



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 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, B. MacPherson
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Paul
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Corporate Officer, S. Story
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Transportation and Solid Waste, James Hallisey
Senior Planner – Development, M. Laidlaw
Recording Secretary, J. Keith

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Janyk
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

That Council approve of the Regular Council agenda of April 2, 2013.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Crompton
Seconded by Councillor Grills

That Council adopt Committee of the Whole minutes and Regular Council minutes of March 19, 2013.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reminded everyone that the Recreation and Leisure survey concludes on April 7 and forms an important part of the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan update. The survey will take 10 minutes to complete and can be completed online at www.fluidsurveys.com/s/RLMP or by visiting whistler.ca. Completing the survey provides an opportunity to win a 3-month pass to Meadow Park Sports Centre.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reminded everyone that on Thursday, April 4, there will be a Learning and Education Task Force Open House from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Whistler Conference Centre with a presentation scheduled for 6 p.m. The Mayor encouraged members of the public to come at five, hang around, listen to the presentation and ask questions. The Mayor sits on this Committee along with Councillor Janyk; plus six appointees; and RMOW staff members Mike Furey, Jan Jansen, and Mike Kirkegaard. The learning and education initiative is being led by project manager Gwyn Symmons. The committee has been meeting since the fall. It will be critical to receive some information from the community.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Cheakamus Community Forest will hold a public open house on Tuesday, April 9 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Whistler Public Library. This is an opportunity for the public to learn about some road decommissioning in the 30,000 hectare tenure area. One of the things being discussed is the RMOW request that logging in the Cheakamus Valley originally planned for this year be deferred in 2013. The CCF has agreed to that deferral. Again public input will be important.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported Sunday re-openings at the Whistler Library beginning April 14, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 5 pm. A grand re-opening celebration will be held at the library at 11 a.m. on April 14.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Earth Hour took place on March 23, 2013 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Whistler "powered down" resulting in a 7 per cent reduction in electrical demand. Whistler was twelfth place out of 68 communities registered in British Columbia, dropping electrical demand by 1.33 per cent more than last year. The RMOW turned off lights and major appliances around its facilities. The Mayor participated in an event organized by the Fairmont Chateau Whistler. The Mayor thanked all residents, staff and several businesses, who contributed to the success of Earth Hour.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that on March 26, 2013 the Karuizawa students from our sister city were at Municipal Hall. The students are looking forward to the fun activities scheduled for the rest of their week including zip trekking. During their week-long visit, the students had the opportunity to meet the Whistler youth who will be visiting Karuizawa this fall.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that March 31, 2013 was the last day for cross country skiing in the Valley. For the third season in a row, the RMOW has been able to keep the Lost Lake Cross-Country trails open for a four-month period from December to the end of March.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that due to the warm weather last week, the last day for skating at Whistler Olympic Plaza for the 2012/2013 season was March 28, 2013. Apparently from December 20, 2012 to March 28, 2013 there were more than 16,000 skaters who enjoyed the rinks. This winter the RMOW installed larger permanent ice rinks and it was highly successful. For the first time the RMOW provided the opportunity to rent Whistler Olympic Plaza for private functions; and four private events were held there. The Mayor thanked all staff who were involved in bringing this project to life and the staff who were involved in the daily operations at the Plaza.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reminded everyone that the Poet's Pause Poetry Competition will end soon. The deadline is April 8, 2013. This is the fifth Poet's Pause Poetry Competition and the second time that Whistler is participating in the Mayor's Poetry Challenge. The selected poems will be read at a regularly scheduled council meeting and a reading ceremony will be held at the Poets' Pause sculpture sites in Alta Lake Park. Visit whistler.ca/poetspause for details.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Province of British Columbia has confirmed Whistler's Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) funding for 2013. The RMOW will receive \$7.008 million dollars. This is approximately \$700,000 more than we received last year. This is directly based on the results from last year. RMI funds are an important supplement to the RMOW's budget allowing investment into ongoing and new projects and programs to support tourism. RMI has allowed Whistler to invest in many important programs, services and projects to build tourism since it was implemented in 2006.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden thanked the Province for their investment and commitment to the program toward building tourism in British Columbia. Recent RMI investments include the permanent ice surface at Whistler Olympic Plaza and the year-round Festivals, Events & Animation (FE&A) Program—these projects would not be possible without RMI. And specifically in regards to the FE&A program, following our roll out of the entire program of dates for the year in early February, Mayor Wilhelm-Morden was happy to announce the bands that will be playing as part of the Whistler Presents concerts in Whistler Olympic Plaza in July: Matt Dusk, 54-40, Ruckus Deluxe, Kalan Wi, Jeremy Fisher, The English Beat, amongst others. The complete schedule will be listed on our web site shortly. The Mayor also announced that the RMOW will bring back the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra for an enhanced program this summer building on the success of last year. There will be three feature concerts plus a variety of smaller quartet and quintet performances. The full resort calendar of events is updated regularly at whistler.com/events.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported on additional FE&A highlights including the massive Tough Mudder adventure race which returns this June for its second year, and the first of five years of Ironman starts this summer as well.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Tourism Whistler will include a member toolkit about the FE&A program to be sent out to the TW membership to ensure the business community has the tools to incorporate the program into

their plans.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she participated in handing out awards at the national ski championships this past weekend as well as Councillors Jackson and McCarthy. The event was extremely well organized.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden recognized members of the audience from Grade 6 at Spring Creek Elementary who are interested in the report on Plastic Bag Reduction Recommendations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

At 6:00 p.m. a Public hearing was held regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Lands North Library Amendments) No. 2026, 2013.

At 6:08 p.m. returned to the Regular Meeting.

Plastic Bag Reduction
Recommendations
Report No. 13-030
File No. 808.1

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Grills

That Council direct staff to continue dialogue with the Whistler Grocery and Drug Store Alliance, and other Resort stakeholders and retailers, with a goal that the Alliance and other Resort stakeholders will together return to council with a proposal for a single-use plastic bag reduction program within two months.

CARRIED

The meeting was recessed at 6:24 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:26 p.m.

2013 Community
Enrichment Program
Report No. 13-031
File No. 3004.24

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Janyk

That Council approve the 2013 Community Enrichment Program grants funded from general revenue as follows:

Get Bear Smart Society	7,500
Whistler Naturalists Society	4,000
Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council	4,000
Whistler Centre for Sustainability	2,000
MPCS - Parent Advisory Council	2,000
North Shore Schizophrenia Society	2,651
Sea to Sky Community Services Society -Whistler Parent Tot Drop-In	10,000
Whistler Waldorf School Society	1,500
Zero Ceiling Society	4,500
Moving Mountains for Whistler Children - Music Together Program	2,500
Howe Sound Women's Centre - Children Who Witness Abuse Counselling	5,000
Howe Sound Women's Centre - Women's Drop-in	7,600

Centre	
Community Foundation of Whistler	3,960
Whistler Girl Guides - Coast Mountain District	2,000
Whistler Secondary Scholarship	2,000
Whistler Writers Group*	0*
Whistler Adaptive Ski Program	20,000
Whistler Gymnastics Club	6,000
Whistler Minor Hockey	5,000
Whistler Nordics Ski Club	8,000
Whistler Off Road Cycling Assoc.	15,000
Whistler Sailing Association	5,000
Whistler Sea Wolves	3,165
Whistler Youth Soccer Club	9,500
The Point-Artist Run Centre Society	1,500
Whistler Children's Chorus	2,000
Whistler Valley Quilters' Guild	600
TOTAL	\$136,976

*Funding received from alternate source for project

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Liquor License
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Grills
Seconded by Councillor Faulkner

That minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting of October 11, 2012 be received.

