



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013, STARTING AT 5:30 PM**

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

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor J. Grills

Councillors: J. Crompton, J. Faulkner, D. Jackson, A. Janyk, and R. McCarthy

ABSENT: Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

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
Corporate Officer, S. Story
Manager of Recreation, R. Weetman
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Recording Secretary, N. Best

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council agenda of November 19, 2013.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of November 5, 2013.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Acting Mayor J. Grills announced on behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, sympathies to all those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, including those in our local Whistler Filipino community. The storm left an estimated 4,000 dead (with nearly 1,600 missing) in the Philippines, and Whistler's Filipino community has come together to plan fundraisers to do what it can to help those affected. Acting Mayor J. Grills noted that this past weekend, donations of cash and canned goods were collected at Our Lady of the Mountains Church and the church will also host a fundraising dinner on Sunday, November 24. A meal with Filipino flavours will be served between 5:00 and 8:30 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person. B.C. Liquor stores are also collecting cash donations for those who want to contribute to the disaster relief efforts led by Red Cross. Donations to the effort can also be made directly to the Red Cross at www.redcross.ca.

Acting Mayor J. Grills congratulated Whistler Blackcomb on a successful opening weekend on Whistler Mountain. This season patrons will have the opportunity to experience Whistler Blackcomb's \$18-million dollar capital expansion for 2013/2014. Lift expansion includes a new Whistler Mountain Harmony High-Speed Six-Pack Chairlift and a new High-Speed Quad Chairlift in Blackcomb Mountain's Crystal Zone.

Acting Mayor J. Grills congratulated Tourism Whistler, Watermark and the many businesses and individuals involved in the 17th annual Whistler Cornucopia festival. Acting Mayor J. Grills noted Cornucopia has been a significant contributor to bringing visitors to Whistler in what used to be a very slow fall season and helped to put Whistler on the culinary tourism map by promoting local and regional food and wine.

Acting Mayor J. Grills announced Whistler Community Services Society's annual Whistler Welcome Week commences this week of November 19. Newcomers can enjoy yoga, movies, games, workshops and discussions, a welcome dinner, access to the Meadow Park Sports Centre, a pool party and more. More information is on Whistler Community Services Society's website.

Acting Mayor J. Grills reported that on November 12th Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and general managers Norm McPhail and Joe Paul met with Brian Atkins and Graeme Schimpf from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The meeting focused on the recent logging incidents on Highway 99, related matters and other highway safety concerns.

Acting Mayor J. Grills reported that on November 12th, he along with General Manager Norm McPhail and Recreation Manager Roger Weetman attended a welcome home event for the Whistler secondary students who participated in the 2013 Whistler-Karuizawa Sister City Exchange Program. Students and parents appreciated the support from the RMOW for the Sister City student exchange program.

Acting Mayor J. Grills reported that on November 13th, Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden was interviewed by a reporter from the India Economic Times, who

was on a tour arranged by the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi. The interview covered Whistler's economy and competitiveness as a resort, Whistler Village enhancements, tourism, transit, transit and more. Acting Mayor J. Grills noted the tour was a great opportunity to showcase Whistler to the Indian market.

Acting Mayor J. Grills reminded everyone that Cross-Country, Snowshoe Early Bird Season Passes, Lost Lake, and Ski Callaghan Dual Area Passes are now on sale and can be picked up at the Meadow Park Sports Centre until November 20. More information is at whistler.ca

Acting Mayor J. Grills announced the Winter 2013/2014 Resort Update and Trade Show will take place on Tuesday, December 10th from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Whistler Conference Centre. Sponsored by Tourism Whistler and the RMOW, 75 local businesses, activity and service providers will display their plans for the winter season. Interested parties can contact Cathie Coyle, Village Host Program Supervisor at ccoyle@whistler.ca.

Acting Mayor J. Grills reminded everyone that winter parking regulations are currently in effect and will be until March 31. Parking on the even side of the street is prohibited Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there is no parking on the odd side of the street at any time, year round. Illegally parked vehicles will be ticketed and towed. The municipality does not govern or maintain strata/condo parking lots, private roads and driveways. The RMOW clears snow from all municipal routes and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is responsible for clearing Highway 99. All municipal primary routes are cleared first, starting at 4:30 a.m. Secondary municipal routes are cleared from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., unless it is a storm cycle where crews will continuously work. More information is at whistler.ca.

Councillor J. Crompton reported that the winter transit schedule has been released in print and online. New additions include buses to Spring Creek that run until midnight. More information is available on the Whistler Transit website.

Councillor A. Janyk attended her first Measuring Up Committee meeting and was impressed about how the village is sustained and accessible.

Councillor A. Janyk congratulated the Whistler Youth Soccer girls team that played against Bowen Island last Sunday and moved onto the finals.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Third Quarter Financial
Report
Report No. 13-110
File No. 4527

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

That Council receive Information Report No. 13-110 Third Quarter Financial Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2013.

CARRIED

Recreation and Leisure
Advisory Committee
Report No.13-111
File No. 8360

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

That Council approve the proposed amendments to the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 13-111; and further

That Council direct staff to advertise for positions on the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

ITEMS HAVING PRIOR NOTICE OF MOTION

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

That Council direct staff to initiate preparation of a zoning amendment Bylaw to regulate activities related to the research, development, production and distribution of medical marijuana.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor J. Faulkner reported that he attended a Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee (FWAC) tour with representatives from the Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF) and Councillor D. Jackson. Councillor J. Faulkner expressed two concerns that arose from the tour.

The FWAC's first concern was that the interest of the commercial snowmobile and ATV tender holders were being favoured over forest ecology as a whole, as increased roads and reduced planting have resulted in habitat fragmentation. Councillor J. Faulkner noted one-third of the cut was from road clearing and was to be used for motorized vehicle recreation. Therefore, the FWAC has recommended that entrances to roads be decommissioned so that motorized use is blocked but that the road can be easily reopened when it is time to make the next harvesting path.

The second concern was in regards to the proposal to connect the snowmobilers' parking lot at Brandywine with the non-motorized section 58 zone in the Callaghan Valley with a bridge, which would facilitate snowmobile access to the non-motorized area east of Meddledome. The concern is that the suggested method of managing snowmobile access along the road by installing signs and indicating the area as non-motorized has proven to be ineffective in areas such as the Sproat Rainbow non-motorized area. The issue was that building a bridge would result in further problems and conflicts. Therefore Councillor J. Faulkner reported that the FWAC recommends that the Edna Creek Bridge not be built.

CORRESPONDENCE

Signage for Home Based Businesses
File No. 8209.2

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

That correspondence from Vincent Massey, dated October 28, 2013, requesting clarification on signage bylaws for home based businesses in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

RMOW Recreation – Non-Resident Fee Registration for Programming
File No. 8243

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

That correspondence from Mike Richman, Presiding Chair of Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee, dated October 30, 2013, regarding RMOW Recreation – Non-Resident Fee Registration for Programming be received.

CARRIED

Adoption Awareness Month
File No. 9003

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

That correspondence from Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development, dated November 1, 2013, regarding Adoption Awareness Month be received and proclaimed.

CARRIED

Howe Sound Community Forum Invitation
File No. 7107.1

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

That correspondence from Ruth Simons, received November 7, 2013, regarding an invitation to attend the Howe Sound Community Forum be received.

CARRIED

AWARE Meeting Request Regarding Millar and Alpha Creek Development
File No. 8159, 7207

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

That correspondence from Claire Ruddy, President, and the Board of Directors of the Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE), received November 8, 2013, requesting a meeting regarding development of the Millar and Alpha Creek wetlands be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the October 19, 2013 Council meeting at 6:18 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

CORPORATE OFFICER: S. Story