

REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICPAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre 4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT: Mayor J. Crompton

Councillor A. De Jong Councillor R. Forsyth Councillor J. Ford Councillor J. Grills Councillor C. Jewett

ABSENT: Councillor D. Jackson

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey

General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston

General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey

Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard

Director of Finance, C. Price

Manager of Communications, M. Comeau

Municipal Clerk, A. Banman

Planner, A. Antonelli

Council Coordinator, N. Cooper

OTHERS: Sea to Sky Community Services Communications and Marketing Manager,

Steven Hill

Whistler Housing Authority General Manager, M. Zucht

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor J. Crompton recognized that the Meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the Lil'wat Nation and the Squamish Nation.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 7, 2020.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2020

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Community Enrichment Program Report Back - Sea to Sky Community Services Society

A presentation was made by Steven Hill, Communications and Marketing Manager, Sea to Sky Community Services Society, regarding the 2019 Community Enrichment Program.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's New Year Message

Mayor J. Crompton read his New Year's Message:

There is no better time than the beginning of a new year and a new decade to reflect on the past and look ahead to the future.

It's hard to believe it has been almost ten years since 2010. Hosting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games brought to life a community dream first sparked in 1960. The 2010 Games were a unique time in our history, and this February and March I look forward to celebrating the anniversary of those remarkable experiences and legacies with the community.

I would also like to acknowledge another important milestone, the Whistler 2020 community vision, which was adopted in 2005. Thank you to so many people and organizations who were involved in the development and implementation of this key policy. We have seen great changes and successes, as well as new challenges, throughout this time. Whistler has always been visionary and thoughtful about planning throughout our community's evolution. Whistler 2020 has guided a significant chapter in our community's history and its foundation will continue to inform our community thinking.

Looking forward, our new community vision will be incorporated into the updated Official Community Plan. Once adopted in 2020, the new policy, created with extensive contributions from across the community, will guide Whistler's next chapter of evolution.

Our municipal focus is on consistent progress toward our new community vision of being a place where community thrives, nature is protected and guests are inspired. It is a compelling vision. Community balance, climate action and housing have been identified as focus areas for this Council's term. While I am eager to see what we can accomplish in the years to come, it is important to reflect on the progress we have made so far.

Looking back, 2019 has been a productive year for the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

The Strategic Planning Commission was formed last year with the mandate to look at future community needs. The year 2020 will be significant for this group, which will work under the guidance of the new Official Community Plan and Vision.

In 2019, we continued to focus on climate action including free transit on summer weekends and the approval of free transit for high school students starting in 2020. Other initiatives included: continuing to work toward corridor-wide regional transit; the ongoing implementation of the Energy Step Code, which required the introduction of higher energy efficiency standards; FireSmart; new water bottle filling stations, and a new solid waste bylaw to further compel restaurants, hotels, businesses and multi-family housing units to compost and recycle.

Provincial funding has been secured, including a three-year Resort Municipality Initiative arrangement, as well as an increase to the Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT Hotel Tax) collected, from two to three per cent, and a provision that permits MRDT Hotel Tax generated from online accommodation providers to fund housing.

Whistler's supply of resident housing has expanded, with the opening of three WHA rental apartment buildings since January 2018 and an additional building in the advanced planning stages. Private development proposals were initiated last year and are now in various stages of rezoning, including a Whistler Blackcomb dormitory, Whistler Sport Legacies and Whistler Ski Club buildings, and several other developments expected to come back before Council in 2020. These new developments have the potential of adding substantial rental and owned employee housing at no cost to the community.

Some of the other notable projects and events in 2019 included the upgrade of the Emerald Estates water system, replacement of White Gold's water main and establishment of the Community Evacuation Plan and E-Bike Policy. Planning for new Valley Trail linkages also took place in 2019, with implementation of several sections expected in 2020. Substantial work was done on the Parks Master Plan, with completion planned for next year. We also celebrated the opening of the Andrée Vajda Janyk Sports Field and hosted Roger's Hometown Hockey and another fabulous Whistler Presents summer concert series.

I have touched on some of the highlights, but it is only a selection from a busy and productive year.

The community has accomplished so much, and our collective efforts must continue to keep Whistler a magical place.

Thanks to Council, staff, and the community for everyone's collaborative work over the year, and I look forward to a successful and productive 2020.

Mayor J. Crompton wished everyone a happy holiday season and New Year. He noted that it was great to see so many people from near and far getting into the festive spirit at the Whistler Holiday Experience, and enjoying activities such as Family Après at Whistler Olympic Plaza and Skating at the Plaza. He thanked everyone who braved the elements and took advantage of the New Year's Eve festivities. Mayor J. Crompton noted that the RMOW is looking forward to a successful year ahead for the community. He thanked all the incredible Whistlerites who worked hard to deliver incredible food and beverage experiences, clearing snow, and teaching people to love skiing and

snowboarding. He added that the Whistler Blackcomb staff made a really challenging snow situation work and thanked them for their efforts.

Fires in Australia

Mayor J. Crompton noted that Whistler's thoughts are with Australia as the country is faced with a horrific wildfire season. He added that with so many residents and visitors in Whistler with strong Australian connections, he can only imagine how difficult it must to witness the fires from abroad, and noted that British Columbia knows the devastation of wildfires only too well. He added that he hopes everyone stays safe as firefighters work hard to put out the fires.

Whistler Podcast

Mayor J. Crompton noted that he is excited to announce the upcoming launch of the RMOW's newest channel, The Whistler Podcast. Twice a month, he will be hosting candid conversations with community leaders and special guests about current events, local government and everything Whistler. He noted that he has already recorded several podcasts and is looking forward to many more interesting conversations. He added that the goal of this new RMOW channel is to connect with Whistler residents by discussing topics of municipal and community interest with podcast guests from across Whistler and beyond. The community will be encouraged to participate in the podcast by providing feedback, asking questions and suggesting topics for discussion. More information about where to find and subscribe to the podcast will be released in the coming weeks.

Free Transit

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the RMOW is launching a pilot project that will put all Whistler students in secondary school on Whistler's local transit for free in 2020. He noted that Council endorsed this pilot project, presented by the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) at their regular meeting on November 5, 2019. The funding will come from an increase to monthly parking passes in Day Lots 1, 2 and 3. All Whistler high school students will receive a pass valid from January 2020 until September 30, 2020. Passes are currently being produced by RMOW staff and will be distributed to the students through the schools in January. He added that this is one of many initiatives underway to empower our community to choose cleaner forms of transportation. For more information go to whistler.ca/transit.

Dog and Business Licences

Mayor J. Crompton noted that dog and business licences are now available for renewal. He noted that dog Licences must be renewed annually, starting on January 1, and added that 100 per cent of the proceeds from new or renewed licences purchased at the WAG shelter before March 31, 2020 will be donated to the shelter. To find out more about purchasing and renewing your dog's licence, visit whistler.ca/dogs. Mayor J. Crompton noted that business licences must be renewed on or before January 31 each calendar year, and more information about all of the convenient payment options can be found online at whistler.ca/businesslicences.

Lost Lake Nordic Trails

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the Lost Lake Nordic Trails opened Monday, January 6 for the winter season. Approximately 8 km of ski trails for classic and skate technique are

open, including Lost Lake Loop, Lower Panorama and Old Mill Road, and approximately 3km of snowshoe trails and night skiing will be available. He added that half-price tickets will be offered for the first few days of operations, due to early-season conditions. Mayor J. Crompton noted that the Nicklaus North Golf course trails and the Chateau golf course trails will remain closed until there is more snow. He advised that the trails are closed to walkers, hikers, runners, dogs, ice skaters and bikes. More information about the trails, passes, and daily grooming reports can be found online at whistler.ca/Nordic.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Mayor J. Crompton advised that real Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Function Junction or Nesters waste depots until January 15. He noted that this service is offered to make it easy to dispose of trees properly and reduce fire risks in summer months. The depots are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Whistler Place Branding

Mayor J. Crompton congratulated Tourism Whistler on their work on their Whistler Place Branding project.

BC Assessments

Mayor J. Crompton noted that BC Assessments had released their 2020 valuations over the holidays. He added that although Whistler and Pemberton average valuations are up, and Squamish is flat, much of the Lower Mainland are substantively down, and other areas of the province vary widely depending on the region. He noted that it is important for a community to pay close attention to changes like the ones released by BC Assessments, and the he is pleased to know the Strategic Planning Committee is at work building models to understand and respond to factors like long term trends regarding economic cycles, property values, population and many others, while the Economic Partnership Initiative keeps an eye on ongoing market factors such as the value of the Canadian dollar, travel trends and geographic travel patterns. Mayor J. Crompton encouraged members of the community to contact him with their thoughts on what these kind of changes and others mean for Whistler at Mayorsoffice@whistler.ca.

Vital Café on Climate Crisis

Mayor J. Crompton noted that on Thursday January 16, the Community Foundation of Whistler (CFOW) will be hosting a Vital Café on Climate Crisis. Interested community members can attend at the Whistler Public Library at 5pm for a presentation and dialogue. He added that these Vital Cafes are great ways to connect to the community, and he thanked the CFOW for their work.

Councillor C. Jewett

Councillor C. Jewett noted that the Whistler Secondary School Art Show starts on January 8, 2020 at MYAC. She also noted MYAC's collaborative work with First Nations during 2019, with several art exhibitions, and a play written and performed by Lil'wat Nation artist Yvonne Wallace. Councillor C. Jewett noted that the Emily Carr exhibition at the Audain Museum has been extended by one day to January 20, 2020, and added that there are a couple of events being held. She added that Whistler has been very fortunate to have this exhibition in Whistler. Councillor C. Jewett noted that a new exhibition begins in February called 'The Extended Moment: Fifty Years of Collecting Photographs' in collaboration with National Gallery of Canada.

