



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022, STARTING AT 4:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at [www.whistler.ca/rlac](http://www.whistler.ca/rlac)

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (2)
Councillor, R. Forsyth	2
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	2
Member at Large, A. Ross	2
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	2
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	2
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	2
Member at Large, Paul Street	2
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	2
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	1
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	2
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	2
Manager, Projects Planning, John Chapman	1
Whistler Tennis Association, Ben Cherniavsky	1
Whistler Nordics, Tony Peiffer	1
Resort Parks Planner, Lorne Russell	1
Whistler Tennis Association, Robert LeBlanc, John Konig	1

REGRETS	
Member at Large, D. Titus	1
Tourism Whistler representative, Shannon Wyatt	1
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	1

### CALL TO ORDER

*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 Lil'wat7úl, 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 L. Scroggins

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of March 10, 2022.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by L. Scroggins  
Seconded by R. Forsyth

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Thursday, January 13, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

#### Council Update

The Council update was provided by Councillor Ralph Forsyth and a discussion was held.

- The Nordic employee housing project has moved to the Public Hearing stage. The Nita Lake project will be going back to Public Hearing.
- Transit strike is front of mind. Pacific Western Transit is the contractor who BC Transit works with.

*R. Weetman joined at 4:15 p.m.*

*B. Cherniavsky joined at 4:15 p.m.*

#### Whistler Nordics

A presentation by Tony Phiffer was given regarding the Whistler Nordics and a discussion was held.

T. Phiffer is seeking RLAC's support in finding a space for Whistler Nordic members after their agreement expired in 2020.

Staff advised that negotiations to renew the agreement are in process, and the delay was spatial restrictions from COVID-19 PHO guidelines. The new agreement would stand for 5 years and include use of the Lost Lake PassivHaus with both Whistler Nordics and WORCA.

*T. Phiffer left at 4:26 p.m.*

*J. Chapman joined at 4:27 p.m.*

#### WTA

A presentation by Ben Cherniavsky was given regarding the Whistler Tennis Association and a discussion was held.

The Whistler Racket Club ask includes a community multi-use recreational facility which includes;

- Ten courts: 6 indoor, 4 outdoor
- One outdoor as a stadium for outdoor events
- Separate courts for Pickle ball
- Dedicated tennis operator

Discussion occurred regarding the promise made to the community for a world class tennis facility at time of original site development, who would operate such a facility including maintenance and operator, and where the site could be; WTA suggested lot 5.

Staff advised that the rezoning application preliminary phase was brought to RLAC in 2021 where a set of guiding principles were established. Staff also advised when the application package is complete, it will be brought back to RLAC and other key stakeholders for review and will include a community engagement component. The goal is for this to occur in May/June 2022.

RLAC passed the following motion:

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommends that the presentation provided by the Whistler Tennis Association comprises the background material when considering the Northlands Development.

CARRIED

Recreation  
Department Updates

Staff provided an update for MPSC, Lost Lake XC trails and Whistler Olympic Plaza operations.

- A brief update was provided regarding the recent lifting of capacity limits at MPSC as per the PHO update
- RLAC members were notified of season coming to an end imminently at both Lost Lake and Whistler Olympic Plaza due to warming temperatures

Rainbow Park Phase1  
Improvements

Staff provided an update on improvements to Rainbow Park which are anticipated for this spring.

Lorne Russell, RMOW parks planner, provided an update with regard to anticipated upcoming construction improvements at Rainbow Park. In response to increasing demand, safety issues, outcomes of the “Outside Voice” park public engagement process and building on last year’s pilot programs the RMOW is planning to construct:

- A 4.0m wide Valley Trail from the area of the washrooms to Alta Lake Rd that roughly parallels the existing asphalt parking area and driveway;
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety, access and wayfinding improvements along Alta Lake Rd;
- A vehicle turnaround area capable of accommodating a larger variety of shuttle vehicles and small buses with accessible, service and short term drop off/pick up parking at the existing paved parking lot;
- A sanitary sewer connection between the existing park washroom building and the municipal sanitary sewer line installed in Alta Lake Road in 2021;
- A storm water collection system to be used for landscape irrigation purposes; and
- Additional pedestrian circulation and landscape improvements.

This work is targeting a mid April to late June 2022 construction window, subject to suitable tender result and weather considerations. It is likely the

project will not be fully complete prior to July, and remaining works will be completed following the summer.

A second phase of park design and construction, addressing the area between the lake and the railway tracks is also being advanced. This “phase 2” work is at the initial design stage and will be presented to RLAC at a future meeting.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- BCRPA Conference      The BC Recreation and Parks Conference will be held in Whistler May 4 and 5
- Committee volunteer opportunities
  - Tennis Canada presentation (May 4): Tennis and More: *Building Partnerships for Affordable and Accessible Year-Round Recreation*

### MOTION TO TERMINATE

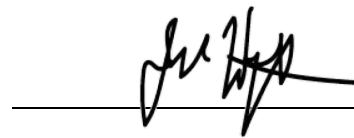
Moved by C. MacKenzie  
Seconded by P. Street

**That** the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2022 be terminated at 6:10 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott