



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014, 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: J. Crompton, J. Faulkner, J. Grills, D. Jackson, A. Janyk,
and R. McCarthy

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
Fire Chief, S. Kirkwood
Director of Finance, K. Roggeman
Acting Director of Planning, J. Belobaba
Corporate Officer, S. Story
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Special Projects, T. Battiston
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Planner, F. Savage
Emergency Program Coordinator, E. Marriner
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DaSanto
Legislative Services Coordinator, N. Best
Recording Secretary, A. Winkle

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of November 4, 2014.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes and Public Hearing minutes
of October 21, 2014.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Civic Service Awards

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Mike Furey, Chief Administrative Officer, presented the Civic Service Awards to Terry Deutscher and Gord Annand.

At 5:40 p.m. the meeting was recessed.

At 5:42 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Audain Art Museum

A presentation was given by Hugh Ker, Project Manager, and Suzanne Greening, Executive Director, regarding an update on the Audain Art Museum.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that this is the final meeting of Council before Whistler's general local election on Saturday, November 15. There will be two advance voting days: Wednesday, November 5 at the Whistler Public Library and Saturday, November 8 at Municipal Hall. Mail-in ballot packages are now ready for pickup at Municipal Hall. Registration for mail ballot voting ends on November 13. To find out more about voting options, visit whistler.ca/election.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the BC Transit winter schedule is coming. Early winter transit service starts to ramp up on November 15 and full winter service will begin on November 27. Customer service hours at the Whistler Transit office are extended from November 15 until April 19 and those extensions include two additional hours per day, with hours of 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on weekends and holidays. This month, free keychain flashlights are being given away with November transit passes valid for one, six, and twelve months. These flashlights are being provided to help keep pedestrians in Whistler safe, especially when walking to and from bus stops. Pedestrians are often hard to see in rain and low light, and Mayor Wilhelm-Morden asked that pedestrians take precautions by crossing at crosswalks, facing traffic when walking beside a road, and by wearing reflectors to increase visibility. Please visit Whistler.ca/WalkSafe for more information.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that last week Meadow Park Sports Centre received new fitness equipment in the cardio and weight rooms. The equipment includes a state of the art treadmill, elliptical trainer, and new upright stationary bike, stepper, and stair mill. In the weight room there are two new benches and a new apparatus with a squat rack, monkey bars, a dip station, and pull-up bar. New dumbbells will arrive soon. Find hours of operation at whistler.ca/recreation.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported an ongoing problem in Creekside parks with wire protection being removed from around landscaping trees. The municipality puts the wire there to protect the trees from the thriving local beaver population, and when it's removed, the beavers easily falls these trees. These trees are expensive, and take considerable time to establish in

the park. We are requesting that people respect the work done by our parks crew to plant and protect new trees and that everyone leaves the wire protection in place.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Whistler Disc Golf Course and surrounding trails at Lost Lake are closed from November 1 to 15 for tree pruning and vegetation management by BC Hydro. The vegetation removal is the routine maintenance required under hydro transmission lines. We thank you for your patience during this project.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that there is a Public Art Forum being held this Thursday, November 6 at 6 p.m. at Millennium Place to present a new sculpture project by Oliver Harwood, and to give an update on the Public Art Program. The forum is being hosted by the Resort Municipality of Whistler and the Public Art Committee. Oliver Harwood's sculpture project was selected in the 2014 Valley Trail Public Art Competition.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Government of B.C. is requesting transportation feedback for their new 10-year provincial transportation plan called "B.C. on the Move". Last week she, the CAO and the General Manager of Infrastructure Service attended a forum with Ministry officials to provide feedback on the plan. She encouraged everyone to complete the Province's online survey about transportation needs at engage.gov.bc.ca/TransportationPlan.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Sea to Sky Clean Air Society is running an Idle-Free campaign from November 1 to 15. Idle-free ambassadors will educate drivers in Whistler and ask them to sign a pledge not to idle. As the weather gets colder, I'd like to remind everyone that idling is never necessary, even in cold weather. Modern vehicles are best warmed up by gentle driving and windows can be defogged by only running the engine for 30 seconds.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that winter parking regulations are in effect from November 1 to March 31. Parking is permitted on the even side of the street only at night Monday to Friday (from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.) and on weekends. Parking is not permitted on the odd side of the street anytime year-round.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Whistler Remembrance Day Committee invites the community as well as visitors to the Cenotaph for a Service of Remembrance on November 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. The ceremony is to offer remembrance to honour those who fell to defend our peaceful and democratic nation. This year the service will reflect on the contribution of Canadian women in war: from war time nursing, manufacturing, home defense, code breaking, front-line support roles and to full combat participation. There will be a parade with veterans who served in the Canadian Forces as well as first responders. The route will follow Village Gate Boulevard, Blackcomb Way, and onto the Cenotaph grounds at Fire Hall 1. Whistler Rotary will provide refreshments after the service. There will also be a reception by Whistler Rotary in the Firefighter's Mess for veterans and parade members.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reflected on what this Council has accomplished over the last three years. She commented on fiscal decisions, including three years of “zero and zero” with no increases to municipal property taxes and no increases to municipal utilities fees, the implementation of quarterly financial reporting statements, and the reserves policy.

She commented on work done to streamline municipal operations, reducing the number of municipal divisions from five to three, and the size of municipal staff. She commented on bringing in “the four big plans” and stated that the implementation of those plans are well underway.

She commented on projects such as working with Michael Audain to find land and permit the Audain Art Museum, reopening the library on Sundays, hosting UBCM this year, and securing IRONMAN.

She thanked the CAO Mike Furey, the general managers, and the communications department. She thanked her fellow Councillors and commented that it has been an honour and a pleasure to work with them.

Councillor R. McCarthy commented on serving on One Whistler as the RMOW elected representative. He commented on working on the Festivals, Events and Animation Committee with John Rae and Bob Andrea and other community members to build an events schedule that included Tough Mudder, IRONMAN, and extending the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra performances to two weeks. He sat on the HR committee which addressed hiring policies, contract negotiations, and salary scales. He worked on the Whistler Healthcare Foundation with volunteers who raised funds including money for the helipad reconfiguration and upgrades. He sat on the Tourism Whistler Board, which has the goal to fill commercial bed base and enhance business levels in the village. He commented that, upon reflection, there has been a lot of variety and diversity in his role and it has been a real inspiration.

He commented on the commitment and innovation of staff. He commented on the importance of the RMOW, Tourism Whistler, and the Chamber of Commerce working together deal with various issues while achieving budgeted occupancies.

He reflected on the work of this Council and commented on the quality of work and skillsets at the table. He commented on the rebound of real estate sales and the state of the economy and the initiatives that have been created and executed in the community. He commented on the complexity of the model of the RMOW as a “resort municipality.” He commented on the work of groups of committed and intelligent people in the community. He thanked voters for the privilege and opportunity of serving with this Council.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented that this is the hardest working council she has sat on, with this being her fifth term on Council. On behalf of the other members of Council, she thanked Councillors Jackson, McCarthy and Faulkner for their service and the work that has been done and commented that they will be missed.

Councillor J. Faulkner commented on the journey of serving on Council. He commented on how much he has learned about the community.

He commented on the commitment and effort of hundreds of volunteers that keep the community going forward and are giving of their time, passion, energy, and expertise. Without them, Whistler would be a different place and work would be harder to do. He commented on the dedication, professional, hardworking, and intelligent staff and management at the municipality who care greatly about Whistler. He commented on the quality of work and a core group who are committed to striving to do better still.

He commented on serving on the committees for a full term. He served on the EPI Committee, the Museum Board, the Forestry and Wildlands Committee, as well as partial terms on the Tourism Whistler Board and Public Art Committee. He commented on the quality of people who live, retire and recreate in Whistler and provide the benefit of their expertise, experience, and knowledge on the boards. He commented on the impacts and outcomes as a result of those experts, and the savings from not having to bring in consultants. He commented on the achievements of the EPI committee and the strategies and initiatives going forward based upon sound research and measurable economic performance. He commented on the things left to be done for the next Council, including action items of the EPI committee. He thanked Ted Battiston as an important contributor to the work of the EPI committee.

He commented on the work of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee, and initiatives of the Community Forest to reduce the amount of logging that doesn't advance the values of the resort experience. He commented about other initiatives of the committee, including less motorized recreation, and the recent approval to sell carbon credits as a new revenue source for the Community Forest that could help reduce the pressure to cut down more trees. He commented on the promotion of hiking trails and trail access, and committee support for the work on the Sproatt side of the valley. He commented on the protection of the watershed from the illegal riding of snowmobiles, and the work with the local snowmobile operators for educating programs.

He commented on the Museum Board searching for a new home in the community and spoke to the value of protecting Whistler's heritage and history. He commented on the impact of the cultural plan, corridor plan, and addition of Audain museum. He thanked the board for their vision and hard work.

He listed challenges of the next four years ahead, including building relationship with First Nations partners in the community, and taking care of the core of the community as a destination for visitors and residents to enjoy. He commented that future decisions will be guided by the established baseline information. He urged the future Council to work together in the spirit of cooperation through intelligent understanding and respectful discourse. He commented that it has been an honour and pleasure to work with this Council. He thanked Mike Furey and his team for their trust and support. He thanked the community of Whistler for supporting Council in their work.

Councillor D. Jackson thanked Mayor Wilhelm-Morden for her leadership and complimented the skills she brought to the position, which he felt he learned from and were of benefit to the community. She provided a style of leadership which allowed the CAO to lead the organization to the successes we all share. He commented on Council as a group of individuals and how they worked together. He commented on the collaborative well-balanced, and diverse group of people, and the meaningful relationships that have been built at the Council table.

He commented on the respectful and productive relationship of Council and management and senior staff. He complimented Mike Furey on his approach as an administrator and leader to staff. He commented on the senior team's level of understanding of issues, explanations, and ability to get things done. He complimented Joe Paul, Jan Jansen, and Norm McPhail individually. He thanked Ken Roggeman for assistance with the understanding and planning of the municipal budget. He commented on the work of staff, including Ted Battiston, Shannon Story, Donna Wango, Wanda Bradbury and the others who have assisted Councillors in doing their job.

He thanked the voting public for the opportunity to be on Council, get to know management, and get to know the community on a deeper level. He commented that the current operating budget is aligned with the service levels that the visitors and residents expect and demand. He commented on the need to continue to challenge senior levels of government to shoulder the cost of running an all-season resort, and that property tax payers should not have to cover the full cost of municipal and resort operations.

He commented on the many people who contribute to decisions ultimately made by Council. He thanked the volunteers for their expertise and time. He commented on his work with the Whistler Housing Authority, and spoke to the need for their continued work on WHA and non-WHA housing. He commented on the work of the Whistler2020 Development Corporation (WDC) which has had time to contemplate the best use of lands, and thanked the board members for their ten year commitment: Eric Martin, Jim Moodie, Steve Bayly, Melissa McKay, and the other volunteers.

He commented on the Cheakamus Community Forest and called it the most challenging board he sat on given the complex task of managing the competing demands of logging, recreation, commercial tenure holders, wildfire risk, and the environment. He urged the community to provide input to balance the competing interests.

He commented on the Audain Art Museum board, the Whistler Public Library Board, the Finance and Audit Committee, and the Illegal Space Task Force. He commented on the progress being made and the increase in renovation permits at Municipal Hall.

He commented on the cost to tax payers of operating a resort municipality, the assistance of RMI dollars, and the gap in costs for amenities shared with visitors.

He commented on the OCP decision, and the amount of community input and staff time put into the project, and the goal of having it be adopted. He commented on the balance between new development and redevelopment, attracting business, and optimizing resort needs within the existing footprint. He gave advice to voters and future candidates.

Mike Furey, CAO, commented to the three Councillors who are not running for re-election that it has been an honour to work with them and thanked them for their respect of staff. He expressed appreciation for challenging staff and providing the opportunity to learn from one another. He commented that they were able to balance using their heads to make decisions, but never forgot the love of Whistler in their hearts.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Customer Service
Strategy
Report No. 14-135
File No.
4122

Moved by Councillor J. Faulkner
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council receive the Resort Municipality of Whistler Customer Service Strategy as attached to Information Report Number 14-135.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

LLR 128 – Listel Hotel
Extension of Hours for
Cornucopia
Report No. 14-127
File No. LLR 128

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That Council authorize hours of liquor sale to 4:00 am on the night of Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the Listel Whistler Hotel for a Special Occasion Licence for the Revolutions event as part of the Cornucopia festival.

CARRIED

LLR 1200 – Dubh Linn
Gate Pub Permanent
Changes to Liquor
Primary Licence
Report No. 14-128
File No. LLR 1200

Moved by Councillor R. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor J. Faulkner

That Council authorize the resolutions attached as Appendix “A” to Administrative Report No. 14-128 providing Council’s recommendation to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in support of an application from the Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub for a Structural Change to Liquor Primary Licence No. 182897 to increase the interior liquor primary capacity from 148 to 236 persons by converting an existing food primary area to liquor primary and by including a previously unlicensed area into the liquor primary licence; and further,

That Council pass the resolutions attached as Appendix “B” to Administrative Report No. 14-128 providing Council’s recommendation to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch regarding an Application from the Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub for a Structural Change to Liquor Primary Licence No. 182897 to increase the outdoor patio liquor primary capacity from 58 to a maximum of 151 persons by converting an existing food primary patio area to liquor primary, by including a previously unlicensed area into the liquor primary licence and by increasing the occupant loads of the existing liquor primary licensed patio area to that permitted by municipal policy.

