



**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

To attend via Zoom go to www.whistler.ca/CouncilMeetings

PRESENT: Mayor J. Crompton
Councillor A. De Jong
Councillor R. Forsyth
Councillor J. Ford
Councillor J. Grills
Councillor D. Jackson
Councillor C. Jewett

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones
Technical Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Manager of Communications, G. Robinson
Municipal Clerk, B. Browning
Deputy Municipal Clerk, A. Banman
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto
Legislative Services Administrative Assistant, L. Wyn-Griffiths
Council Coordinator, M. Miklea

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. Crompton recognized that the Meeting is being held on the traditional and unceded territories of the Lil'wat Nation and the Squamish Nation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 19, 2021.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2021.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Questions were asked during the Meeting via Zoom.

Jared Areshenkoff, 4821 Spearhead Drive

Re: Big Moves Strategy

Mr. J. Areshenkoff asked when the toolkit will come out so the public can present this to the strata council.

Chief Administrative Officer G. Cullen advised the Big Moves Strategy team is continuing to collect information from the public and is developing a Five Year Implementation plan, and will be presented to Council potentially in April 2021.

Councillor J. Grills advised as older common-area hot water systems age-out, they are replaced by higher efficiency more modern systems. This will help the municipality reach a 20 per cent energy efficiency.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Condolences

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, I would like to share condolences with the family and friends of Jessie Van Roon.

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, I would like to share condolences with the family and friends of Robin Scott MacDonald.

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, I would like to share condolences with the family and friends of Jonathan Kellock.

Winter Safety

Be adventure smart when you head outdoors in the winter.

Mayor J. Crompton advised Whistler's lakes are not monitored for ice thickness, and everyone should be aware of the factors that contribute to ice stability.

Mayor J. Crompton advised everyone to make sure to educate yourself on ice conditions and if going on the ice, be prepared for self-rescue.

Mayor J. Crompton noted AdventureSmart recommends staying off any ice that has a thickness of seven centimeters or less.

Alta Lake VORR

The RMOW is seeking public input regarding an application for a *Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation* (VORR) to regulate the use of internal combustion vessels on Alta Lake.

Mayor J. Crompton noted should the community support an application and it gets approved, the regulation would only permit the use of human-powered and electric-powered vessels on the lake.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the intent of exploring this regulation is to increase the safety our lake users and to preserve Alta Lake's water quality and sensitive habitat.

Mayor J. Crompton hopes lake users and stakeholders can provide their input on the proposed regulation by completing an anonymous survey at www.whistler.ca/vorr.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the survey will be open until March 1, 2021.

Improving Whistler Transit System

BC Transit and the Resort Municipality of Whistler are seeking the public's feedback on ways to improve transit in the Whistler Transit System.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the feedback shared will help develop a Transit Future Action Plan, which will support transit decision-making, service and infrastructure improvements in Whistler.

Mayor J. Crompton noted feedback can be provided through an online website and survey available at: engage.bctransit.com/whistler.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the public engagement window is open until February 7, 2021.

Cheakamus Crossing Housing

Information on the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood and resident housing can now be found at www.whistler.ca/cheakamuscrossing.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the newly developed landing page features links to neighbourhood development information and construction notifications.

Mayor J. Crompton noted the Upper Lands is now an active work site, with site clearing for the 'Parcel A' development.

Mayor J. Crompton noted this work has been approved by development permit and advances the delivery of new rental employee housing that helps to meet the housing objectives of the RMOW.

BC Assessments 2021 Valuations

Mayor J. Crompton noted Whistler average valuations are flat (+1%), and Squamish and Pemberton are up. Despite COVID-19, much of the Lower Mainland is substantively up and other areas of the province vary widely depending on the region.

Mayor J. Crompton noted as a community we do well to pay close attention to changes like the ones released by BC Assessments.

Mayor J. Crompton advised he is pleased to know we have our Strategic Planning Committee at work building models to understand and respond to factors like long-term trends regarding economic cycles, property values, population and many others, while the Economic Partnership Initiative keeps an eye on ongoing market factors such as the value of the Canadian dollar, travel trends and geographic travel patterns.

Mayor J. Crompton advised he encourages Whistler business owners to be attentive to these kind economic shifts.

Mayor J. Crompton advised he is eager to hear thoughts from our community on what these kind of changes and others mean for us. If you have thoughts please reach out to me at mayoroffice@whistler.ca.

2021 Community Enrichment Program

Applications for the 2021 Community Enrichment Program open Monday, January 25.

Mayor J. Crompton noted to qualify for a grant through the CEP, applicants must operate in one of the following categories: Environment, Social Service, Community Service, Recreation and Sport, or Arts and Culture.

Mayor J. Crompton advised visit www.whistler.ca/CEP for details.

Coexistence Workshop

Mayor J. Crompton noted last week, AWARE and The Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative hosted a workshop, Coexistence: Recreations and Grizzly Bears in the Backcountry.

Councillor C. Jewett's Arts Update

Whistler Museum and Archives - Avalanche Exhibit 'Land of Thundering Snow', on loan currently from the Revelstoke Museum. This exhibit opened in December 2020 and has many interesting stories of historical avalanches in BC.

Audain Art Museum - Tuesday Night Talks are continuing. I had enough time to make the James Hart TNT after our last council meeting, I'm all set to catch tonight's TNT with Angela Grossman, a major Canadian artist now leading emerging artist at Emily Carr Institute and UBC.

Arts Whistler has a small announcement: Teeny Tiny Art Show is returning in March. There is a call for artists.

A new exhibit will open Jan. 22nd - Picturing Pemberton highlighting the work of 4 artists: Karen Love, Simon Bedford, Heidi Denessen and Ron Denessen. Our neighbours are more than just great potato farmers!

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre - Admissions are still free until January 24. Take some SLCC and bring home the bannock.

Councillor A. De Jong

Councillor De Jong gave thanks to the Whistler firefighters for their rescue of a man on Alta Lake, afternoon of Saturday, January 9, 2021. Rapid Deployment Craft were used to reach the spot on the lake where the individual needed rescue. Firefighters used the man's skis to prop him up off the ice and maintain his body heat. The scene was described as "gravely tense and inspiring."

Councillor De Jong would like to thank emergency response personnel, RCMP, EMTs, firefighters, helicopter pilots and all those who teamed in on the rescue.

Councillor J. Grills

Whistler is home to many Americans, on behalf of Council and staff, Councillor Grills would like to wish President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris the best of luck and good health.

Councillor J. Ford

Councillor Ford gave a brief update of Whistler Health Care Foundation's fundraising for an upgrade of the trauma room at the Whistler Health Care Centre.

Councillor Ford would like to remind all Whistler Housing Authority purchase waitlist members to confirm their position on the waitlist.

Councillor R. Forsyth

Councillor Forsyth had a brief announcement regarding the Whistler Public Library:

- Cookbook Club
- Potluck group
- Lunch and Learn
- Community Book Club

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 RZ001165 - Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 - Previous Correspondence from the Public Report No. 21-006 File No. RZ001165, BYLAW 2298

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That Council receive this report with clarification on previous correspondence received from the public on RZ001165.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 Whistler Transit System Annual Operating Agreement - Effective April 1, 2020 Report No. 21-007 File No. 534

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council approve the "2020-2021 Whistler Transit System Annual Operating Agreement – Effective April 1, 2020" for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 attached as Appendix "A" to Administrative Report to Council No. 21-007; and

That Council authorize staff to work with BC Transit to seek transit service expansion hours for 2021 and 2022.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

8.1 Five-Year Financial Plan 2021-2025 No. 2306, 2021

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That “Five-Year Financial Plan 2021-2025 No. 2306, 2021” be adopted.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Notification of Transportation Advisory Group Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton announced that the following individuals were appointed as the four Citizens-at-Large to the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) for a two-year term starting 2021:

- Tom DeMarco;
- Crosland Doak;
- Alison Jenkins; and
- Janusz Sobieniak.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Whistler Bus Shelters and Infrastructure File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Bill Fredericks regarding the Whistler bus shelters and infrastructure be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.2 Alta Lake Docks File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Arne Gutmann regarding the Alta Lake docks be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.3 Vail Epic Pass File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Aaron Tansey regarding the Vail Epic Pass be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.4 Softball BC COVID Relief Funding File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from Doug Allin, Mark Dunlop and Rick Benson regarding Softball BC COVID Relief Funding be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.5 Re-Zoning Proposal (5298 Alta Lake Road) File No. RZ1157

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from the following individuals, regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2283, 2020 and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2289, 2020:

- Keith and Heather Jones;
- Gloria Eden;
- Greg Williamson;
- Karen Flavelle and Jamie McTavish;
- Abhishek Francis; and
- Paul Wood.

CARRIED

10.6 Light Up Request - BC211 File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Genny Krikorian, BC211 in partnership with United Way Canada, requesting that on February 11, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit red in support of BC211 be received, referred, and the bridge lit.

CARRIED

10.7 Light Up Request - Provincial Eating Disorder Awareness Week File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Elivra Chan, Family Services North Shore, requesting that from February 1- February 5, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit purple in support of Provincial Eating Disorder Awareness Week be received, referred, and the bridge lit.

CARRIED

10.8 Light Up Request - International Epilepsy Day File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from Kim Davison, Executive Director, BC Epilepsy Society, requesting that on February 8, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit purple in support of International Epilepsy Day be received, referred, and the bridge lit.

CARRIED

10.9 Light Up Request - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Giselle Portenier, Co-Founder, End FGM Canada Network, requesting that on February 6, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit purple in support of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation be received, referred, and the bridge lit.

CARRIED

10.10 Proclamation Request - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Giselle Portenier, Co-Founder, End FGM Canada Network, requesting that February 6, 2021 be proclaimed International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation in Whistler be received and so proclaimed.

CARRIED

10.11 Proclamation Request - International Holocaust Remembrance Day File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Ezra Shanken, Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, requesting that January 27, 2021 be proclaimed International Holocaust Remembrance Day in Whistler be received and so proclaimed.

CARRIED

10.12 Proclamation Request - Whistler Pride Week 2021 File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Sunil Sinha, Executive Festival Director, Whistler Pride and Ski Festival requesting that from January 24-January 31, 2021 be proclaimed Whistler Pride Week in Whistler be received and so proclaimed.

CARRIED

11. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2021 be terminated at 6:26 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Municipal Clerk, B. Browning