

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

WHISTLER MUNICIPAL HELIPORT BYLAW NO. 2490, 2025

A BYLAW TO IMPOSE FEES AND CHARGES AND ESTABLISH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE WHISTLER MUNICIPAL HELIPORT

WHEREAS the Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) deems it desirable to provide for the operation, maintenance and management of the Whistler municipal heliport legally described as:

Block J of District Lots 3760 and 7772
Group 1
New Westminster District
(Heliport)

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter*, the Council of the RMOW may, by bylaw, set fees or charges in respect of all or part of a service of the RMOW, or for the use of property of the RMOW;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the RMOW, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

CITATION

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Whistler Municipal Heliport Bylaw 2490, 2025" (Bylaw).

FEE SCHEDULE

2. The fees and charges for use of the Heliport shall be as shown on Schedule A, attached to and forming part of the Bylaw.

LANDING FEES

3. The landing fees set out in Schedule A are charged per landing. Each time a helicopter lands at the Heliport constitutes a separate landing, regardless of the number of landings made within a single day or operation.

EXEMPTIONS FROM LANDING FEES

4. The following helicopters are exempt from paying landing fees:
 - a) helicopters that are owned or operated by, or subcontracted to, a company holding a current lease at the Heliport; and
 - b) helicopters used for medical emergency situations and air transport for medical patients.

HELICOPTER PARKING

5. Helicopters that wish to park at the Heliport past sunset or for extended stays are subject to additional fees as set out in Schedule A and must pre-arrange the parking through the current Heliport management services operator.
6. The RMOW assumes no responsibility or liability for any helicopter parked on Heliport property. Parking of a helicopter, whether attended, unattended, or overnight is entirely at the owner and/or operator's risk.

HELICOPTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

7. Helicopters may only conduct landing, take-offs, on-ground movements, and other operational activity at the Heliport during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset), except where night operations are permitted under section 13.
8. Helicopter operators are responsible for the safe conduct of their helicopter while on-site, including the safe loading and unloading of passengers and cargo.
9. All road vehicles are prohibited from entering active helicopter surfaces, including the landing pad, taxiway, and safety zones. This includes, but is not limited to, driving up airside to a helicopter.
10. All road vehicles shall remain in the designated parking areas.
11. The RMOW reserved the right to temporarily restrict or suspend Heliport operations at any time for safety, operational or other municipal purposes, without prior notice.
12. The following must be reported to immediately to the current Heliport management services operator and may be subject to repair or remediation fees at the helicopter owner's expense:
 - a) damage to Heliport property; or
 - b) Release of fuel, oil, hydraulic fuel, or any other harmful substance on Heliport property.

NIGHT OPERATIONS

13. Night operations, defined as after sunset and before sunrise, including landings, takeoffs, or repositioning, shall only be permitted at the Heliport if the helicopter meets the light and operational standards as outlined in *Transport Canada Advisory Circular (AC) 301-001 – Heliports*, and all other applicable aviation regulations.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

14. All helicopter operators landing, taking off, or conducting any ground movements at the Heliport must comply with all applicable aviation laws,

regulations, and standards, including but not limited to the *Canadian Aviation Regulations* and *Transport Canada Advisory Circular (AC) 301-001 – Heliports*.

SEVERABILITY

15. If any portion of this Bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed, and the remainder of the Bylaw is deemed valid.

BYLAW AND LEGISLATION CHANGES

16. If any legislation or bylaws referred to in the Bylaw, including provincial or federal statutes and regulations and RMOW bylaws are amended, repealed and replaced, or otherwise updated, the most current version is deemed to be in effect.

GIVEN FIRST, SECOND and THIRD READINGS this 8 day of July, 2025.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Jack Crompton,
Mayor

Pauline Lysaght,
Corporate Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of "Whistler Municipal Heliport Bylaw No. 2490, 2025".

SCHEDULE A

WHISTLER MUNICIPAL HELIPORT FEES

Note: Fees do not include applicable taxes.

1. HELICOPTER LANDING FEES

Helicopter Type	Definition	Fee
Light Helicopter	Maximum take-off weight is less than or equal to 2,720 kg	\$70.00
Medium Helicopter	Maximum take-off weight is greater than 2,720 kg and less than or equal to 5,670 kg	\$90.00
Heavy Helicopter	Maximum take-off weight is greater than 5,670 kg	\$130.00

2. HELICOPTER PARKING FEES

Length of Stay	Fee
First Overnight (sunset to sunrise)	\$100.00
Each subsequent 24 hour (or part thereof) stay	\$100.00

3. REPAIR OR REMEDIATION CHARGES

Repair/Remediation Charges	Fee
Repair costs due to damage to Heliport property	Cost of repair + 10% administration fee
Remediation costs due to release of fuel, oil, hydraulic fuel, or any other harmful substance on Heliport property	Cost of remediation + 10% administration fee