



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

Tuesday, September 12, 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:

Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen
General Manager of Corporate Services and Public Safety, T. Battiston
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
General Manager of Climate Action, Planning and Development Services, D. Mikkelsen
General Manager of Community Engagement and Cultural Services, K. Elliott
Director of Finance, C. Price
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Manager of Legislative Services/ Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght
Manager of Communications, J. Smith
Manager of Projects Planning, J. Chapman
Manager of Development Planning, M. Laidlaw
Manager of Policy Planning, C. Beaubien
Manager of Financial Services, A. Palmer
Planning Analyst, J. Rees
Accessibility Coordinator, S. Tipler
Council Coordinator, P. Mendieta

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 Lilwat7úl, 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.

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2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting agenda of September 12, 2023 with the addition of the Late Correspondence package circulated on September 12, 2023.

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 August 1, 2023.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Visit to Sister City of Karuizawa

A presentation was given by Councillor, J. Murl regarding his visit to Sister City of Karuizawa to celebrate their 100 year anniversary.

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 6:05 p.m.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

Questions asked in person.

Andy Szocs, Whistler

Mr. Szocs stated that the Our Lady of the Mountain Church and its congregants oppose the property tax increase for churches as contained in the Permissive Tax Policy for consideration tonight. He emphasized the church's invaluable contributions to the community, including their support for organizations like the Alzheimer's Society.

John Guiney, 8550 Ashley McIvor Drive, Whistler

Mr. Guiney expressed concerns about the potential implications of adopting the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy due to the increased taxes on community's churches. He emphasized that this policy could lead to churches paying more taxes. Not-for-profit organizations significantly enhance the community's quality of life and address social needs gaps. In Whistler, churches serve as places of worship and community hubs and support centers, providing gathering spaces for everyone and essential support networks for those in need. Churches primarily rely on donations and contributions from their members to cover their expenses and imposing taxes on these non-profit organizations, such as churches, could create a significant financial burden. This burden, if realized, could strain the community further, mainly if churches could not continue offering their vital

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services. Mr. Guiney shared that he has gathered 275 signed letters from the community opposing the policy and urged the mayor and Council to explore alternative means of expanding the tax base, particularly by targeting those who can afford it.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor and Council provided an update on activities happening within the community.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Accessibility Action Plan-Implementation Progress Update Report No. 23-091 File No. 7082.01

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive the Accessibility Action Plan – Implementation Progress Update Information Report No. 23-091.

CARRIED

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program – Employee Housing Advocacy Report No. 23-092 File No. 7729.04

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council endorse the letter to the Province of British Columbia, Minister of Finance, attached as Appendix A to this Administrative Report No. 23-092, requesting collaboration with the Province to ensure that employee-restricted properties, including leasehold properties, are eligible to participate in the Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program.

CARRIED

8.2 Housing Agreement Amendment Bylaw (4800-4814 Glacier Lane) No. 2410, 2023 Report No. 23-093 File No. 3060-20-1958

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council consider giving first, second, and third readings to “Housing Agreement Amendment Bylaw (4800-4814 Glacier Lane) No. 2410, 2023”.

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8.3 RZ001157 - 5298 Alta Lake Road Employee, Market and Tourist Accommodation Housing Zoning Adoption Report No. 23-094 File No. 3060-20-1157

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council consider adopting "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road). No. 2289, 2020"; and

That Council consider adopting "Housing Agreement Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2329, 2022"; and further

That Council consider adopting "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2283, 2020".

CARRIED

8.4 Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment Bylaw (Lost Lake Snow Making Infrastructure, Park Washrooms, and Committees of Council Projects) 2409, 2023 Report No. 23-095 File No. 5330-02-1009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the "Five-Year Financial Plan 2023- 2027 Amendment Bylaw (Lost Lake Snow Making Infrastructure, Park Washrooms, and Committees of Council Projects) No. 2409, 2023" as presented in the Late Correspondence package circulated on September 12, 2023.

CARRIED

8.5 Permissive Tax Exemption Policy Report No. 23-096 File No. 0340-20

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Permissive Tax Exemption Council Policy A-41 attached as Appendix A to this Administrative Report No. 23-096 documenting the Resort Municipality of Whistler's approach to considering and granting permissive tax exemptions for select properties, amended to remove section 4.1.

CARRIED

OPPOSED:(1): Councillor R. Forsyth

Amendment:

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Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council remove section 4.1 from the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: (2): Councillor A. De Jong, and Councillor J. Murl

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By No Seconder

That Council remove Section 3 of Policy A-41 in it's entirely.

The amendment was not seconded and therefore was not considered by Mayor and Council.

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

8.6 Amendment to Investments Council Policy A-03 and Investment of Long-Term Funds Report No. 23-097 File No. 0340-20

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the amended version of Council Policy A-03: Investment Policy attached as Appendix A to this Administrative Report No. 23-097; and

That Council endorse the designation of \$26 million in reserves as long-term and suitable for long-term investment; and further

That Council support the investment of long-term funds into the Municipal Finance Authority's Diversified Multi-asset Class funds.

CARRIED

9. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

9.1 Whistler Bear Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee of July 12, 2023.

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9.2 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 June 12, 2023.

CARRIED

9.3 Emergency Planning Committee

Moved By Mayor J. Crompton

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Emergency Planning Committee of April 25, 2023.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

10.1 Housing Agreement Amendment Bylaw (4800-4814 Glacier Lane) No. 2410, 2023

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council give "Housing Agreement Amendment Bylaw (4800-4814 Glacier Lane) No. 2410, 2023" first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

10.2 Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment Bylaw (Lost Lake Snow Making Infrastructure and Park Washrooms Projects) No. 2409, 2023

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council give "Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment Bylaw (Lost Lake Snow Making Infrastructure and Park Washrooms Projects) No. 2409, 2023" first, second and third readings, as presented in the Late Correspondence package circulated on September 12, 2023.

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

11.1 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2289, 2020

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Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council adopt "Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2289, 2020".

CARRIED

11.2 Housing Agreement Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2329, 2022

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council adopt "Housing Agreement Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2329, 2022".

CARRIED

11.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2283, 2020

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council adopt "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2283, 2020".

CARRIED

11.4 Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment Bylaw (Hillcrest Culvert, SWWS Upgrade Grant, Transfer Station Scale Project, and Others) No. 2402, 2023

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt "Five-Year Financial Plan 2023-2027 Amendment Bylaw (Hillcrest Culvert, SWWS Upgrade Grant, Transfer Station Scale Project, and Others) No. 2402, 2023".

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 2024 Council Schedule

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

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That Council endorse the following Regular Council Meeting Schedule for the Resort Municipality of Whistler for 2024:

January 9	January 23
February 6	February 20
March 5	March 19
April 9	April 23
May 14	May 28
June 11	June 25
July 9	July 23
August 6	
September 10	September 24
October 8	October 22
November 5	November 19
December 3	December 17

CARRIED

12.2 2024 Acting Mayor Appointments

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council appoint as Acting Mayor for the Resort Municipality of Whistler for the months of January 2024 to December 2024 (inclusive):

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January:	Cathy Jewett
February:	Cathy Jewett
March:	Arthur De Jong
April:	Arthur De Jong
May:	Jessie Morden
June:	Jessie Morden
July:	Jen Ford
August:	Jen Ford
September:	Ralph Forsyth
October:	Ralph Forsyth
November:	Jeff Murl
December:	Jeff Murl

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw Officer Appointments

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

Whereas the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) wishes to appoint Steven Gumley as a Bylaw Officer pursuant to Section 36 of the *Police Act*, and upon Steven Gumley swearing the oath pursuant to section 1(b) of *Police Oath/Solemn Affirmation Regulation*, before a Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Province of British Columbia, the RMOW hereby appoints Steven Gumley as a Bylaw Officer to perform the functions and duties specified in the Bylaw Officer's job descriptions.

CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 BC Wildfire Service Fire Fighting Equipment File No. 3009

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Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive correspondence from L. Hiebert regarding BC Wildfire Service Fire Fighting Equipment.

CARRIED

13.2 Union of BC Municipalities Canada Community Building Fund File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from J. Ford regarding Union of BC Municipalities Canada Community Building Fund and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.3 Union of BC Municipalities Convention Award to Resort Municipality of Whistler File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive correspondence from J. Ford regarding Union of BC Municipalities Convention Award to Resort Municipality of Whistler and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.4 Recycling Program for Antifreeze Containers and Used Oil Collection File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from C. Webb regarding Recycling Program for Antifreeze Containers and Used Oil Collection.

CARRIED

13.5 Forest Practices Board Report on Forest and Fire Management in BC File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive correspondence from K. Atkinson regarding Forest Practices Board report on Forest and Fire Management in BC.

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13.6 Greenhouse Gas Emissions File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive correspondence from D. Jonckheere regarding greenhouse gas emissions in Whistler and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.7 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive correspondence from D. Nelson regarding United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.8 Request for Canopy System on Playgrounds File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive correspondence from L. Ferris regarding the need for a canopy system on playgrounds in Whistler and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.9 Property Tax Deferral Program File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive correspondence from R. Risso regarding the Ministry of Finance reply on the Property Tax Deferral Program and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.10 Improving Solid Waste Policy File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

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That Council receive correspondence from J. Wood regarding improving the RMOW Solid Waste Policy.

CARRIED

13.11 Woodfibre LNG's Wastewater Discharge File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from R. Fox regarding Woodfibre LNG's Wastewater Discharge and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.12 Permissive Tax Exemption Policy Draft File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive correspondence from T. Ko, A. Starno, A. Szoc, J. Choo, A. L'Heureux, A. and S Kenyon regarding draft Permissive Tax Exemption Policy and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.13 Light-up and Proclamation Requests

a. Stomach Cancer Awareness Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive correspondence from S. Koenig, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit blue on November 30, 2023, in support of Stomach Cancer Awareness Day.

CARRIED

b. National Child Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive correspondence from H. Legault, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit blue on November 20, 2023, in support of National Child Day.

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c. Living Organ Donation Week File No. 3009.1

That Council receive correspondence from C. Coghlan, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit green on September 10, 2023, in support of Living Organ Donation week.

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

CARRIED

d. World Pancreatic Cancer Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from V. Izzio-Meloche, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit purple on November 15, 2023, in support of World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

CARRIED

e. World Cerebral Palsy Day File No. 3009.1

That Council receive correspondence from E. Specht, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit green on October 6, 2023, in support of World Cerebral Palsy Day.

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

CARRIED

f. World Antimicrobial Awareness Week File No. 3009.1

That Council receive correspondence from D. Sheppard, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit blue on November 24, 2023, in support of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week.

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

CARRIED

g. Epilepsy Awareness Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

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That Council receive correspondence from S. Ali, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit purple on March 26, 2024, in support of Epilepsy Awareness Day and that March 26, 2024, be proclaimed Epilepsy Awareness Day.

CARRIED

h. Medical Radiation Technologists Week File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive correspondence from O. Sterling, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit orange, red, blue and green from November 5 to November 11, 2023, in support of the Medical Radiation Technologists Week and that the week of November 5 to November 11, 2023, be proclaimed Medical Radiation Technologists Week.

CARRIED

i. National Children's Grief Awareness Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive correspondence from K. Lee, refer it to staff and that November 16, 2023, be proclaimed National Children's Grief Awareness Day.

CARRIED

j. Green Sports Day File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive correspondence from D. Thibodeau, refer it to staff and that October 6, 2023, be proclaimed Green Sports Day.

CARRIED

13.14 Late Correspondence

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive Late Correspondence included in the Late Correspondence package relating to the Permissive Tax Exemption Policy from:

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- a. A. Sennyah
- b. A. Benson
- c. B. Ziolfitto
- d. J. and M. Lane

CARRIED

14. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council terminate the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2023, at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght