



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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  
Planner, F. Savage  
Recording Secretary, N. Best

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

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

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of November 19, 2013.  
CARRIED

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

Dave Buzzard of 9295 Emerald Drive asked if the underground parking stalls at the Whistler Conference Centre for electrical vehicle charging could be changed. He stated that he never sees cars parked in the designated spots and suggested that they be changed to one charging station, one handicapped spot, and the rest be opened for general use.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden stated that staff will take his idea on advisement.

Peter Gorsky of 6141 Eagle Drive asked (in regards to the Whistler International Campus (WIC) rezoning application) why we would shut the door rather than engage the proponent and problems that are of concern to the community to find a solution that is beneficial for everyone.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden declined to answer the question and stated it will be debated later in the meeting.

Dr. Doug Player of 4809 Spearhead Drive asked (in regards to the Whistler International Campus rezoning application) if Council could help him understand and answer why there has been only one opportunity to meet with staff, and that no concerns were raised in relation to the 39-page report that WIC provided when RMOW staff generated the WIC Council report.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that these questions will be dealt with later in the meeting and referred the question to staff.

Mike Furey, CAO responded that staff felt they had adequate information to prepare the report and provide a recommendation to the report.

Dr. Doug Player asked how can WIC efforts to disseminate information to the community be construed as significant public input?

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that staff have taken into account the various processes including the Official Community Plan (OCP), the Economic Partnership Initiative (EPI) Report, and the Education and Learning Task Force all of which had significant community input. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden stated that all of those reports included the possibility of a university and that the WIC was a known entity.

Dr. Doug Player asked if Council would take into consideration the supported petition that has over 300 signatures.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden responded that she read all signatures and read all comments from the petition and forwarded it to all council members.

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning

A presentation was given by Sharon Gregson, regarding the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC's Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning.

A discussion was held regarding the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC's Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning.

Update on Whistler Mature Action Community's Activities and 2013 Projects

A presentation was given by Sue Lawther, President, regarding an update on Whistler Mature Action Community's activities and 2013 projects.

Healthlink BC Services  
Information

A presentation was given by Annalynn Prince and Simone Compton regarding the Ministry of Health's Healthlink BC services.

A discussion was held regarding the Ministry of Health's Healthlink BC services.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden expressed on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler condolences to Anna Schaeffer and family following the passing of her partner and long-time Whistler resident and business owner, Pascal Tiphine who passed away peacefully at home after a brief battle with cancer. Pascal was born in France, grew up in Switzerland and moved to Canada in the mid-70s. He arrived in Whistler in 1979 and opened several restaurants over the years including Rudy's Steakhouse on Nester's Road, The Sundial Restaurant and Les Deux Gros (now known as Le Gros). Over the years Pascal hosted many events at Le Gros, from weddings and birthdays to celebrations of life.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden expressed on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler condolences in regards to the recent passing of Judy Kirkpatrick. Judy passed away after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Judy was the wife of Max Kirkpatrick and a long-time Whistler business owner and member of the community.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden expressed her condolences to the families and friends and those affected by the tragic accident on Highway 99 that claimed the lives of two young women and injured two others. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added that there has been a lot of discussion about the lengthy closure time on the highway, and while we also have questions about this, we respect the due diligence required to adequately and safely manage the site. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added that the safety of the community and guests is our primary concern and the RMOW have ongoing discussions taking place with the Ministry of Highways, RCMP and others to look at how to ensure safety along the highway. The RMOW have invited the RCMP Superintendent for Traffic Services for B.C., Dennis Boucher to attend a January Committee of the Whole meeting to outline safety and accident procedures and concerns.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on the Tyndall Stone Lodge fire and recognized the quick action and diligence of the Whistler Fire Rescue Service and the leadership of Fire Chief Sheila Kirkwood. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden acknowledged the owners and affected businesses and staff including Purebread, The Oracle, the Bell Store, Taxback.com, Comor, Los Sombreros and DAVIDsTEA. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden added it is a very challenging situation particularly at this time of year, and commended the community spirit that has enabled many businesses to relocate. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden noted that the RMOW is working with the owners to expedite any permitting associated with the restoration and that restoration and insurance representatives are estimating a lengthy restoration process.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the development variance permit applications scheduled for the current meeting have been moved to the next

Council meeting.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that Council appointed Jennifer Wynne, Terry Deutscher, Mike McCarville, Paul Tutsch and Samantha Emm to the Whistler Public Library Board for a two-year term. Council also re-appointed Councillor Duane Jackson to the Board for another one-year term.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that the Province has decided to end the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Demonstration Project as scheduled on March 31, 2014. BC Transit will provide a replacement fleet of Clean Diesel Nova Buses to Whistler in the spring, and there will be no impacts to Whistler's transit cost structure. The 20 hydrogen buses have provided residents and visitors with excellent service over the past five years, with highlights including the enhanced service during the 2010 Winter Games. The mayor along with Chief Administrative Officer Mike Furey will be meeting with the CEO of BC Transit to discuss the transition in the coming weeks.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced the Resort Municipality of Whistler is seeking applications for the council-appointed Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee. The committee was formed in 2012 and is an advisory body, which provides high level feedback and direction to staff on recreation and leisure opportunities, services, and issues. Council appoints committee members in a voluntary capacity for a two-year term. More information is available at [whistler.ca](http://whistler.ca).

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the "Welcome to Whistler" sign currently located on Highway 99 adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant will be moved to a site located north of Brandywine Creek Bridge and south of Callaghan Valley Road. The sign relocation and improvements are part of a larger Whistler Gateway Project, which was approved last year in the 2013-2017 Five-Year Financial Plan. Council had expressed a desire to enhance the Function Junction area and Whistler's entrance from the south.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced the Whistler Film Festival will kick off tomorrow and will run until December 8. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden encouraged residents and visitors to check out the exciting lineup of films in this year's programs. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated the Whistler Film Festival Board, and all the filmmakers, actors, directors, producers and industry partners for bringing us five fantastic days of business, memorable films, and festivities to the resort.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced that Saturday, December 7, Whistler Presents will mark the Winter Kick-Off from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Skier's Plaza. The evening will include street entertainment, street hockey and an outdoor film screening featuring a collection of the Whistler Film Festival's short films based on true stories about Whistler along with some of the top shorts from the festival. The holiday season is around the corner and staff are busy preparing for the festivities including:

- The Whistler Presents Holiday Experience at the Whistler Conference Centre;
- Family Après at Whistler Olympic Plaza; and,
- The Whistler Presents: New Year's Eve Celebration.

- New Year's Eve venues include:
  - The Whistler Conference Centre;
  - Millennium Place;
  - Whistler Olympic Plaza; and,
  - Skier's Plaza.
- Advanced tickets for Whistler's New Year's Eve alcohol-free evening of family entertainment went on sale December 1.
- Tickets are available online through [www.whistler.com](http://www.whistler.com), at the Whistler Visitor Information Centre, Millennium Place and Meadow Park Sports Centre.
- More information is at [www.whistler.ca/whistlerpresents](http://www.whistler.ca/whistlerpresents) or [www.whistler.ca/nye](http://www.whistler.ca/nye).

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden announced the annual skating at Whistler Olympic Plaza opens on December 14. Each winter, the RMOW, in partnership with the Province of B.C., transforms Whistler Olympic Plaza into skating rinks. Admission is free, and skate rentals are only \$5. The rinks are open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the ice closed for maintenance from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. More information is at [whistler.ca/skating](http://whistler.ca/skating).

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reminded residents and visitors of the importance of removing all ice and snow from vehicles before driving, especially from the hood, windows and roof. Flying ice and snow can cause property damage or injury to other motorists and pedestrians.

Councillor J. Grills reported that on November 24, he attended the Oros Whistler Gymnastics Open House Canada Sport Day Celebration. During the open house, Whistler Gymnastics also announced that they received the Gymnastics BC PLAY Club of the Year. The award is given to the club who has best exemplified the GBC PLAY principles across the province in the past year. Oros thanked the RMOW for playing an important role in supporting and contributing to the success of their club. Councillor J. Grills congratulated Oros, the athletes, the coaches, staff and volunteers for being recognized as a leading resource for sport excellence in Whistler, across B.C. and throughout Canada.

Councillor J. Grills reported that on November 26, he had the opportunity to join RMOW staff and community members at an open house to learn more about the proposed Alta Lake Sewer Project. Staff presented the two least-cost options involving Alta Lake Road alignments, which avoid the railway alignment, eliminate the need for easements within properties, and do not have any ongoing operating and maintenance costs from municipal pumping stations. The roadway alignment options present the best value for all of the stakeholders involved in the project. The open house was a great opportunity to share information with the public and receive feedback on the proposed options.