Councillor A. De Jong

Councillor A. De Jong thanked all the front line employees, from snow clearing to dishwashers, for taking care of guests and visitors in Whistler throughout the holiday period.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Whistler Housing Authority's 2019-2020 Information Update Report No. 20-001 File No. 7724

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the Whistler Housing Authority's 2019 - 2020 Information Update.

CARRIED

7.2 Third Quarter Financial Report - 2019 Report No. 20-002 File No. 4527

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive Information Report No. 20-002 Quarterly Financial Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2019.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 RZ1147 – 1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive – Whistler Sport Legacies Employee Housing – Zoning Adoption and Housing Agreements Report No. 20-003 File No. RZ1147

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council rescind third reading of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245, 2019"; and

That Council revise "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245, 2019" by substituting the phrase "Part 10" for "Part 11" in each of sections 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) of the Bylaw; and

That Council consider giving third reading to and adopting "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245, 2019" as revised; and

That Council consider giving first, second, and third readings to "Housing Agreement Bylaw (1315 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2262, 2020"; and further

That Council consider giving first, second, and third readings to "Housing Agreement Bylaw (1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2263, 2020".

9. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

9.1 Housing Agreement Bylaw (1315 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2262, 2020

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That "Housing Agreement Bylaw (1315 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2262, 2020" be

given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

9.2 Housing Agreement Bylaw (1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2263, 2020

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That "Housing Agreement Bylaw (1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2263, 2020" be

given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

10.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245, 2019

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245,

2019" be given third reading; and

That "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1315 and 1345 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2245,

2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

10.2 Fire and Life Safety Bylaw 2201, 2019

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That "Fire and Life Safety Bylaw 2201, 2019" be adopted.

10.3 Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw (Fire and Life Safety) No. 2260, 2019

Moved By Councillor J. Ford Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That "Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw (Fire and Life Safety) No. 2260, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

10.4 Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Amendment Bylaw (Fire and Life Safety) No. 2261, 2019

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "Municipal Ticket Information System Implementation Amendment Bylaw (Fire and Life Safety) No. 2261, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

10.5 Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw 2267, 2019

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That "Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw 2267, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

10.6 Five-Year Financial Plan 2019-2023 Amendment Bylaw No. 2265, 2019

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "Five-Year Financial Plan 2019-2023 Amendment Bylaw No. 2265, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

10.7 Five-Year Financial Plan 2020-2024 Bylaw No. 2258, 2019

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That "Five-Year Financial Plan 2020-2024 Bylaw No. 2258, 2019" be adopted.

10.8 Credit Card Payment Service Fee Bylaw No. 2259, 2019

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That "Credit Card Payment Service Fee Bylaw No. 2259, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 DES Heating Systems File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from David MacPhail, regarding DES Heating Systems be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

12.2 Request to Participate in Meeting to Prepare a Joint Submission to Translink File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Tony Rainbow, Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board of Directors, regarding a request to participate in meeting to prepare a joint submission to Translink be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

12.3 Progress Payment (SWPI-724 Alta Lake Road CCF5 Operational Treatment Jan 2017) File No. 2014

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM, regarding Progress Payment (SWPI-724 Alta Lake Road CCF5 Operational Treatment Jan 2017) be received and referred to staff.

12.4 Progress Payment (SWPI-725 Alpine Meadows Block 2 Operational Treatment Jan 2017) File No. 2014

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM, regarding Progress Payment (SWPI-724 Alta Lake Road CCF5 Operational Treatment Jan 2017) be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

12.5 Progress Payment (SWPI-831 Block 1, CCF3 and CCF4 Prescriptions, 2019) File No. 2014

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Peter Ronald, Programs Officer, Local Government Program Services, UBCM, regarding Progress Payment (SWPI-831 Block 1, CCF3 and CCF4 Prescriptions, 2019) be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

12.6 \$10 a Day Child Care Plan File No. 2014

Moved By Councillor J. Ford
Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Julia Martin, Administrative Assistant, Alberni-Cloyoquot Regional District, regarding the \$10 a Day Child Care Plan be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

12.7 Sea to Sky Natural Resource District Adventure Tourism Information File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Dave Southam, District Manager, Sea to Sky Natural Resource District, regarding Sea to Sky Natural Resource District Adventure Tourism Information be received and referred to staff.

12.8 BC Natural Resources Forum Invitation File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from Dan M. Jepsen, Director and Co-Founder, C3 Alliance Corp, regarding an Invitation to the BC Natural Resources Forum be received.

CARRIED

12.9 Light Up Request - Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Christine Skwarok, Jessie's Legacy Eating Disorders Prevention, requesting that the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit purple on February 1, 2020 in support of Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness be received, and the Fitzsimmon's bridge be lit.

CARRIED

12.10 Proclamation Request International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Giselle Portenier, Co-Founder, End FGM Canada Network, requesting that February 6, 2020 be proclaimed Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation in Whistler be received, and so proclaimed.

CARRIED

13. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That the Regular Council Meeting of January 7, 2020 be terminated at 7:01 p.m.

| Mayor, J. Crompton | Municipal Clerk, A. Banman | |
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