CARRIED

Forest and Wildland
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Faulkner
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

That minutes of the Forest and Wildland Committee meetings of January 16, 2013 and February 13, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (Lands North
Library Amendments)
No. 2026, 2013

No action was taken regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Lands North Library Amendments) No. 2026, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

Whistler Dance CEP
Report Back
File No. 3004.24

Moved by Councillor Crompton
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

That correspondence from Whistler Dance Association, dated January 2, 2013, reporting back on their Community Enrichment Grant for 2012 be received.

CARRIED

Future of Howe Sound
Forum
File No. 7107.1

Moved by Councillor McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor Crompton

That correspondence from Ruth Simons, Executive Director of the Future of Howe Sound Society, dated January 18, 2013, inviting participation in the Future of Howe Sound Forum taking place on Saturday April 13, 2013, be received and that it be resolved that:

*The Resort Municipality of Whistler supports the concept of developing a Comprehensive Howe Sound Management Plan;
And that the Resort Municipality of Whistler support and participate in a forum where all stakeholders are invited to participate, organized the Future of Howe Sound Society in the Spring of 2013.*

CARRIED

Pedestrian/Cyclist
Safety in Function
Junction
File No. 7002.1

Moved by Councillor Janyk
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

That correspondence from Hayley A. Wirsching, dated march 15, 2013, regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety in Function Junction and requesting that staff be instructed to begin initial shoulder widening along Alpha Lake Road and installing a three way stop at Alpha Lake Road and Millar Creek Road this summer be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Plastic Bags
File No. 808.1

Moved by Councillor Janyk
Seconded by Councillor Crompton

That correspondence from senior managers and owners of Upper Village Market, The Whistler Grocery Store, Rexall Pharmacies, Creekside Market, Alpine Market and Nesters Market Whistler, dated March 29, 2013, expressing they would not support a ban on the use of bags and are in support of a resort wide campaign that would encourage residents and guests to reduce the use of plastic bags be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Plastic Bags
File No. 808.1

Moved by Councillor Grills
Seconded by Councillor Faulkner

That correspondence from Fiona Farmulak, Chief Executive Officer of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, dated March 27, 2013, regarding discussions about the use of plastic bags within the resort be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Accessible Seniors
Housing
File No. 4271

Moved by Councillor Janyk
Seconded by Councillor McCarthy

That correspondence from Jim Horner, dated March 15, 2013, requesting that senior housing in Whistler be addressed, be received and referred to Whistler Housing Authority and the Mature Action Committee.

CARRIED

2012 Age-friendly
Community Projects
and Planning
file No. 2014

Moved by Councillor Crompton
Seconded by Councillor Janyk

That correspondence from Danyta Welch, Policy and Program Officer for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated March 11, 2013, regarding the final payment for the 2012 Age-friendly Community Projects and Planning Grant for the creation of a new accessible community garden be received.

CARRIED

Freshwater Angling
and the BC Economy
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor Faulkner

That correspondence from Don Peterson, President of the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, dated March 18, 2013, regarding the 2013 *Freshwater Angling and the BC Economy* report be received.

CARRIED

LMLGA Resolution –
Assessment Act, Farm
Class Business
Amendment
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor Janyk
Seconded by Councillor Crompton

That correspondence from John Van Laerhoven, Mayor of the District of Kent, dated March 15, 2013, requesting support for the proposed resolution, *assessment Act – Farm Class Business Amendment* at the upcoming Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) conference to protect the future operations of farm land for agricultural purposes be received.

CARRIED

Strategic Direction for
PRIME Corp
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor Crompton

That correspondence from Clayton Pecknold, Chair of Police Records Information Management Incorporated (PRIMECorp) Board of Directors, dated March 11, 2013, regarding changes and future direction at PRIMECorp and PRIME-BC be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Crompton

That Council adjourn the April 2, 2013 Council meeting at 6:33 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

CORPORATE OFFICER: S. Story