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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: 2022 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Corporate and Community Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive Information Report No. 23-026 – Quarterly Financial Report for the period ended December 31, 2022.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this quarterly report is to provide Council with a comparison of the annual budget amounts with actual year-to-date revenues and expenditures for operating departments and projects, and to advise Council of the status of the investment holdings as of December 31, 2022.

⊠ Information Report

□ Administrative Report (Decision or Direction)

DISCUSSION

Background

At the end of the fourth quarter of 2022, Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) overall operating revenues were at 107 per cent, and operating expenditures 102 per cent of their annual budgeted amounts. The 2022 outcome compares to 103 per cent and 101 per cent respectively in the fourth quarter of the prior fiscal year (2021). Budgeted amounts were amended once in 2022, and three times in 2021. The numbers presented here and in Appendix A reflect the as-amended figures.

As of December 31, 2022, actual net project expenditures reached 62 percent of total budgeted expenditures for the year.

Investment income for the twelve months ended December 31, 2022 was \$3,266,499 (unaudited). This is 154 per cent of the total budgeted investment income for the year, and compares to a prior-year amount of \$2,141,488.

Additional commentary and financial information is provided in the report attached as Appendix A.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Relevant Council Authority/Previous Decisions

Council Policy A-3, *Investments Policy*, requires reporting of investment holdings, and investment performance on an annual basis. The quarterly financial reporting process is also consistent with the RMOW's 2022 Corporate Plan, Corporate Goal #4 *"A high level of accountability, transparency and community engagement is maintained"*, as well as other Corporate Goals noted below.

Corporate Plan

The RMOW Corporate Plan is updated annually and articulates strategic direction for the organization. This section identifies how this report links to the plan.

Council Focus Areas

□ Community Balance

Effectively **balance resort and community needs** through deliberate planning, partnerships and investment

□ Climate Action

Provide leadership to **accelerate climate action and environmental performance** across the community

□ Housing

Advance strategic and innovative initiatives to enable and **deliver additional employee** *housing*

□ Pandemic Recovery

Leadership and support for **community and tourism recovery and sustainability** – priority focuses are where recovery needs intersect with other Council focus areas

☑ Not Applicable

Corporate Goals

Community character and mountain culture is reflected in municipal initiatives

□ Municipal decision-making supports the effective stewardship of natural assets and ecological function

Corporate policies and operations ensure continuous excellence in infrastructure, facility and program management

A high level of accountability, transparency and community engagement is maintained

Corporate financial health is optimized to ensure long-term community success

□ A vibrant local economy and safe, resilient resort community is effectively reinforced by organizational activities

Community Vision and Official Community Plan

The Official Community Plan (OCP) is the RMOW's most important guiding document that sets the community vision and long-term community direction. This section identifies how this report applies to the OCP.

This report moves the RMOW towards the goals and objectives of the OCP. It does so by ensuring transparency and accountability to stakeholders and the community, as well as educating and engaging Whistler businesses, residents and visitors by providing timely and accurate information to illustrate connections between policy and community financial health. Additionally, this report aligns with the objectives of the OCP by:

- Continuously evaluating Whistler's method of infrastructure financing (6.1.1.1), and
- Ensuring the Five-Year Financial Plan provides the framework for the efficient financial planning and investment consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the OCP (6.3.1.1).

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct external costs to prepare the quarterly financial report. All internal costs are accommodated within the annual operating budget of the RMOW.

LÍĽ WAT NATION & SQUAMISH NATION CONSIDERATIONS

The RMOW is committed to working with the Lílwat People, known in their language as *L'il'wat7úl* and the Squamish People, known in their language as the *Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw* to: create an enduring relationship; establish collaborative processes for Crown land planning; achieve mutual objectives; and enable participation in Whistler's resort economy. This section identifies areas where RMOW activities intersect with these relationships.

There are no specific considerations to include in this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Level of community engagement commitment for this project:

 \boxtimes Inform \Box Consult \Box Involve \Box Collaborate

Empower

Comment:

Financial information continues to be reported publicly on a regular basis.

REFERENCES

Appendix A – Fourth Quarter Financial Report for the period ended December 31, 2022

SUMMARY

Through ongoing quarterly reporting, municipal operating and project revenues and expenditures are presented with comparison to the annual budget. Investment holdings and performance are reported as required by the Council Investment Policy A-3.

SIGN-OFFS

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