



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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 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
Fire Chief, T. Doherty
Manager of Legislative Services/ Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght
Manager of Climate and Environment, L. Burhenne
Manager of Transport & Waste Management, A. Tucker
Manager of Village Animation and Events, B. Andrea
Manager of Building, M. Hollis
Manager of Projects Planning, J. Chapman
Manager of Financial Services, A. Palmer
Climate Action Coordinator, M. Thorlakson
Council Coordinator, P. Mendieta

OTHERS: BC Assessment Deputy Assessor, J. Hadley

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 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 C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting agenda of January 23, 2024, as amended to include the Late Correspondence package circulated on January 23, 2024, and the announcement of the 2024 Advisory Design Panel Appointments as Item 12.2 under Other Business.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 9, 2024.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 2024 BC Property Assessments

A presentation was given by J. Hadley, BC Assessment Deputy Assessor, regarding 2024 BC Property Assessments.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

Eric Callender, 8179 Meadow Lane

Mr. Callender opposed the adoption of the "Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2412, 2023" (BOV Bylaw) in tonight's agenda. Upon learning about the fee increase in the new BOV Bylaw through the Pique magazine article, Mr. Callender submitted a letter to the Council.

Mr. Callender acknowledged the excellent quality of staff reports, however Mr. Callender observed that staff reports can sometimes control the narrative. He raised concerns about potential biases in the staff report and questioned how the proposed changes to the BOV Bylaw would benefit the general public.

Mr. Callender posed a question to Council, asking for their opinion on whether the proposal complies with the affordability measures outlined in the Official Community Plan. Mr. Callender emphasized his belief that a flat fee increase (from \$800 to \$4,000) in such a short period is not affordable for the community.

Mr. Callender noted that in the same meeting, staff requested an amendment to the Building and Plumbing Fees bylaw with a 30 per cent increase across the board. He contrasted this with the application fees for the Board of Variance, which range between

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\$3,000 to \$4,000. Mr. Callender expressed his concerns about these differences and urged the Council to consider the implications.

Dave Ashton, Rainbow neighbourhood

Mr. Ashton resides in one of Rainbow's senior buildings and recalls the excellent bus services provided by route #32. However, currently the only option available in his neighborhood is bus #10. The #10 service offers satisfactory morning service but it's not so reliable in the afternoon. This bus stop is inconveniently located and requires a lengthy walk to reach the lifts or other areas within the Village.

Mr. Ashton highlighted the impact of recent changes on commuting times, citing extended waits of up to 15 minutes from the Library stop when returning from the Village to Rainbow.

In contrast, he observed that Alpine Meadows benefits from the convenience of buses #33 and #31, with plans to add a third bus on Saturdays (bus #30). Meanwhile, the Cheakamus neighbourhood enjoys a variety of bus options, including numbers 20, 20X, 21, and 10.

Drawing attention to the unique needs of Rainbow, comprising two senior buildings, Mr. Ashton stressed that the sole bus servicing this community, bus number #10, has led to increased reliance on private cars due to recent schedule alterations.

Mr. Ashton urged staff to reinstate bus number #32 to Rainbow which would address the specific concerns of the senior community and enhance public transit accessibility in the area.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

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

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Resort Municipality of Whistler Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy Report No. 24-005 File No. 0340-20

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive Information Report No. 24-005 regarding the Resort Municipality of Whistler Corporate Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Transfer Station Vehicle Scale Plaza Replacement Tender Award Report No. 24-006 File No. 5330-04-1014

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Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council award the contract to construct the Transfer Station Vehicle Scale Plaza project to Coastal Mountain Excavations in the amount of \$1,013,237.00 (exclusive of GST).

CARRIED

8.2 2024 Whistler Summer Concert Series Producer Role – Contract Renewal Report No. 24-007 File No. 8100-20

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council authorizes the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) to enter into a contract with Kristen Robinson Productions (Contractor) for production of the 2024 Whistler Summer Concert Series (WSCS) in the amount of \$805,000 (exclusive of GST) in a form substantially similar to the sample producer contract attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 24-007; and

That Council direct the corporate signatories for the RMOW to execute the WSCS contract with the Contractor.

CARRIED

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 7:51 p.m.

8.3 Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Fee Updates) No. 2425, 2024 Report No. 24-008 File No. 3900-20-2425

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to “Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Fee Updates) No. 2425, 2024”.

CARRIED

8.4 Housing Agreement Bylaw (1475 Mount Fee Road) No. 2422, 2024 Report No. 24-009 File No. 3900-20-2422

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to “Housing Agreement Bylaw (1475 Mount Fee Road) No. 2422, 2024”.

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CARRIED

8.5 Council Policy A-7: Community Enrichment Program Updates Report No. 24-010 File No. 0340-20

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 8:42 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 8:45 p.m.

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council adopt *Council Policy A-7: Community Enrichment Program*, as amended and attached as Appendix A to Administrative Report No. 24-010.

CARRIED

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council direct staff to proceed to investigate amending the scholarship program to include scholarships for indigenous students from the Lil'wat Nation, the Squamish Nation and Whistler Waldorf high school graduates for the 2025 graduating class.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Ford has previously declared a conflict on this matter due to a personal relationship with Whistler Fire Rescue Service Paid on Call employee and left the Meeting at 8:48 p.m.

8.6 Whistler Fire Rescue Service Response Analysis and Resourcing Request Report No. 24-011 File No. 7200

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council direct staff to initiate seven day a week daytime staffing at the Spring Creek Fire Hall #3 as soon as is practicable; and

That Council direct staff to include the associated increases in Whistler Fire Rescue Services operating costs into the next amendment of "Five-Year Financial Plan 2024 - 2028 Bylaw No. 2424, 2024", to be considered by Council later this year.

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That Council direct staff to return back to Council with a report before year end and the finalization of the 2025 budget guidelines on the success of the 2024 Hall #3 staffing model.

CARRIED

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 9:40 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 9:42 p.m.

Amendment:

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council direct staff to return to Council with a report before year-end and the finalization of the 2025 Budget Guidelines on the success of the 2024 Hall #3 staffing model.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor A. De Jong

Councillor J. Ford returned to the Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called for a recess at 9:50 p.m.

Mayor J. Crompton called the Meeting back to order at 9:51 p.m.

8.7 2024 Fee for Service Funding Recommendations Report No. 24-012 File No. 1850-20-2024

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council approve the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) entering into Fee for Service Funding Agreements for 2024 with:

- Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council up to the amount of \$73,500;
- Whistler Animals Galore up to the amount of \$120,750;
- Whistler Off-Road Cycling Association up to the amount of \$282,450;
- Whistler Museum and Archives Society up to the amount of \$218,400;
and
- Arts Whistler up to the amount of \$577,500;

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subject to each of the above-named recipients agreeing to the terms and conditions of a recipient-specific service agreement between the RMOW and each recipient organization.

CARRIED

8.8 Whistler Housing Authority Ltd. – 2023 Annual Filing Report No. 24-013 File No. 0500-02-0007

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the RMOW, as shareholder of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd. pass the Shareholder's Resolutions attached as Appendix A to this Administrative Report No. 24-013, and that the Shareholder's Resolutions be executed by the corporate signatories on behalf of the RMOW.

CARRIED

9. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

9.1 Advisory Design Panel Committee

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive the Regular Meeting minutes of the Advisory Design Panel Committee of July 12, 2023.

CARRIED

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 November 16, 2023.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

10.1 Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Fee Update) No. 2425, 2024

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Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council give "Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment (Fee Update) Bylaw No. 2425, 2024" first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

10.2 Housing Agreement Bylaw (1475 Mount Fee Road) No. 2422, 2024

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council give "Housing Agreement Bylaw (1475 Mount Fee Road) No. 2422, 2024" first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

11.1 Five-Year Financial Plan 2024 - 2028 Bylaw No. 2424, 2024

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council adopt "Five-Year Financial Plan 2024-2028 Bylaw No. 2424, 2024".

CARRIED

11.2 Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2412, 2023

Moved By Councillor J. Murl

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council adopt "Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2412, 2023".

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Amendment to Acting Mayor Schedule

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council amend the Acting Mayor schedule to appoint Councillor Jeff Murl as Acting Mayor for the months of March and April 2024, and Councillor Arthur De Jong as Acting Mayor for the months of November and December 2024.

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12.2 2024 Advisory Design Panel Member Appointments Announcement

Council announced the appointment of Megan Donaldson as regular public-at-large member, Dean Skalski as professional architect, Jergus Oprsal as professional landscape architect and Christopher Comberbach as registered member of the Urban Development Institute.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Bus Service for Rainbow Neighbourhood File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive correspondence from D. Ashton regarding the need to reinstate the Route 32 bus service for the Rainbow neighbourhood and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.2 Winter Bus Schedule for Emerald and Rainbow Neighbourhoods File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive correspondence from H. Mehlenbacher regarding the need to reinstate the Route 32 bus service for the Emerald and Rainbow neighbourhoods and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.3 Nesters Pedestrian Infrastructure File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council receive correspondence from B. Ladner regarding the need for pedestrian infrastructure in the Nesters Shopping Centre area and the Nesters bus stop and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.4 Friday Prayers for the Muslim Community File No. 3009

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Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive correspondence from S. Haque regarding the community benefits of establishing and exploring ways to build bridges with the Muslim community and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

13.5 Light-up and Proclamation Requests

a. **Parkinson's Awareness Day File No. 3009.1**

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive correspondence from R. Quak, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit blue on April 11, 2024, in support of World Parkinson's Awareness Day.

CARRIED

b. **National Dental Hygienists Week File No. 3009.1**

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive correspondence from B. Sander, refer it to staff and that the Fitzsimmons Covered Bridge be lit purple on April 4-10, 2024, in support of National Dental Hygienists Week.

CARRIED

c. **Heritage Week Proclamation File No. 3009.1**

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Morden

That Council receive correspondence from K. Clausen, refer it to staff and that February 19-25, 2024, be proclaimed Heritage Week in Whistler.

CARRIED

13.6 Late Correspondence

a. **Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2412, 2023**

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Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive correspondence from E. Callender and S. Henderson regarding "Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2412, 2023" and refer it to staff.

CARRIED

b. Rideshare in Whistler

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive correspondence from T. Eardley regarding Rideshare in Whistler, refer to staff and write a letter of support.

CARRIED

14. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor J. Morden

Seconded By Councillor J. Murl

That Council terminate the Regular Council Meeting of January 23, 2024, at 10:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Corporate Officer, P. Lysaght