



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF ZERO WASTE SELECT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021, STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/committees/zero-waste-select-committee-council

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (1)
RMOW, Andrew Tucker	1
RMOW Council, Arthur De Jong	1
RMOW Council, Cathy Jewett	1
Crystal Lodge, Anita Auer	1
Canadian Home Builders Association, Tom McColm	1
Whistler Community Services Society, Lori Pyne	1
Restaurant Association of Whistler, Kerren Bottay	1
Whistler Blackcomb/Vail Resorts, Thea Zerbe	1
AWARE, Claire Ruddy	1
Member at Large, Sue Maxwell	
Facilitator, Cheeying Ho	1
Recording Secretary, Lauren Harrison	1

REGRETS	
Marie-Lou LeBlanc, SLRD	0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That the Zero Waste Select Committee adopt the Zero Waste Select Committee Agenda of February 25, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That the Zero Waste Select Committee adopt the Regular Zero Waste Select Committee Minutes of October 22, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. M192

Moved by L. Pyne
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That the Zero Waste Select Committee adopt the Ministerial Order No. M192

CARRIED

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor C. Jewett, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation on the committee. C. Jewett acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations.

C. Ho reviewed the agenda and objectives and led an icebreaker.

UPDATE ON WASTE IN WHISTLER

A. Tucker provided an update on the waste generated in Whistler in 2020. Overall, the amount of waste generated in Whistler in 2020 was less than the amount generated in 2019. This is likely due to travel restrictions affecting the restaurant and hotel sector with fewer people in town. The transfer station saw a 10-11% decrease in 2020 compared to 2019 however the depots saw a 7% increase in 2020. This is likely due to increased take-out containers and more packaging from online shopping.

A. Tucker presented on waste initiatives that RMOW staff are working on. These initiatives include participation in the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) program, a wood waste diversion pilot happening at the transfer station and changes to gypsum disposal.

A. Tucker provided an update on federal and provincial legislative changes. The provincial government recently approved municipal bylaws that ban single use plastics. The provincial government is in the process of drafting new regulations that allow municipal governments to ban single use items without provincial approval. The provincial government is also in the process of updating the Recycling Regulation and is considering expanding the number of single use products that can be recycled through Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and adding new products such as mattresses to EPR. The federal government is introducing a single use plastic ban which is expected to be finalized at the end of 2021. The federal government is also proposing a recycled content requirement in products.

UPDATE ON STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

L. Harrison provided an update on the stakeholder engagement that has been completed at this time. In November and December, A. Tucker and L. Harrison met for one hour with each of the four different stakeholders to present the draft Zero Waste Action Plan: Denise Imbeau, General Manager of GFL, Jaye-Jay Berggren, director and operator of Sea to Sky Soils, Chris and Cinci Csere,

owners of Sea to Sky Removal and Brian Reid, operations manager of WRM Strata Management. L. Harrison, with support from C. Ruddy, also presented the plan to the Restaurant Association of Whistler and A. Auer presented the plan to the Hotel Association of Whistler. All stakeholders were asked the following questions:

- What strategies and actions will work most effectively for your sector?
- What barriers would prevent strategies and actions from being implemented? How can we remove these barriers?
- What supports do you need to implement those strategies and actions?
- Are there any key strategies and actions missing from your sector that would help move us towards zero waste?

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF ZERO WASTE ACTION PLAN AND REVIEW OF STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION TIMING

C. Ho led a discussion on the details of the draft Zero Waste Action plan. This included questions on how to present the impact of COVID, how to present the OCP policy section, determining if there is anything missing in the 'Current Reality' section.

Councilor C. Jewett indicated that she would like to see 5 priority actions identified in the plan for ease of implementation. The group was split into breakout rooms for 30 minutes to discuss any missing strategies and actions, and anything that cannot be implemented and should be removed, and to determine if the implementation timing is appropriate. The groups also identified their top strategies based on their ability to be implemented right away, address higher steps of the hierarchy and ability to make an impact quickly.

DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

C. Ho presented the community engagement that will happen prior to the plan being finalized. This includes a community survey, outreach via membership groups such as the Canadian Homebuilders Association, Hotel Association of Whistler, Restaurant Association of Whistler and Tourism Whistler, and potentially a video series presenting the plan. In addition, implementation workshops and sector workshops will occur after the plan is finalized.

NEXT STEPS

- Confirm 5-8 highest priority actions
- Identify KPIs and targets for all actions
- Finalize draft action plan
- Present draft action plan at the Committee of the Whole at the end of April or beginning of May
- Conduct community engagement
- Zero Waste Select Committee meeting to discuss changes from community engagement
- Finalize action plan
- Council adoption

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by K. Bottay

That the Zero Waste Select Committee Meeting of February 25, 2021 be terminated at 3:07 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, C. Jewett



Recording Secretary, L. Harrison