to stay in air conditioned spaces or facilities with cooler filtered air, like an arena or public library, and avoid doing any strenuous activity outside. Be sure to check on any frail elderly neighbours or loved ones. If you are experiencing difficulty breathing, chest pain or discomfort, or a sudden cough or irritated airways, contact your health care provider. Use common sense regarding outdoor physical activity. If your breathing becomes difficult or uncomfortable, stop or reduce the activity. Reduce indoor pollution sources, such as smoking or burning other materials. This will be updated as we receive indications from Vancouver Coastal Health.

Councillor S. Anderson reinforced a message from the Fire Chief encouraging people to call the Fire Department or 911 immediately when there is fire activity, instead of reporting activity the next day.

Councillor A. Janyk requested that people start conserving water and abide by the water conservation bylaws. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Whistler is at level 1 water restrictions, and details of what that entails is available at whistler.ca.

# **INFORMATION REPORTS**

2014 Annual Energy Consumption & Greenhouse Gas Performance Reporting Report No. 15-085 File No. 7215.01 At 6:18 p.m. Councillor J. Crompton joined the meeting.

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

**That** Appendix A to Information Report 15-085, "Whistler Energy Consumption and Greenhouse Gas Performance Trends – 2014 Annual Report" be received.

**CARRIED** 

Environmental Stewardship Update Report No. 15-086 File No. 8365 Moved by Councillor S. Anderson Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

**That** Information Report No. 15-086 regarding Environmental Stewardship Update be received.

**CARRIED** 

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

LLR 1223 – Stonesedge Kitchen Permanent Change to Food Primary Hours of Sale Report No. 15-087 File No. LLR 1223 Moved by Councillor A. Janyk Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** Council authorize the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 15-087 providing Council's recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in support of an application from Stonesedge Kitchen located at 4122 Village Green for a Permanent Change to Hours of Sale for Food Primary Licence No. 174190, to change hours of sale to 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday.

**CARRIED** 

2015 Portobello Street Party Catering License Capacity Report No. 15-088 File No. 8216 Moved by Councillor J. Ford Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

**That** Council endorse a requested capacity of over 500 people for a Catering Licensed event, subject to Liquor Control & Licensing Branch (LCLB), Fire Rescue and RCMP.

**CARRIED** 

DVP 1105 – 101 4369 Main Street – Pizzeria Antico Sign Variance Report No. 15-089 File No. DVP 1105 Moved by Councillor J. Ford Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP 1105 for a proposed sign located at 101-4369 Main Street to:

- 1. Vary the fascia sign design as follows:
  - a) Vary the lettering height from 300 mm to 503 mm

as shown on the sign design plan dated received May 22, 2015 prepared by Signage Centre and attached as Appendix B to Administrative Report No. 15-089; and further.

**That** Council direct staff to advise the applicant that prior to issuance of DVP 1105, that the rear-lighting method for the proposed sign be consistent with the Sign Bylaw, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience.

**CARRIED** 

DVP 1100 – 8328, 8332, 8340 Mountain View Drive – Parcel Frontage and Retaining Wall Variances Report No. 15-090 File No. DVP 1100 At 7:02 p.m., Mayor Wilhelm-Morden declared a conflict of interest as one of her partner's relatives is involved in this project and left the meeting. Councillor S. Anderson took over as chair of the meeting.

At 7:22 p.m. a one minute recess was called by Acting Mayor S. Anderson, and then the meeting resumed.

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

**That** the proposed staff resolution be amended so that item 1 a) & b) of the recommendations regarding 8340 and 8328 Mountain View Drive vary the minimum frontage from 18 metres to 9.14 meters, and 9.21 meters instead of

24 meters, essentially allowing only 325 square meters of building on each of the two lots.

Opposed: Councillor J. Grills, Councillor J. Ford, Councillor J. Crompton, Councillor S. Anderson

DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor J. Ford Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

**That** Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP 1100 for the proposed development located at 8328, 8332 and 8340 Mountain View Drive to:

- 1. Vary the parcel frontages as follows to facilitate proposed subdivision and to permit a detached dwelling greater than 325 square metres in gross floor area:
  - a) At 8340 Mountain View Drive, vary the minimum frontage from 24 metres to 9.14 metres;
  - b) At 8328 Mountain View Drive, vary the minimum frontage from 24 metres to 9.12 metres;
- 2. Vary the setbacks and height as follows for a proposed retaining wall:
  - a) At 8328 Mountain View Drive, vary the north side setback form 1.0 metre to 0.0 metres from the property line, and vary the height from 0.6 metres to 7.6 metres;
  - b) At 8332 Mountain View Drive, vary the south side setback from 1.0 metre to 0.0 metres from the property line and vary the height from 0.6 metres to 7.6 metres;

as generally shown on the Proposed Subdivision Plan dated October 25, 2014, prepared by Whistler Alpine Development and on the Roadworks Drawings R1 and R2, dated September 24, 2014, prepared by Kerr Wood Leidal Consulting Engineers, attached as Appendices C and D to Administrative Report No. 15-089;

**That** Council not vary the south side setback from 1.0 metre to 0.5 metres from the property line and not vary the height from 0.6 metres to 7.6 metres for a proposed retaining wall at 8328 Mountain View Drive; and further,

**That** Council direct staff to advise the applicant that prior to issuance of DVP 1100, the following matters must be completed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

- a) Adoption of Land Use Contract Discharge and Zoning Amendment Bylaw (RS1 Zone 8340 Mountain View Drive) No. 2058, 2014;
- b) Revised Roadworks drawings, stamped by a professional engineer, to reflect the approved variances;
- c) Registration of a covenant on 8332 Mountain View Drive restricting gross floor area of a detached dwelling to 325 square metres;
- d) Receipt of a tree preservation and landscape remediation plan generally in conformance with the planting plan attached as Appendix E to Report No. 15-089;
- e) Receipt of a landscape estimate for the proposed landscaping; and,
- f) Receipt of a letter of credit or other approved security in the amount of 135% of the landscape estimate, such security to be administered

in accordance with Council Policy G-9 Landscape Security for Development Permit.

Opposed: Councillor A. Janyk, Councillor S. Maxwell

**CARRIED** 

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden returned.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

2015 Community Recognition Awards File No. 3009 Moved by Councillor J. Crompton Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

Correspondence from Lynne Embury-Williams, Executive Director of Wood *WORKS!* BC, dated June 2015, inviting nominations for recently completed civic buildings for the 2015 Community Recognition Awards be received and referred to staff for consideration.

**CARRIED** 

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the July 7, 2015 Council meeting at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden	Deputy Corporate Officer: L. Schimek