



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LESIURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022, STARTING AT 2:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

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

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (4)
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	4
Member at Large, A. Ross	4
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	4
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	4
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	4
Member at Large, Paul Street	4
Member at Large, D. Titus	3
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	2
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	4
Tourism Whistler representative, Karen Goodwin	2
Acting Recreation Manager, RMOW, P. Deane	1
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	3
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	3

REGRETS	
Councillor, R. Forsyth	3
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	2

GUESTS	
Whistler Centre for Sustainability, S. Gordon	
Cascade Environmental, T. Hellinga	
Protective Services Planning Analyst, RMOW, K. Creery	

### 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 B. Goldsmid  
Seconded by P. Street

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of July 14, 2022 with the following amendments;

- Removal of the Council Update in Councillor R. Forsyth's absence.
- M. Pardoe to add a Public Service notice to Other Business.
- J. Chuback adding an EBike Share Program discussion to Other Business.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by D. Titus  
Seconded by P. Street

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Thursday, June 9, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Rainbow Park  
Rejuvenation

A presentation by M. Pardoe regarding an update on Rainbow Park Rejuvenation - Phase 1 and 2.

Phase 1 is 90% complete with a few outstanding items remaining including paving the Valley Trail (VT), line marking, landscaping and signage. The parking loop was widened to accommodate larger vehicle drop-off and the VT has been widened.

The Committee discussed the issue of cyclists cutting through the parking lot rather than using the VT. Ideas included paving, signage and using the universal cyclist colour of green to mark the route.

Staff was complimented on the work and expediting the project.

Phase 2 - The schematic design phase is complete. Changes to the existing site include realigning the VT, relocated beach volleyball courts, an introduced grassy knoll area, relocating the dock to a more formal location, a reimagined food truck area, more separation from the dog area, additional picnic areas and seating opportunities, an edge around the beach to help dissuade the geese, and a possible hammock grove.

The Committee discussed access to the park and the winding VT to encourage slower speeds when arriving at the park.

*K. Goodwin and R. Soane entered at 2:33 p.m.*

BCRPA Symposium  
Update

P. Deane provided an update on the BCRPA symposium. Over 800 delegates attended the symposium in Whistler. The theme was Resilience and Adaptation. Extracurricular activities included a Tour de BCRPA.

Arena Stakeholder  
Meeting

P. Deane provided an update on the Arena Stakeholder Meeting. The meeting occurred with the Arena stakeholders and user groups to discuss MPSC ice

usage. A few minor changes were made to accommodate user groups, specifically Whistler Minor Hockey and the Whistler Skating Club. Overall, the ice is in very high demand and is always quite full.

*T. Hellinga entered at 2:50 p.m.*

#### VORR Update

K. Creery provided an update on the VORR application. The application was submitted in August 2021, and was declined by Transport Canada in January 2022 for reasons including insufficient research and studies on pollution to the lake.

The VORR is part of the Lakes Management Strategy. Transport Canada encourages the RMOW to manage the lakes themselves, although the RMOW has no jurisdiction on the water. Currently, the Lake Management Strategy is looking for voluntary compliance and includes removal of old docks.

#### RTS Workshop

A presentation and workshop was given by M. Pardoe, S. Gordon and T. Hellinga regarding the Recreation Trails Strategy and discussion was held.

M. Pardoe, Manager of Parks Planning, RMOW, introduced the workshop and identified T. Hellinga and S. Gordon as the successful RFP winners for the RTS bid. He provided an overview including the purpose and scope, and asked the Committee to help generate content and recommendations.

*K. Goodwin left at 3:13 p.m.*

T. Hellinga reviewed the main content sections where RLAC feedback was most requested. This included draft versions of the *Assets Inventory*, *Environmental Suitability Guidelines*, *Vehicle Parking Suitability Guidelines*, *Financial Maintenance*, *Trail Closures*, *Commercial and Event Uses and Limits of Acceptable Change*. The format for the workshop included a content overview, then a comments/questions period regarding each section.

The next steps include;

- An updated draft shared for input in late July.
- Draft SWOT and recommendations: July – September.
  - Staff and TPWG meetings: late August
  - Other stakeholders (RLAC, FWAC, BAC): September
  - Community engagement: September
    - Online session
    - Engagement platform
- Draft RTS: October
  - Staff and TPWG meetings: October
  - Other stakeholders (RLAC, FWAC, BAC): Late October
  - Community engagement: Late October
    - Online session
    - Engagement platform

The Committee was encouraged to submit feedback through the submission forms distributed. Feedback will be received until end of day July 17.

*S. Gordon and T. Hellinga left at 4:58 p.m.*

PassivHaus Entrance A discussion regarding the Lost Lake entrance at PassivHaus. C. Mackenzie offered to take this discussion offline. M. Pardoe and C. Mackenzie to connect and discuss.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Public Service Update**

- M. Pardoe advised RLAC that there will be a test well installed at Meadow Park on July 18 where the outdoor gym was located. The test well will determine if untreated groundwater can be used for park irrigation purposes, thus removing the park's irrigation from potable water. Installation of the test well will start on Monday the 18th. Flow testing will occur in the fall of 2022 with outcomes to follow.

### **Virtual/In-Person Meetings**

- The Committee agreed it would like to move back to in-person meetings when it agrees with the agenda. September will be via Zoom.

### **Bike Share Program**

- The Committee expressed their disappointment in not seeing this program come to RLAC for review before going to Council. They discussed how quickly this process had moved forward and how little conversation happened prior, and felt proper consideration to the local bike rental companies was not given. Discussion points included BCAA profiting off of Whistler, the price structure and how this is a good move for Whistler through a climate lens.

## **MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by A. Ross  
Seconded by D. Titus

**That** the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, July 14, 2022 be terminated at 5:13 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott