

WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 2021, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at www.whistler.ca/rlac

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (6)
Councilor, R. Forsyth	6
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	6
Member at Large, A. Ross	6
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	6
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	6
Tourism Whistler representative, M. Kunza	6
Tourism Whistler representative, S. Wyatt	1
Member at Large, K. Paterson	5
Member at Large, C. Kaipio	4
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	6
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	6
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	3

REGRETS	
Member at Large, L. Harnish	4
Member at Large, D. Clark	4
Member at Large, B. Calladine	3
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno	2
Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Hill	3
Parks Planning Technician, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, C. Eccles	2

CALL TO ORDER

The Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Liłwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Forsyth

Seconded by R. Soane

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the amended Committee Agenda of October 14, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by C. Mackenzie

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee Minutes of September 9, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

K. Paterson left at 3:07 p.m.

Council Update

Council member Ralph Forsyth provided an update to the committee.

- Council attended the UBCM meeting and requested Resort Municipality Initiative funding, and raised the awareness for need of operational costs for tourism based operations. This funding could go towards the library and fund operation costs of the new washrooms.
- There is a new transit plan that will provide an additional \$1.3 million over 5 years which will result in an additional 20,000 hours of transit service. Bus #10 (Express) will have increased hours this winter.
- Council adopted an amendment to the Parking and Traffic Bylaw which will reduce the speed limit on municipal roads from 50km to 30km per hour. The committee discussed that in areas where the road is a feeder street into a community (example: the road into Cheakamus Crossing) 30km is quite slow, and this amendment may have overlooked that. Feedback was noted. The committee also discussed the importance of enforcement of the new speed limit.

K. Paterson joined the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

MPSC Operational Update

R. Weetman provided an update regarding Meadow Park Sports Centre (MPSC) and the recently implemented proof of vaccination program. Currently MPSC has implemented a facility wide vaccination requirement despite the exemptions for pool users from health authorities. Other municipalities are implementing individual area checks which are causing operational issues. MPSC is currently working on how to manage proof of vaccination for spectators when the requirements are based on spectator numbers. The recreation team is currently working with Whistler Minor Hockey on how to manage the situation.

The committee commented on what a great job the recreation team is doing despite the challenges.

Resort Parks Planning Department Update A presentation by M. Pardoe was given regarding changes to the Resort Parks Planning department and a discussion was held. Martin reviewed the Resort Experience division of the RMOW and the Parks Planning department changes, which include a new Resort Parks Planner and a new Parks Planning Technician role.

The Parks Planning department is tasked with delivering many provincial RMI funded capital projects and in past, there has been a struggle with resources to complete the projects. These additional resources will help the department complete projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Emerald Trail Potential Names

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The RMOW is currently seeking a name for the new Emerald Trail. Staff suggested some names including *Citizen Stash*, *Neighbour's Knoll* and *Lil' Respect*. Committee members suggested *One Duck Trail* and supported *Lil' Respect*.

Discussion occurred regarding if there is a Trails Naming Policy. Staff responded that there is Park Naming Policy which has been approved and adopted by Council, however this does not apply to trails. The Committee provided feedback on their preferred names and staff took note of the feedback.

4500 Northlands Update

4500 Northlands – Court Upgrades Update

Staff updated the Committee that they have received correspondence from the Beedie Group advising that repairs to the Tennis Courts have been postponed until Spring 2022 due to weather. The repairs require a certain overnight temperature which the Whistler climate is no longer achieving.

The committee discussed their concerns that the work was being put off, and are looking forward to seeing the work happen in the Spring of 2022. Members requested this topic be added to the tracking sheet.

Rainbow Park Updates

Rainbow Park – Valley Trail and Sanitary Sewer Connection Update

Staff provided an update regarding the Rainbow Park Valley Trail and Sanitary Sewer Connection project. The project was tendered for construction however it was not awarded as it came in over budget. Staff are now in a redesign phase to include a more direct pedestrian and cyclist connection between Alta Lake Road and the park washrooms. The sanitary sewer alignment will remain as tendered but will be retendered in the spring with the redesigned works. This new pedestrian and cyclist connection route would better meet OCP and Summer Experience goals. Construction is targeting completion by Summer 2022.

Committee members discussed the new design and inquired if cyclists will still be required to dismount. There was also feedback about inserting an S turn at the exit of *Whip Me Snip Me* to assist with speed control and collision risk.

Meadow Park
Rejuvenation Update

Meadow Park – Rejuvenation Update

Staff updated the committee with three initiatives at Meadow Park.

1. Park irrigation – Meadow Park currently uses potable water for irrigation, and is exploring the feasibility of a system that if successful would use non-potable water. Intent is to drill a test well to confirm sufficient quantity and quality of groundwater. If the test is successful, conversion would occur in 2022.
2. Water Park replacement – The Meadow Park Water Park is at the end of its lifespan. The design phase will be initiated autumn 2021, and construction is targeted for autumn 2022 to spring 2023. There will be essential repairs made so the park can operate summer 2022 including operating at a reduced water capacity. The goal for the new Water Park is to move it from a *once through system* to a *recirculating system*. The pros of this system include substantially less water and more animated water play opportunities. Cons include a higher cost as a treatment facility is required as well as additional operational costs.
3. Other Park rejuvenation – The rest of the park is functioning well however a design phase will be initiated autumn 2022 to discuss the remaining aspects of the park including mainly the ball diamonds and lawn areas. There will be community engagement involved in this process and a construction date has yet to be set.

Active Transportation
Survey

RMOW Active Transportation Survey

Staff reminded the committee that the RMOW Active Transportation Survey has been released and encouraged committee members to fill it out. The survey closes October 26. Discussion occurred regarding the use of the Valley Trail for commuting including an opportunity for local rental bike operators to be required to have a bell on all rental bikes.

Parks and Trails
Naming Policy

Parks and Trails Naming Policy

Discussion occurred regarding if there is a Trails Naming Policy that the RMOW adheres to. Staff responded that there is a Parks Naming Policy, but not a trails specific policy. Trails in Lost Lake Park are often named after historical elements or for clear wayfinding intents. Many people also do not distinguish between municipal trails and WORCA trails, which are managed by different organizations. If someone was seeking to name a trail, they would need to write to council to request that. In the case of memorials, the RMOW does offer the Tribute Plaque Program which is intended to recognize individuals and events on benches and bike racks for a 10 year period.

Council Recognition Event **Council Recognition Event**

Committee members were reminded of the Council Recognition Event scheduled for November 22, 2021 at the SLCC. RSVP is requested before October 22, 2021.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

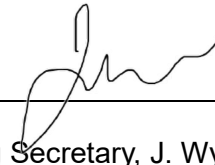
Moved by A. Ross
Seconded by R. Soane

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of October 14, 2021 be terminated at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott