



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In Person Meeting
Flute Room, Municipal Hall

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (7)
Councillor, R. Forsyth	6
Member at Large, Paul Street	6
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	7
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	6
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	5
Member at Large, D. Titus	5
Member at Large, A. Ross	5
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	5
Acting Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, L. Russell	1
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	7

REGRETS	
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	4
Tourism Whistler representative, Karen Goodwin	3
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	5
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	6
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	6

GUESTS	
WCS Engagement + Planning, S. Gordon	
Cascade Environmental, T. Hellinga,	
Manager, Village, Events and Animation. B. Andrea	
Outdoor Facilities Coordinator, A. Kehoe	

CALL TO ORDER

J. Chuback recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Líl'wat People, known in their language as Líl'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 D. Titus

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Thursday, November 17, 2022, with the addition of the below:

- An update on snow clearing on the trail at the far side of the parking lots
- An update on 4500 Northlands and the state of the Tennis Courts

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by C. MacKenzie

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of Thursday, October 13, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Council Update

The Committee welcomed Councillor R. Forsyth back to RLAC after his successful reelection and appointment to continue serving on RLAC.

Councillor R. Forsyth provided the following update:

- The Inaugural meeting took place and the new Council was sworn in.
- Council saw a presentation on the election process. Feedback was received which will be passed on to staff and to Elections BC.
- The RMOW is restructuring and a new division has been created. The new GM role is a merge of two Manager roles that are not being replaced.
- Council retreat is December 12 and 13 where Council will work to establish their priorities.
- R. Forsyth was also appointed as the Council representative to sit on the WORCA board. This will be a good overlap for RLAC.

Recreation Trails Strategy

A presentation by L. Russell, S. Gordon, and T. Hellinga was given regarding the Recreation Trails Strategy, and a discussion was held.

L. Russell introduced the RTS team and reviewed the project's purpose and scope. The RTS went to RLAC in July for a review of version 1.

The goal of this session was for the Committee to review version 2 and collect comments and feedback regarding the initial direction for each topic. Clarifying questions were accepted during the meeting, and any feedback was submitted to the document.

The Committee reviewed 5 main topic areas including:

- Environmental Suitability Guidelines
- Trail Access and Staging

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- Commercial and Event Uses
- Communications
- Unsanctioned Trails

Main discussion points included the building of rogue trails, transportation to Alta Lake Road, effects of paid parking, tenure applications and trail closure communications. The Committee suggested the document reads very 'no go,' and additional input from various user groups (Alpine Club of Canada, WORCA, etc) should be accepted for input.

Committee members were asked to submit their comments directly into the document by Thursday, November 24.

T. Hellinga and S. Gordan left at 4:12 p.m.

B. Andrea and A. Kehoe joined at 4:12 p.m.

Pilot Non-Exclusive
Use Permit Program

A presentation by B. Andrea and A. Kehoe was given regarding the pilot Non Exclusive Use Permit Program and a discussion was held.

B. Andrea reviewed the background and overview of the program. He discussed the fee structure and the permitting process and reviewed the outcomes of the program in 2022. The next steps include taking the policy to Council in January.

The Committee discussed the low revenue made by the program and clarified the primary goals of the program, including knowing who is using the trails, reducing congestion, and regulating businesses including valid insurance checks.

The Committee requested more time to digest the information and will be prepared to make a formal recommendation to Council at the December meeting.

B. Andrea and A. Kehoe left at 4:47 p.m.

Taluswood Tennis
Courts

An update by L. Russell was given regarding the Taluswood Tennis Courts and a discussion was held.

Contour Geotechnical has provided a report based on new drilling samples and field inspections. They have identified significant concerns with the subsurface layers beneath the courts that will likely lead to further settlement issues. The report also raised concerns about the rock stack walls.

A complete ground-up rebuild is required to restore both courts.

Staff is currently working with Streetlight Data to collect user data from 2019 across all tennis and multi-use courts in the community. Outcomes from this will be folded into the Parks and Trails Strategy, likely with recommendations for redevelopment and an approach (public engagement) to do so.

4500 Northlands

An update by L. Russell was given regarding 4500 Northlands and the state of the Tennis Courts.

REX General Manager has been in contact with Beedie and confirmed they are in agreement. Outdoor court improvements are scheduled for the Spring.

A member of the RMOW Planning team will provide further updates when formal plans have been received.

Parks Planning
Budget

An update by L. Russell was given regarding the major Parks Planning projects that will be included in the 2023 Budget including the following:

Rainbow Park

- Improved accessible waterfront access, beach expansion, additional docks, reconstructed irrigation using non potable water, vastly improved site drainage, integrated and formal food truck plaza, new plantings and site furnishings. Project is funded by RMI.

Meadow Park

- The Meadow Park water park has reached the end of its lifespan and will be replaced. Improvements are also planned for the playground equipment, picnic areas, landscape plantings, site drainage and a new non potable irrigation system.

Alpha Lake Projects

- This initiative represents three interrelated projects located on the shoreline and foreshore of Alpha Lake south to Alta Lake Road. All three provide new and improved multi-modal connections, public lakefront opportunities on the shores of Alpha Lake, and additional lake access. New and existing park lands will be accessed via new Valley Trail segments totaling `1km in length. This project aims to incorporate a new sanitary main under the new Valley Trail to supplement the current aging one under the railway tracks. While these projects are interrelated, each has the ability to exist as a stand-alone project.

Disc Golf Feasibility Study

- Exploration to seek conflict reduction of the Disc Golf Course in Lost Lake area through a redesign and or creating a second course in another location. Dispersion, accessibility, site services, transportation and hosting tournament level play are all elements being explored.

VT Access and Safety Improvements

- Hwy 99/Bayshores VT connection to the Alpha Lake Park VT is being designed to a shovel ready project for 2023. The design completes a missing link that currently has users on the side of the hwy and will incorporate a future bus shelter at this bus stop.

Recreation Trails Bridge Replacements

- Flank Trail/21 Mile Creek bridge to be replaced. Structural engineer has identified it is at end of life. A design/build RFP will be going out in January 2023 for summer fall 2023 construction

Bayly Park Master Plan Update

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- Update the existing Bayly Park Master Plan to better reflect the existing and future needs of the neighborhood and resort community.
- Specific items to possibly address include conversion of BMX track into a multi-activity bike skills area, community garden expansion, dog park improvements and expansion, trail access improvements and other initiatives.
- Design 2024

RMOW Restructuring A presentation by R. Weetman was given regarding the RMOW restructuring, specifically how it affects the Parks Planning and Recreation departments.

R. Weetman displayed the new organizational chart. A new division has been created called *Community Engagement and Cultural Services*. Departments that will fall under this division include the library, Communications, Economic Development, Village, Events and Animation and Recreation & MPSC. Parks planning will remain in the same division, previously the *Resort Experience* division, which has been renamed *Climate Action, Planning & Development Services*.

MPSC Pool Hours A presentation by R. Weetman was given regarding the MPSC reduced pool hours, and a discussion was held.

MPSC has reduced pool hours again due to staff shortages. Most employees at the pool are teenagers who attend school and have varied inconsistent availability. As an example of the staffing challenges the next schedule has 41 unfilled shifts. There is currently a bronze medallion course running. Other municipalities are experiencing similar situations.

Snow Clearing – Trail by Parking Lots An update on snow clearing on the trail at the far side of the parking lots was provided by R. Weetman.

Staff is going with the most minimal salt solution. The trail will be groomed in the future starting at Lot 1 as per usual.

Snow Clearing – Function to Alta Lake Road Resort Operations has confirmed plowing will occur on Millar’s (Function to Alta Lake Road).

OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee was reminded of the Civic Service Awards on November 22 at the SLCC. Participation was encouraged.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by P. Street

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, November 17, 2022, be terminated at 5:00 p.m.

Committee members were reminded of the winter time schedule for meetings which have a 4pm start.
Next meeting is Dec 8th.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott