



**REGULAR MEETING OF  
CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 06, 2024, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Meeting Room Flute and Microsoft Webinar

For information on how to participate: <http://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/committees/climate-action-and-environment-committee/>

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PRESENT: Councillor and Chair, A. De Jong	1
Mayor, J. Crompton	1
Councillor, J. Ford	1
RMOW Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen	1
RMOW General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey	1
AWARE Executive Director, P. Pourkarimi	1
Whistler Blackcomb, Base Area Operations Senior Director, K. Roddick	1
Member-at-Large, F. Savage	1
Member-at-Large, C. Godbout-Gauthier	1
Member-at-Large, A. Lord	1
Member-at-Large, C. Ruddy	1
Member-at-Large, M. Shorter	1
Youth representative, A. Mellor	1
RMOW Manager, Climate and Environment, Staff Liaison, L. Burhenne	1
Recording Secretary, D. Taveira	1
ABSENT: Lil'wat Nation, Director of Lands Resources, C. Gonzalez	0

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair A. De Jong recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Lil'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.*

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved By A. Mellor

Seconded By M. Shorter

That Climate Action and Environment Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of Wednesday, November 06, 2024.

CARRIED

### 3. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME (20 MINUTES)

Chair A. De Jong introduced the new committee and members. The meeting began with an icebreaker for each individual to share their reasons for participating on this committee.

*Kate Roddick entered the meeting at 2:47pm*

### 4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

#### 4.1 Review of Committee Purpose and Desired Outcomes (30 mins)

Chair De Jong gave an overview of the Terms of Reference

- the aim of this committee is to focus on high level policy and strategy, advance Council priorities, provide advice and recommendations to Council, help solve complex through collaboration, engage subject-matter experts, and collect community perspective. The committee supports and advises on proposed climate policy and strategies on Whistlers Climate Action Plans including Six Big Moves and three adaptation goals, the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) and wildfire mitigation work, Transportation related policy and strategy that requires integration, collaboration, and public engagement, and those that protect, support and increase the resilience of local ecosystems, natural ecosystems, natural assets and biodiversity.

*Jen Ford left the meeting at 3:01pm*

- we are streamlining committees at this time to make them more efficient and to better align with council priorities, Housing and Strategy, Smart Tourism, and Climate Action and Environment.

#### 4.2 Whistler Climate Action and Environment overview and update (30 mins)

*RMOW Manager, Climate and Environment, Staff Liaison, L. Burhenne presented a Big Moves Strategy overview about the Climate Action Implementation Plan and 2025 Initiatives. Slides from the presentation will be included in a separate attachment to committee members.*

*Take home / homework question:*

*Looking forward to the end of 2025 and beyond, what do you think success for this committee looks like. What do you think we will have achieved? What are you hoping to achieve in this committee?*

(Email answers to be sent to the recording secretary - [dtaveira@whistler.ca](mailto:dtaveira@whistler.ca) )

Discussion around land use planning to account for priority habitat and incentivizing behavior change to achieve climate goals.

Discussion around best use of committee expertise towards achieving Big Moves goals followed by member comments and questions regarding transportation initiatives and alignment on reducing GHG emissions from passenger vehicles.

*CAO summary – we expect this committee will review barriers to emerging and planning Big Moves strategy, review the barriers to the active transportation plan, discuss how we accelerate progress on climate action within the community, where does the RMOW have agency and where does it not so that we are all clear, where do we need to inspire action.*

*Request was made by the committee to provide a reference list for onboarding and comprehensive background information on municipal plans, strategies, and initiatives related to climate and environment. Staff agreed to send an onboarding package with links to all relevant strategies and plan.*

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**5.1 Meeting cadence for 2025 (5 mins)**

Discussion about meeting cadence with proposed Dates for 2025:

*February, May, September, and November*

**5.2 Appointment Vice Chair (5 mins)**

**That** the Climate Action and Environment Committee appoint Councilor Jen Ford as Vice Chair to the Committee

Moved By C. Ruddy

Seconded By F. Savage

CARRIED

**6. TERMINATION**

Moved By J. Crompton

Seconded By M. Shorter

**That** the Climate Action and Environment Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Wednesday, November 06, 2024, at 4:01 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, A. De Jong



Recording Secretary, D. Taveira