



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013, 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  
Director of Finance, K. Roggeman  
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard  
Acting Corporate Officer, L. Schimek  
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau  
Manager of Special Projects, T. Battiston  
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw  
Planner, R. Brennan  
Senior Communications Officer, C. Piech  
Planning Technician, B. McCrady  
Recording Secretary, N. Best

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**That** Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of December 17, 2013.  
CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of December 3, 2013.  
CARRIED

### **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Dave Buzzard, 9295 Emerald Drive inquired about the use of take away bags in Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that during the Committee of the Whole

meeting today (December 17, 2013), Mayor and Council discussed the use of take away bags in Whistler, specifically plastic bags as staff were reporting on a 6 month update on the plastic bags study. Council is looking for more information on options and staff intend to come back to Council with actual resolutions in the new year. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added it is likely that staff will recommend to Council to ban biodegradable bags, move cautiously in respect to any other bans. Additionally there will be an introduction of a pilot project to implement a reusable bag program through AWARE and the American Friends of Whistler.

Mr. Buzzard asked if there was feasibility on switching from plastic bags to paper bags.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that there are environmental factors that come into play, which were discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting, but it is still an option.

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Whistler 2020  
Development Corporation

A presentation was given by Eric Martin, Chair of Whistler 2020 Development Corporation regarding an update and work towards a Long Term Strategic Plan.

2013 Community  
Enrichment Program  
Report Backs (\$10,000  
and over)

A presentation was given by Megan Reynolds, Resource Development Manager of the Howe Sound Women's Centre Society regarding their funding from the Community Enrichment Program.

A presentation was given by Chelsea Walker, Executive Director of the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program regarding their funding from the Community Enrichment Program.

A presentation was given by Jerome David, President and Craig Mackenzie, Vice-President and Youth Director of the Whistler Off Road Cycling Association (WORCA) regarding their funding from the Community Enrichment Program.

A presentation was given by Suzie Soman, Director of Early Childhood Development Services from Sea to Sky Community Services regarding their funding from the Community Enrichment Program.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the final stages of the municipal hall renovations are now underway. The purpose of the renovations were to improve the customer service area, the service environment, and customer accessibility. The three areas are now open to the public. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added that the accessibility ramp outside is due for completion soon. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the public and staff for enduring the construction process.

On behalf of the RMOW and Council, Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated Susan Greening on her appointment as Director for the Audain Art Museum. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden welcomed Susan to Whistler and is looking forward to working with her once she is finished her duties at the Reach Gallery in

Abbotsford, BC.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that several members of Council and staff participated in a BC Transit elected officials forum. The forum was an opportunity for the participants to discuss Sea to Sky Regional Transit outlook and discuss the terms of reference. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2014 in Squamish.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that on December 19, 2013 there will be a change of command ceremony presented by the RMOW and the Whistler Fire Rescue Service at the Whistler Village Fire Hall. The ceremony will change over command from Fire Chief Rob Whitton to newly appointed Fire Chief Sheila Kirkwood. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added that the ceremony is open to the public, and will include remarks from RMOW and Whistler Fire Rescue staff.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that the RMOW and CUPE Local 2010 reached a four-year agreement last week. It was ratified last week and approved by Council in today's closed meeting.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that during the Closed Council meeting today on December 17, 2013, Ron Dennison and Michelle Kirkegaard were appointed to the Public Art Committee. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated the new members and thanked them for the commitment to volunteerism.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that the Olympic Plaza Outdoor Skating Rink opened on Saturday, December 14, 2103. Five Hundred people arrived to enjoy the opening day and the cupcakes. Skating at the rink is free, skate rentals are \$5.00 each, and is open from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. with special holiday hours. Over 16,000 people skated on the rink last year.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on the upcoming holiday events in Whistler including:

- Santa Claus will be at the Whistler Conference Centre on December 21.
- Santa Claus will be skating on the Olympic Plaza Skating Rink on December 22.
- Family Après is starting on December 23 until March 26 for two evenings per week.
- The New Year's Eve celebration, which is an alcohol free family event. More information and tickets are found at Whistler.ca

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that there will be increased transit buses running the weekend schedule of service on December 20<sup>th</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup>, with free buses on New Year's Eve from 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reviewed some of the accomplishments that the RMOW has achieved over the course of the last year along with some of the goals that have been identified for 2014:

- In 2013, four significant reports were delivered to council: the Whistler Community Cultural Plan, the Learning and Education Task Force

report, the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan and the Economic Partnership Initiative (EPI) Committee's Summary of Key Findings Report. These plans were delivered with significant observations and recommendations. For example, the EPI report included researched that shows that Whistler has an annual GDP of \$1.3 billion dollars, generates \$1.1 million in taxes per day and is responsible for 22.5 per cent of tourism export revenues. The GDP created in Whistler is equivalent to the combined agricultural and fisheries sectors in this province. The research from the EPI report will guide the RMOW's decisions now and in the future.

- The Learning and Education Task Force report provided a framework for assessing post-secondary educational opportunities and it recommended that the municipality identify up to five initiatives to pursue over the course of the next three to five years.
- One of the goals for 2014 is to incorporate the recommendations of the four reports into the short and medium term work plan.
- Another foundational document that was finalized in 2013 is the Official Community Plan. Unfortunately it has been challenged by the First Nations. An obvious goal for 2014 will be to conclude that litigation.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden listed other milestones in 2013:

- Successful first year of operations for the permanent ice surface at Whistler Olympic Plaza with 16,000 skaters using that rink in a three-month period;
- Adoption of the rezoning bylaw for the Audain Art Museum (ground breaking took place in fall 2013);
- The Whistler Public Library opened on Sundays;
- Whistler hosted the first of five successful and well-received IRONMAN triathlons;
- Whistler opened two new parks: Bayly Park in Cheakamus Crossing and Florence Petersen Park in the Village;
- Whistler had its busiest summer on record;
- The RMOW saw continued progress on the illegal space issue;
- Amendments were made to liquor licensing laws;
- Whistler saw improvements to transit services;
- Concluded a second year of zero per cent tax increase;
- The RMOW completed reasonable wage settlements with municipal staff;
- Council made their decision regarding the Whistler International Campus;
- Mayor Wilhelm-Morden visited Karuizawa, Whistler's Sister City this past summer; and,
- Whistler received a number of awards including the Google eTown Award, Best Weekend Getaway, Best Winter and Summer Destination, Best International Family Ski Resort and several others.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported the Goals for 2014:

- Completion of the Municipal Hall renovations;
- The back of house customer service project; and,
- Incorporation and implementation of the recommendations from the four major reports that we received and adopted this year.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked staff for their guidance, support and input they provided Council, which allowed them to accomplish what they did in 2013. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden also thanked her fellow Councillors for their continued dedication and hard work, and thanked members of the community who sat on committees and task forces or otherwise provided input in the many public meetings the RMOW held in 2013. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden concluded by saying that she is looking forward to 2014 and on behalf of Whistler Council, she wished all residents and visitors a safe and happy Christmas.

### **INFORMATION REPORTS**

Whistler.ca Update  
Report No. 4956  
File No. 13-112

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

**That** Council receive Information Report No. 13-112 Whistler.ca Update.

CARRIED

Third Quarter Investment  
Report – 2013  
Report No. 13-113  
File No. 4572

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

**That** Council receive Information Report No. 13-113 Investment Holdings as of September 30, 2013.

CARRIED

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Emily Carr University of  
Art + Design - Letter of  
Agreement  
Report No. 13-125  
File No. 7725.05

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

**That** Council direct staff to execute the Letter of Agreement between the RMOW and Emily Carr University of Art + Design as included as Appendix "A" to Council Report No. 13-125.

CARRIED

LLR 128 - Conference  
Centre Extension of  
Hours for WinterPride  
Report No. 13-123  
File No. LLR 128

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

**That** Council authorize hours of liquor sale from 11:30 am on Saturday, February 1, 2014 to 4:00 am on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the Whistler Conference Centre; and further,

**That** Council authorize staff to support Tourism Whistler's application to the provincial Liquor Control and Licensing Branch for a Temporary Change to a Liquor License for the event.