CARRIED

DVP 1090 – 4330/4340
Blackcomb Way –
Audain Art Museum
Sign Variances
Report No. 14-129
File No. DVP 1090

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

That Council approve Development Variance Permit DVP 1090 for the proposed freestanding sign located at 4330/4340 Blackcomb Way to:

1. Install and maintain an electronic projection sign (LCD digital display); and
2. Increase the area of a freestanding sign fronting onto a street from 2.0 m² to 3.2 m², and increase the overall structure of the sign from 3.0 m² to 5.5 m².

as shown on the Sign Permit drawings prepared by Patkau Architects Inc., numbered A-Sign 1.1 through 1.6, dated September 4, 2014, attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 14-129.

CARRIED

CM41 - 3839 Sunridge
Drive Covenant
Modification
Report No. 14-130
File No. CM 41

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That the building envelope and tree preservation covenant BJ342510 for 3839 Sunridge Drive be modified as shown in the Proposed Site Plan attached as Appendix B to Administrative Report No. 14-130; and further,

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

CARRIED

SEC 0012 – 8424
Indigo Lane Flood
Proofing Exemption
Report No. 14-131
File No. SEC 0012

Moved by Councillor R. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council grant an exemption per Section 910 of the *Local Government Act*– “Construction requirements in relation to flood plain areas”, to allow for the construction of a new detached dwelling at 8424 Indigo Lane; and further,

That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute a Section 219 covenant on the title of the subject property for this exemption, attaching the engineering reports prepared for 8424 Indigo Lane prepared by Exp. Services Inc. stamped received October 2nd, 2014 that confirms the property is safe for the use intended.

CARRIED

RMOW Comprehensive
Emergency
Management Plan
Report No. 14-132
File No. 851

Moved by Councillor J. Faulkner
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council endorse the “*Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*”, “*Annex 1 Emergency Operations Centre Activation Guide*”, and “*Annex 2 Emergency Operations Centre Quick Action Checklists and Forms*” attached as Appendices ‘A’ through ‘C’, to replace the 2005 Emergency Plan and 2005 Emergency Operations Centre Plan.

CARRIED

Gateway Loop
Enhancement Options –
Additional Engagement
Report No. 14-133
File No. A0590

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That Council direct staff to schedule a community engagement session in order to solicit additional stakeholder community input on the range of potential enhancement options currently under consideration for the Gateway Loop area.

CARRIED

Vehicle for Hire
Amendment Bylaw No.
2067, 2014
Report No. 14-134
File No. 4700

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council consider giving first, second and third reading to Vehicle for Hire Amendment Bylaw No. 2067, 2014.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Transit Management
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That minutes of the Transit Management Advisory Committee meetings of April 25, 2014 and July 14, 2014 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAW FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Vehicle for Hire
Amendment Bylaw No.
2067, 2014

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That Vehicle for Hire Amendment Bylaw No. 2067, 2014 receive first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

BYLAW FOR ADOPTION

Municipal Ticket and
Information System
Amendment Bylaw No.
2054, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Municipal Ticket and Information System Amendment Bylaw No. 2054, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (CL5 Zone –
Commercial Local Five)
No. 2063, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw (CL5 Zone – Commercial Local Five) No. 2063, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

Five-Year Financial Plan
2014-2018, Amendment
Bylaw No. 2068, 2014

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Five-Year Financial Plan 2014-2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 2068, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Songs of War and
Peace
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That correspondence from Alison Hunter, Music Director for the Whistler Children's Chorus and the Whistler Singers, regarding an upcoming concert on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:30 pm at Millennium Place titled Songs of War & Peace be received.

CARRIED

UBCM Convention
File No. 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Faulkner
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Sav Dhaliwal, President of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), dated October 17, 2014, thanking the Resort Municipality of Whistler for acting as the Host Community for the 2014 Convention be received.

CARRIED

Provincial Commitments
Made at Convention
File No. 9004

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, dated October 23, 2014, regarding provincial commitments made at the 2014 UBCM Convention in Whistler, BC be received.

CARRIED

B.C. on the Move: A 10-
Year Transportation
Plan
File No. 9004

Moved by Councillor R. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor J. Faulkner

That correspondence from Kristen Pedersen, Executive Director of B.C. on the Move, dated October 15, 2014, regarding opportunities to meet with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Officials regarding B.C. on the Move: A 10-Year Transportation Plan be received.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Proclamation of Buy
Local Week

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

WHEREAS LOCO BC presents Buy Local Week to celebrate and bring awareness to the economic, social and environmental impact of supporting local businesses;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the week of December 1 to 7, 2014 be proclaimed as "Buy Local Week."

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the November 4, 2014 Council meeting at 7:47 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

CORPORATE OFFICER: S. Story