Councillor J. Grills reported that on November 29, he had the honour of accepting the Google eTown Award on behalf of Whistler. The Google eTown Award recognizes the leading communities in Canada that are embracing the power of the web to grow their business and fuel their economies. This year,

Whistler along with Halifax, Saint-Sauveur, Newmarket and Canmore have received this award. The Google award is designed to recognize towns like Whistler where small businesses are investing in online tools and resources to find new customers, grow their business, and are succeeding in an increasingly connected world. The RMOW through its co-ownership with Tourism Whistler in Whistler.com recognizes how critical the Internet is in connecting with our customers and building our economy. The work by Tourism Whistler and other major resort partners such as Whistler Blackcomb shows incredible leadership in this area and in many cases provides a platform on which small businesses can capitalize. Councillor J. Grills congratulated the Whistler business community for putting Whistler on the map

Councillor J. Grills announced that after attending the last Board meeting at WAG that all sled dogs of WAGs control have been adopted. All have been adopted but Candy Cane and there are still 12 in the care of the SPCA and WAG will help them. Santa photos with your pets in support of wag are happening on December 14.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Community Foundation of Whistler and the Jill Akhurst Social Action Fund is asking for community assistance regarding The Social Action Challenge. In 2013, Jill's father passed away. In his Will, Gordon made a bequest of \$60, 000 to the fund that was created in his daughter's memory. To honour Gordon and to honour Jill on the 10th anniversary of her passing, the community is asked to help double Gordon's contribution to the fund. Visit the Community Foundation of Whistler website for more information.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden shared that the Order of British Columbia is now accepting applications until March 27, 2014. The Order of British Columbia was established by statute on April 21, 1989, to recognize those persons who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Province or elsewhere. The Order represents the highest form of recognition the Province can extend to its citizens. More information can be found at <http://www.orderofbc.gov.bc.ca/>.

Councillor A. Janyk shared that the Whistler U12 girls' soccer team has won the community cup.

Councillor D. Jackson thanked on behalf of the Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees and library staff, Audrey Lundie for her contribution to the Whistler Public Library Board.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Whistler International  
Campus Alpha Creek  
Rezoning Application 458  
Report No. 13-114  
File No. RA 438

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

**That** Council consider and not support further review and processing of Rezoning Application 438.

CARRIED

*At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Wilhelm-Morden called a recess.*

*At 7:57 p.m. the meeting reconvened.*

RMOW Appointments to  
Whistler Valley Housing  
Society  
Report No.13-116  
File No. 7724

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

**That** Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW), appoint Jonathan Decaigny, Claire Mozes, Gord Low and Marla Zucht as the four RMOW appointees to the Whistler Valley Housing Society (WVHS).

CARRIED

Transit Future Planning  
Process for Sea to Sky  
Region  
Report No. 13-115  
File No. 536.1

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

**That** Council receive Administrative Report No. 13-115 Transit Future Planning Processes for the Sea to Sky Region; and

**That** Council members consider attending the Elected Officials Forum in Whistler on December 10 and/or in Squamish late in December; and further

**That** Council authorize staff to sign-off on BC Transit's Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan Terms of Reference as attached in Appendix "A".

CARRIED

LLR 1161 – Fairmont Golf  
Course Clubhouse  
Change to Hours of Sale  
Report No. 13-120  
File No. LLR 1161

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

**That** Council authorize the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 13-120 providing Council's recommendation to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in support of an application from the Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Course located at 4612 Blackcomb Way for a Permanent Change to Licensed Hours of Sale for Liquor Primary License No. 151717, to change hours of sale at The Clubhouse to 9:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Sunday.

CARRIED

LLR 1162 – Fairmont  
Chateau Whistler Mallard  
Bar Change to Hours of  
Sale  
Report No.13-121  
File No. LLR 1162

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

**That** Council authorize the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report No. 13-121 providing Council's recommendation to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in support of an application from the Fairmont Chateau Whistler located at 4599 Chateau Blvd. for a Permanent Change to Licensed Hours of Sale for Liquor Primary License No. 132301, to change hours of sale at the Mallard Bar to 9:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Sunday.

