



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014, STARTING AT 5:30 PM

**In the Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maurice Young Millennium Place
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

The Honourable Judge David St. Pierre

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 Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Paul
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Director of Finance, K. Roggeman
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Corporate Officer, S. Story
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Recording Secretary, A. Winkle

RCMP Inspector N. Cross
RCMP Staff Sergeant S. LeClair

Swearing in of Mayor
and Council

The Mayor and Councillors were sworn in by the Honourable Judge David St. Pierre.

Singing of O Canada

O Canada was sung by The Whistler Singers and Whistler Children's Chorus.

Inaugural Address

The Inaugural Address was given by Mayor Wilhelm-Morden:

Thank you everyone for coming tonight and thank you to the Whistler Singers and the Whistler Children's Chorus. It was great to have you here this evening.

In preparing these remarks for tonight, I went back and reread the speech I gave three years ago. I quoted from a book at that time by French polemicist Stéphane Hessel called Time for Outrage! In his book Hessel said, "If you spend a little time searching, you will find your reason to engage. The worst attitude is indifference." Then and now those words ring true.

Three years ago in this election there were over 30 candidates; this time there were 11. Three years ago there was a 54 per cent voter turnout; this time half that amount. Those statistics would suggest indifference. I think not.

Three years ago I asked all of you to stay engaged. I said we were going to use an effective and hands-on committee system. We did that and you kept up your side of the bargain, too. From the big brains on the Learning and Education Strategy Taskforce, to the leaders of our resort partners on the EPI committee, to industry representatives on the Illegal Space Taskforce, community members were significantly involved.

The engagement went beyond the committee system. When we consulted the community at large, we received great and thoughtful input. Whether it was during budget workshops, consultations in relation to the four big plans, or Whistler 3.0, locals and second homeowners alike turned out and spoke to us with passion. Then we did things that had never been done before, like meeting with commercial landlords here in the Village, fully reporting out to the community at large the municipal financial position every three months, and inviting input back.

So I repeat: in my life, I have never been indifferent and neither has this town. Whistler and engagement are synonymous. The low voter turnout this time around, I believe, was a signal: that many in this community are satisfied with the work done so far. So thank you to those who voted, and thank you to those who did not.

In making these remarks, please do not think that I'm being complacent for a minute. There are exciting times ahead and lots of work to do, and we will need your engagement to get that done. I would like to start on that work by welcoming those who will help me over the next four years: Sue Maxwell, Steve Anderson and Jen Ford, you each bring distinct and different skills. And, of course, welcome back Jack Crompton, Andree Janyk and John Grills. It's been great getting to know you over the course of the last three years and I'm delighted that you're carrying on.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our professional staff. Three years ago I recognized many familiar faces at the staff table, but I didn't know Mike Furey from Adam. But we've worked extraordinarily well over the course of the last three years and we brought in the results that we did. I have every expectation that the excellent working relationship will continue.

Looking ahead then, we have climbed out of the recession and by working with our partners have come off some of the busiest winter and summer seasons on record. And there's every reason to believe that kind of success will continue. The implementation of the recommendations from the four big plans will continue and will start changing the face of Whistler: Village enhancement and rejuvenation, improvements to the Village bus and taxi loop, construction of the gateways and portal project, completion of the Cultural Connector, inauguration of the VSO Institute at Whistler, and so on.

And then of course, the opening of the Audain Art Museum next fall. With that facility coming on, it's going to be a case of fasten your seatbelts, hang on, and get ready for the ride.

Taking a minute to look inside the Hall itself, in the immediate short term we will consider the municipal corporate plan at our two-day retreat a couple of weeks from now, and we will update it to reflect the priorities of this Council. Over the next short while, we will see implementation of the customer service project. We will want to continue the good work on the financial side of the ledger with quarterly reporting, implementation of the reserves policy and responsible budgeting and taxation programs. I want to see phase two of the illegal space initiative, so that more of the life and safety issues that we know to be out there can be addressed. We will receive the strategic plan of Whistler Development Corporation and make some decisions about that significant legacy of the Games, the municipal land bank. We need to take a look as well at our affordable housing stock and what, if anything, should be planned for in that regard. And then we have to take care of that little piece of business known as the OCP.

Plus, we will have to have a party next year to celebrate the municipality's 40th anniversary.

I have only just scratched the surface of the many actions that we will be taking in the weeks, months, and years to come. Thank you to my family and the families of members of Council. There is a significant demand placed on them by virtue of the fact they have a partner who is an elected official. And if I could just take a minute, it was interesting, Your Honour, to hear that you do marriage ceremonies. This is my husband and my 37th wedding anniversary today. And someone had suggested that we might renew our vows, but I'm a little concerned that my husband Ted might say no to the critical question.

So thank you everybody for coming out tonight and please join us for a reception in the Scotia Creek lobby paid for, by the way, by your new Council. Thank you again, and please stay engaged.

Appointments to
Standing Committees of
Council

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced appointments to the following Standing Committees of Council as per the meeting agenda:

Audit & Finance Standing
Committee

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Jack Crompton
John Grills

Human Resources Standing
Committee

Andrée Janyk
John Grills
Sue Maxwell

Appointments to
Select Committee of
Council

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

That members of Council be appointed to the following Select Committees of Council as per the meeting agenda:

Advisory Design Panel	Steve Anderson
Coat of Arms Committee	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Economic Partnership Initiative Committee	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden John Grills
Emergency Planning Committee	Jen Ford Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Festivals, Events, and Animation Oversight Committee	Andrée Janyk
Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee	Steve Anderson
Illegal Spaces Task Force	Steve Anderson
Liquor License Advisory Committee	Andrée Janyk
May Long Weekend Committee	John Grills
Measuring Up Committee	Jen Ford
Public Art Committee	Andrée Janyk
Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee	Andrée Janyk
Transit Management Advisory Committee	Steve Anderson

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Appointments to
Boards and Partner
Organizations

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

That members of Council be appointed to the following RMOW Boards and Partner Organizations as per the meeting agenda:

Audain Art Museum	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, John Grills
AWARE	Sue Maxwell
Bear Working Group	Sue Maxwell
Cheakamus Community Forest	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, Sue Maxwell
Environmental Legacy Fund Committee	Andrée Janyk
Municipal Insurance Association	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden Jack Crompton (alternate) John Grills (alternate)
One Whistler	Jack Crompton
Squamish Lillooet Regional District	Jack Crompton Andrée Janyk (alternate)
Tourism Whistler	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Whistler Arts Council	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Whistler Animals Galore	Jen Ford
Whistler Chamber of Commerce	Andrée Janyk
Whistler Centre for Sustainability	Jack Crompton
Whistler Community Services Society	Sue Maxwell
Whistler Health Care Foundation	Sue Maxwell
Whistler Housing Authority	Jack Crompton, Jen Ford, John Grills
Whistler Museum and Archives Society	Steve Anderson
Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees	Jen Ford
Whistler 2020 Development Corporation	Nancy Wilhelm-Morden Jack Crompton

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2015 Council Meetings
File No. 3014.02

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

That Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler endorse the following Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015 as per the meeting agenda:

January 13 January 27	February 3 February 17	March 3 March 17 March 31
April 14 April 28	May 12 May 26	June 9 June 23
July 7 July 21	August 11	September 1 September 15
October 6 October 20	November 3 November 17	December 1 December 15

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the December 2, 2014 Council meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

Corporate Officer: S. Story