CARRIED

DVP 1061 - 8441 Bear  
Paw Trail - Height and  
Setback Variances for  
Retaining Walls  
Report No. 13-118  
File No. DVP 1061

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

**That** Council approve Development Variance Permit 1061 to vary retaining wall setback and height regulations for existing rock stack retaining walls at 8441 Bear Paw Trail as follows:

1. Vary the setbacks from 2.5 metres to 0 metres to accommodate portions of retaining walls on the west side of the property and vary the retaining wall height from 0.6 metres to 1.15 metres, and
2. Vary the setbacks from 2.5 metres to 0 metres to accommodate portions of a retaining wall on the east side of the property, and vary the retaining wall height from 0.6 metres to 1.88 metres,

to the extent shown on the survey plan prepared by Doug Bush Survey Services Ltd., dated June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, attached Council Report No. 13-118 as Appendix "C".

CARRIED

DVP 1074 - 8024  
Cypress Place -  
Retaining Wall Variances  
Report No. 13-124  
File No. DVP 1074

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

**That** Council approves Development Variance Permit Application 1074 to vary retaining wall setback and height regulations for existing retaining walls at 8024 Cypress Place as follows:

1. Vary the front setback from 2.0 metres to 1.67 metres for the existing retaining wall and vary the retaining wall height in the front setback from 0 metres to 0.58 metres;
2. Vary the north side setback from 1.0 metres to 0 metres for the existing retaining wall and vary the retaining wall height in the north side setback from 0 metres to 1.01 metres; and
3. Vary the south side setback from 1 metre to 0 metres for the existing retaining wall and vary the retaining wall height in the south side setback from 0 metres to 2.67 metres,

to the extent shown on the building plans attached to Council Report No. 13-124 as Appendix "B", subject to modification of the existing tree preservation covenant.

CARRIED

DVP 1065 - 7090 Nesters  
Road - Fence Height  
Variance  
Report No. 13-119  
File No. DVP 1065

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

**That** Council authorize staff to issue Development Variance Permit No. DVP 1065 to vary the height of a proposed fence at 7090 Nesters Road from 2 metres to 2.5 metres, as shown on the Concept Site Plan and fence details submitted by the authorized agent Robert Douglas Bebb, attached as Appendices "C" and "D" to Administrative Report No. 13-119; and further

**That** Council direct staff to advise the applicant that the Development Variance Permit will be issued subject to the following conditions being completed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

1. Install and maintain landscaping consistent with an approved final landscape plan;
2. Provision of a letter of credit, or other approved security, in the amount of 135 percent of the costs of the supply and installation of

- the plant material, in accordance with Council Policy G-9; and
3. The landscaping and fence screening to be completed prior to October 31, 2014.

CARRIED

DVP 1073 - 6681 Tapley Place - Setback Variances  
Report No. 13-126  
File No. DVP 1073

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

**That** Council approves Development Variance Permit Application 1073 to vary the side setbacks at 6681 Tapley Place as follows:

1. Vary the side setback from 3.0 metres to 1.2 metres for the proposed carport;
2. Vary the side setback from 3 metres to 0.97 metres and vary the rear setback from 3 metres to 0.53 metres, respectively, for an existing auxiliary building,

to the extent shown on the building plans attached to Council Report 13-126 as Appendix "B".

CARRIED

DVP 1072 - 8316 Chalet Drive Front and Side Setback Variances  
Report No. 13-127  
File No. DVP 1072

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

**That** Council approve Development Variance Permit Application 1072 to vary the front and side setbacks at 8316 Chalet Drive for existing structures as follows:

- a. Vary the front setback from 7.6 metres to 7.33 metres for the existing detached dwelling,
- b. Vary the front setback from 5.0 metres to 3.85 metres for the existing carport,
- c. Vary the front setback from 4.0 metres to 3.29 metres for the existing carport roof eave,
- d. Vary the front setback from 6.1 metres to 5.47 metres for the existing porch and porch foundation, and
- e. Vary the east side setback from 3.0 metres to 2.44 metres for the existing porch and porch foundation

to the extent shown on the survey plan submitted by the authorized agent, attached to Council Report No. 13-127 as Appendix "B".

CARRIED

DVP 1055 - 8313 Chalet Drive – Side Setback Variances  
Report No. 13-128  
File No. DVP 1055

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

**That** Council deny Development Variance Permit Application 1055 to vary the side setbacks at 8313 Chalet Drive for existing structures requested as follows:

1. Vary the east side setback from 3.0 metres to .95 metres for the

- existing deck and roof supports,
2. Vary the east side setback from 2 metres to 0.95 metres for the existing retaining wall, and
  3. Vary the east side setback from 2 metres to 0.6 metres for the existing roof overhang.

to the extent shown on the building plans attached to Council Report No. 13-128 as Appendices "B" and "C".

CARRIED

*Mayor Wilhelm-Morden left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.*

*Mayor Wilhelm-Morden returned to the meeting at 7:42 p.m.*

May Long Weekend  
Committee  
Report No. 13-129  
File No. 2100

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

**That** Council appoint a Select Committee of Council entitled the "2014 May Long Weekend Committee."

**That** Council appoint Councillor J. Grills to the 2014 May Long Weekend Committee and Councillor A. Janyk as an alternate; and further,

**That** Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the 2014 May Long Weekend Committee attached as Appendix "A" to Council Report 13-129.

CARRIED

Whistler 2020  
Development Corp –  
2013 Annual Filing  
Report No. 13-130  
File No. Vault

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

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole Shareholder of Whistler 2020 Development Corp., pass the consent resolutions of the Shareholder of the Whistler 2020 Development Corp., a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No. 13-130 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute and deliver the resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Emerald Dreams  
Conservation Co. Ltd. –  
2013 Annual Filing  
Report No. 13-131  
File No. Vault

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

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd; pass the consent resolutions of the sole shareholder of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd; a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No. 13-131 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute and deliver the resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Whistler Village Land  
Company – 2013 Annual  
Filing

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



Report No. 13-132  
File No. Vault

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of the Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd. pass the consent resolutions of the shareholder of the Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd., a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No 13-132 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Cheakamus Leasing  
Corp. – 2013 Annual  
Filing  
Report No. 13-133  
File No. Vault

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

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of Cheakamus Leasing Corp; pass the consent resolutions of the sole shareholder of Cheakamus Leasing Corp; a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No. 13-133 as Appendix "A", and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

#### **POLICY REPORTS**

Antenna Siting Policy  
Report No. 13-134  
File No.7646

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

**That** the Antenna System Siting Protocol dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and attached as Appendix "A" to Policy Report No. 13-134 be adopted by Council as Council Policy.

CARRIED

#### **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

Measuring Up Committee

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

**That** minutes of the Measuring Up Committee meeting of June 5, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

Liquor License Advisory  
Committee

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

**That** minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting of October 9, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

2014 Acting Mayor

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk

Appointments  
File No. 3014.02

Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

**That** the following members of Council be appointed as Acting Mayor for the months of January 2014 - December 2014 (inclusive):

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| January:   | Jack Crompton   |
| February:  | John Grills     |
| March:     | Duane Jackson   |
| April:     | Roger McCarthy  |
| May:       | Andrée Janyk    |
| June:      | Jack Crompton   |
| July:      | Duane Jackson   |
| August:    | Roger McCarthy  |
| September: | Andrée Janyk    |
| October:   | Jayson Faulkner |
| November:  | Jayson Faulkner |
| December:  | John Grills     |

CARRIED

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Enrichment  
Program Report Backs

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

**That** correspondence regarding 2013 Community Enrichment Program report backs from the following organizations be received:

- Community Foundation of Whistler
- Bear Smart Society
- Howe Sound Women's Centre Society
- Moving Mountains for Whistler Children
- Myrtle Philip Community School
- North Shore Schizophrenia Society
- Sea to Sky Invasive Species
- Sea to Sky Community Services Whistler Parent Tot Drop In
- The Point Artist Run Centre Society
- Whistler Adaptive Sports Program
- Whistler Centre for Sustainability
- Whistler Children's Chorus
- Whistler Fire Fighters
- Whistler Girl Guides
- Whistler Gymnastics
- Whistler Minor Hockey
- Whistler Naturalists
- Whistler Nordics
- WORCA

- Whistler Sailing Association
- Whistler Sea Wolves Swim Club
- Whistler Valley Quilters Guild
- Whistler Waldorf School
- Whistler Youth Soccer Club
- Zero Ceiling Society

CARRIED

Sea to Sky Air Quality  
Committee of the Whole  
Meeting Follow-up

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

**That** correspondence from Kim Slater, Executive Director dated December 6, 2013, regarding a follow up for the Committee of the Whole meeting from November 19, 2013 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council adjourn the December 17, 2013 Council meeting at 8:14 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER: L. Schimek