CARRIED

LLR 1163 – Fairmont  
Chateau Whistler Food  
Primary Change to Hours  
of Sale

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

**That** Council authorize the resolution attached as Appendix "A" to

Report No.13-122  
File No. LLR 1163

Administrative Report No. 13-122 providing Council's recommendation to the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Branch in support of an application from the Fairmont Chateau Whistler located at 4599 Chateau Blvd. for a Permanent Change to Licensed Hours of Sale for Food Primary License No. 132427, to change hours of sale to 9:00 am to 1:00 am Monday through Sunday.

CARRIED

2014 Council Meetings  
Report No. 13-117  
File No. 3014.02

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

**That** Council for the Resort Municipality of Whistler endorse the following Regu Council Meeting Schedule for 2014:

|                          |                   |                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| January 14<br>January 28 | May 6<br>May 20   | September 2<br>September 16 |
| February 18              | June 3<br>June 17 | October 7<br>October 21     |
| March 4<br>March 18      | July 2<br>July 15 | November 4                  |
| April 1<br>April 15      | August 5          | December 2<br>December 16   |

CARRIED

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Forest and Wildland  
Advisory Committee

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

**That** minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of October 9, 2013 and September 11, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

## OTHER BUSINESS

Community Plan for a  
Public System of  
Integrated Early Care and  
Learning Endorsement

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

**That** Council endorse in principle the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC.

CARRIED

## CORRESPONDENCE

UBCM Member Survey -  
Renewal of Federal Gas  
Tax Agreement

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



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| File No. 2014   | <b>That</b> correspondence from Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, City of Burnaby, dated October 28, 2013, regarding a UBCM member survey for the renewal of the Federal Gas Tax Agreement be received.<br><br>CARRIED   |
| Sister City Exchange<br>Program Thanks<br>File No. 8076                   | Moved by Councillor J. Grills<br>Seconded by Councillor J. Faulkner<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Rosie Blaser, dated November 12, 2013, thanking Mayor and Council for their support to the Sister City Exchange Program at Whistler Secondary School be received.<br><br>CARRIED         |
| Urban Trapping in<br>Whistler<br>File No. 4704                            | Moved by Councillor A. Janyk<br>Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Lesley Fox, Executive Director of the Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals, received November 14, 2013, regarding urban trapping in Whistler be received.<br><br>CARRIED |
| Sister City Exchange<br>Program Thanks<br>File No. 8076                   | Moved by Councillor A. Janyk<br>Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Hennessey Family, dated November 17, 2013, thanking Mayor and Council for their support to the Sister City Exchange Program at Whistler Secondary School be received.<br><br>CARRIED      |
| UBCM Gas Tax<br>Community Works Fund<br>Payment<br>File No. 2014          | Moved by Councillor J. Crompton<br>Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Rhona Martin, President, UBCM, dated November 19, 2013 regarding the distribution of the Gas Tax Community Works Fund payment be received .<br><br>CARRIED                              |
| Plastic Bags<br>File No. 8365.01  | Moved by Councillor A. Janyk<br>Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Jane Millen of Spring Creek Community School's Ban Plastic Bags Team, dated November 20, 2013, regarding plastic bag use in Whistler be received and referred to staff.<br><br>CARRIED    |
| Zen Lands Rezoning<br>(Whistler International<br>Campus)<br>File No. 8159 | Moved by Councillor J. Crompton<br>Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy<br><br><b>That</b> correspondence from Stephanie Sloan, dated November 23, 2013, regarding the rezoning of the Zen lands for the Whistler International Campus be received.<br><br>CARRIED                                    |

Zen Lands Rezoning  
(Whistler International  
Campus)  
File No. 8159

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

**That** correspondence from Alan Whitney, received November 24, 2013, regarding rezoning of the Zen lands for the Whistler International Campus be received.

CARRIED

Logging Trucks  
Presentation Request  
File No. 9140.1

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

**That** correspondence from Peter von der Porten, Chief Executive Officer of the Vehicle Monitoring Corporation, received November 25, 2013, requesting an opportunity to present to Council regarding logging trucks on Highway 99 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Zen Lands Rezoning  
(Whistler International  
Campus)  
File No. 8159

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

**That** correspondence from John S. Chase, received November 27, 2013, regarding the rezoning of the Zen lands for the Whistler International Campus be received.

CARRIED

Zen Lands Rezoning  
(Whistler International  
Campus)  
File No. 8159

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

**That** correspondence from David and Rosemary Malaher, received November 28, 2013, regarding the rezoning of the Zen lands for the Whistler International Campus be received.

CARRIED

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

**That** Council adjourn the December 3, 2013 Council meeting at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

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DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER: L. Schimek