



**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Franz Wilhelmson Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT: Mayor J. Crompton
Councillor A. De Jong
Councillor J. Ford
Councillor R. Forsyth
Councillor C. Jewett
Councillor J. Morden
Councillor J. Murl

STAFF PRESENT: Acting Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones
Manager of Legislative Services/ Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght
Manager of Cultural Planning and Development, J. Rae
Manager of Finance, A. Palmer
Parks Planner, A. Oja
Manager of Planning, M. Laidlaw
Planner, B. De George
Corporate Coordinator, J. Sakamoto
Council Coordinator, M. Miklea

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. Crompton recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Sk̓wxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting agenda of January 10, 2023 as amended to include 10.2 Other Business - Appointments to Advisory Design Panel Announcement and 11.3 Late Correspondence.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 20, 2022 and Special Regular Meeting minutes of December 22, 2022.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Questions asked in person.

Sarah Rush, 614-4899 Painted Cliff Road

S. Rush asked why the RMOW does not include occupancy levels to BC Assessment to capture Class 6 properties, as this could increase tax revenue by implementing a higher property tax rate based on property classifications. She noted the RMOW is offering business licenses to those who are not paying commercial taxes which is not fair to those who are paying the appropriate mill rate and asked if the RMOW would consider including a letter from BC Assessment with the business licences for tourist accommodation to inform those business owners of this obligation.

Mayor J. Crompton advised it is the property owner's legislated requirement to declare their property use and BC Assessment does evaluate every piece of property.

General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston noted the RMOW does look at taxation opportunities and could investigate such potential options, however, because the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program comes from the province as a lump sum there is no window into rentals and the municipality has no jurisdiction in this space.

Will Naylor, 2720 Cheakamus Way and as a representative of Whistler Sports Rentals and Spicy Sports

W. Naylor asked the E-Bike Share Pilot Project targeted visitors to the resort.

Mayor J. Crompton answered that the project's intent was to gain information on how an e-bike share program would be used and what types of programs could potentially reduce car trips.

W. Naylor asked if Council thought 11% of the bike usage being by local residents achieves the goals of the program and noted the locations of e-bikes did not target locals.

Mayor J. Crompton said the intention of the program was to capture as many people as possible who are interested in using e-bikes and even expanded into Meadow Park Sports Centre and Creekside to support locals wishing to use the e-bikes.

W. Naylor asked if targeting visitors shows direct competition with existing local operators.

Mayor J. Crompton advised the RMOW would like to see local bike usage to be higher but that this requires a paradigm shift in behaviour.

General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones added it was not designed to undercut local businesses but rather to gain information and noted that 50% of trips were one-way.

W. Naylor asked if the paradigm shift is going to take a lot of energy and time, would it be more effective to target local spots which residents could use.

Mayor J. Crompton advised the purpose of the e-bike request for proposals is to build a robust bike transportation network in our community including locations in Cheakamus and other locations that would support locals.

General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones advised the pilot informed us that nodes were important to the system. They looked at destinations such as Nesters, Rainbow and Alpine. This can evolve as the system expands into the future.

W. Naylor asked if the pause feature, which was available in the e-bike share program, was contemplated as something that would undercut local businesses product.

General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones advised the e-bike pilot allowed users to make a trip, pause, and purchase a second trip. The cost of two average short-distance trips in one day was \$10.00.

Mayor J. Crompton advised the goal is modal shift rather than undercutting existing local service providers.

W. Naylor asked if Council could wait and put forward the RFP at a better time in order to mitigate the impact on local providers.

Mayor J. Crompton advised this will be presented and discussed at tonight's administrative report regarding the E-Bike Share Pilot Program.

Gabriel Pliska, 64-7124 Nancy Greene Drive

G. Pliska asked what ratio of tourism focus versus local housing focus is required to improve the staffing situation in Whistler.

Mayor J. Crompton advised this Council's focus is to work for those who call Whistler home. He explained that he could not split that out percentage-wise, but that there needs to be a strong tourism economy.

G. Pliska asked if there could be a percentage for focusing on locals.

Mayor J. Crompton advised there is no number, both things move together, but strongly feels the municipality needs to serve Whistlerites.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Crompton provided an update on activities happening within the community.

Councillor Jewett provided an update on the arts activities happening in the community.

Councillor J. Ford declared a conflict and left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 UBCM Hosting Bid Opportunities Report No. 23-001 File No. 2014.34

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council direct staff to submit a bid for the Resort Municipality of Whistler to host the 2025, 2027 and 2029 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conventions; and further,

That should the bid be successful, Council accept the host responsibilities on behalf of the Resort Municipality of Whistler as outlined in Administrative Report to Council No. 23-001.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Ford rejoined the Meeting at 6:12 p.m.

6.2 E-Bike Share Demonstration Summary And Request For Proposals Report No. 23-002 File No. 6750-20

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive Administrative Report No. 23-002; and

That Council direct staff to issue a request for proposal for a Whistler Public Electric Assist Bike Share Program for the 2023 and 2024 summer seasons.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: (2): Councillor J. Ford, and Councillor R. Forsyth

6.3 Sponsorship Strategy and Plan Report No. 23-003 File No. SSP2301

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council direct staff to develop a Sponsorship Strategy and Plan to generate sponsorship revenue from certain Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) assets, with the understanding that the process of developing a Sponsorship Strategy and Plan will include:

- Reviewing and revising Policy F-31 – Sponsorship attached to this Administrative Report 23-003 as Appendix A;
- Re-evaluating the RMOW's sponsorable assets;
- Identifying the RMOW's most viable sponsorable assets;

- Establishing sponsorship revenue targets;
- Developing a sponsorship sales and service strategy including timelines; and further

That Council direct staff to bring forward a proposed Sponsorship Strategy and Plan for review at a future Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Morden left the Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

6.4 Five-Year Financial Plan 2023 – 2027 Bylaw No. 2379, 2023 Report No. 23-004 File No. 4530

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the “Five-Year Financial Plan 2023- 2027 Bylaw No. 2379, 2023”.

CARRIED

7. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

7.1 Advisory Design Panel

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Advisory Design Panel of July 20, 2022.

CARRIED

7.2 Governance and Ethics Standing Committee

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee of September 23, 2022.

CARRIED

7.3 Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee of November 11, 2022.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

8.1 Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Bylaw No. 2379, 2023

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council give "Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Bylaw No. 2379, 2023" first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cannabis Retail) No. 2371, 2022

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cannabis Retail) No. 2371, 2022".

CARRIED

9.2 Land Use Procedures and Fees Amendment Bylaw (Development Application Fees) No. 2377, 2022

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council adopt "Land Use Procedures and Fees Amendment Bylaw (Development Application Fees) No. 2377, 2022".

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Appointment to Arts Whistler Board of Directors

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council appoint Councillor Jewett as a second Council representative to the Arts Whistler Board of Directors for a term of two years, effective immediately.

CARRIED

10.2 Announcement of Appointments to Advisory Design Panel

Mayor J. Crompton announced that appointed to ADP for term of two years ending on December 31, 2024 were Caroline Inglis and Gordon Snug as Professional Architect Members, Crosland Doak as a Professional Landscape Architect Member and Mark Barsevskis as a Regular Member at Large.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Buckhorn Place Fractional Ownership File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from D. Cottrell regarding fractional ownership of properties and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

11.2 211 Day Light-up File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from G. Krikorian, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit red on February 11, 2023, in support of 211 awareness.

CARRIED

11.3 E-Bike Share Program File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive correspondence from K. Thurlbeck regarding the E-Bike Share Program and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

12. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council terminate the Regular Council Meeting of January 10, 2023 at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght

DRAFT