



**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

<https://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/council/watch-council-meetings>

PRESENT: Mayor J. Crompton
Councillor A. De Jong
Councillor R. Forsyth
Councillor J. Ford
Councillor J. Grills
Councillor D. Jackson
Councillor C. Jewett

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, T. Battiston
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Interim General Manager of Resort Experience, T. Metcalf
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Municipal Clerk, A. Banman
Capital Projects Manager, T. Shore
Acting Senior Planner, R. Licko
Parks and Trails Supervisor, L. Russell
Protective Services Planning Analyst, K. Creery
Legislative and Insurance Coordinator, L. Wyn-Griffiths
Council Coordinator, N. Cooper

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of May 26, 2020 as amended to include under Other Business the Notification of Community Enrichment Program Scholarship recipients.

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of May 26, 2020.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2020.

CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence received from Christine Wrightson, Co-Executive Director, Zero Ceiling, requesting that the Executive Director of the Whistler Community Services Society be appointed to the Economic Partnership Initiative Committee, be included on the Agenda under Correspondence.

CARRIED

5. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

B.C.'s Restart Plan

Mayor J. Crompton noted that last week marked the start of the transition into phase 2 of B.C.'s Restart Plan and emphasized that while some businesses begin to re-open, it is important that it is done with care. He noted that as the community works to navigate the new normal, provincial health authorities emphasize that people must be patient and continue to practice physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, and stay close to home. The provincial government, in partnership with WorkSafeBC, has established new guidelines to help businesses re-open safely. Employers are required to develop a COVID-19 Safety Plan that outlines the policies, guidelines, and procedures they have put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. A list of industry specific guidelines at whistler.ca/saferestart. While certain restrictions begin to be eased, Whistler must not ease its commitment to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Mayor J. Crompton noted that the federal government has recommended the use of non-medical masks or cloth face coverings in public settings, when proper physical distancing isn't possible. This should be done in addition to following the recommendations of our provincial health authorities.

B.C. COVID-19 Survey

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the B.C. government is encouraging everyone to complete its survey. *Your story, our future* is a population health survey to understand citizen experiences, knowledge and actions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This survey is the first of several activities that will strengthen our pandemic response and our understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 to date (social, economic, mental wellness and community wellness). The survey is open to all British Columbians 18 years of age and older, and takes 10-15 minutes and can be done online on any tablet, computer or

mobile device. It is open until May 31, 2020. Participants without online access or needing language assistance can call 1-833-707-1900, seven days a week between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Visit bccdc.ca/covid19survey to take the survey.

Parks and Trails Re-opening

Mayor J. Crompton noted that Whistler's parks and trails have re-opened. The Resort Municipality of Whistler is encouraging residents to get outside and exercise, as well as make smart choices about physical distancing, staying safe, and staying local. He noted that all parks in Whistler have re-opened for public use, with select amenities remaining closed. Park amenities that remain closed include:

- **Playgrounds**, including the Meadow Park waterpark and outdoor gyms as these are high touch surfaces.
- **Park facilities that need to be spring cleaned, inspected and repaired remain temporarily closed.** This includes the tennis courts at Myrtle Phillip and Taluswood Park.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the RMOW continues to assess all facility closures with a view to open all amenities as soon as it is safe to do so. To learn more about Whistler's parks, visit whistler.ca/parks. He added that almost all of Whistler's off-road recreational trails are snow-free and open for public use, and reminded trail users to stay at least two metres from others and do not recreate in groups. He asked that people ride and hike within their ability, as now is not the time to try something new that could lead to an injury and put strain on the health care system. Visit www.whistler.ca/trails to learn more about RMOW managed trails, or Trail Forks for details on specific trails.

Dog Leash Etiquette and Bears

Mayor J. Crompton asked dog owners to do their part to protect bears and keep dogs on leash. He noted that the Conservation Officer Service (COS) has received numerous reports of bears bluff charging both people and off-leash dogs in Whistler this spring. A bluff charge is a form of defensive behaviour and indicates that the bear feels threatened when a person or their dog is too close. Leashing dogs protects the owner, the dog, the bears and all of Whistler's wildlife.

Mayor J. Crompton reminded the community to help protect our bears by:

- **Keeping your distance.** Always leave at least 100 meters between you and a bear.
- **Keep all dogs on leash.** Dogs can provoke defensive and dangerous behaviour in bears. Repeated negative experiences with off-leash dogs lead bears to become aggressive towards dogs and people.
- **Make noise-** especially when moving quickly or on trails with limited visibility.
- **Remain alert.** Remove headphones and look and listen for signs of wildlife activity.
- **Carry bear spray.** This is your best defense in case of a negative encounter.

Report any bears in residential areas by phoning 1-877-952-7277. Early reporting allows the COS to intervene before a bear becomes habituated, and allows them to get the bears safely back into the wild.

Municipal Hall Re-Opening

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the RMOW is working to re-open Municipal Hall on June 1 to allow the public to access in-person payments and purchases if they need to. Residents are encouraged to access those services, including property tax payment, online through www.whistler.ca/onlineservices. He added that bus passes and tickets are available for purchase at Nester's Market will be available from Creekside Market and Forecast Coffee in Function Junction later this week for residents looking to purchase those products before June 1.

Property Tax Notices

Mayor J. Crompton noted that Property Tax Notices were sent out last week. For those that signed up to receive it electronically, it can be accessed online through your My Whistler account at my.whistler.ca. He noted that property taxes are due on July 2. For information on how to easily pay your taxes online, visit whistler.ca/propertytax. Mayor J. Crompton added that earlier this month, Council approved an extension to the penalty deadline to October 1, 2020. This provides an extra three months for business and homeowners to pay their taxes before incurring a 10% late payment penalty for unpaid balances after October 1, 2020.

Building Permits and Inspections

Mayor J. Crompton noted that Building Permits and inspections are required for all renovation and construction projects in Whistler. Building services are available using modified processes to respect physical distancing, including Application submissions, Permits and Site inspections. Online bookings for building inspections are now available. Visit whistler.ca/building to book inspections online and learn more about permit applications, and current procedures.

Whistler Podcast

Mayor J. Crompton noted that Episodes 14 and 15 of the Whistler Podcast are now live. In Episode 14 he spoke with Patrick Weiler, Member of Parliament for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast- Sea to Sky country and discussed the challenges of the year so far, how COVID-19 has impacted Canada and transformed his role as an MP and encourage support for local businesses. In Episode 15 he joined the Sea to Sky corridor Mayors to discuss the constant state of change impacting our communities during the pandemic. They discussed the phased approach to reopening, the role of Mayor during COVID-19 and opportunities to 'build back better' following the pandemic. The similarities and differences between communities are highlighted and everyone is challenged to take responsibility for their own two metres of space, while showing affection from a distance. Listen to the podcast at whistler.ca/WhistlerPodcast.

BC Transit

Mayor J. Crompton noted that BC Transit will resume front door boarding and fare collection on June 1 and noted that in order to ensure the safety of passengers and employees, BC Transit is installing vinyl panels on buses without full driver doors, in addition to enhanced safety precautions already in place. June bus passes are available to purchase at Nester's Market and will be available at Creekside Market and Forecast Coffee in Function Junction later this week. Six and 12 month bus passes valid while rear-door boarding was in place will be extended. Please email transit@whistler.ca for more information or visit BCTransit.com/covid19.

Healthcare

Mayor J. Crompton reminded the community that for primary care needs to continue to contact their family physician. Those without a family physician can visit divisionsbc.ca/sea-sky to access the Sea to Sky Division of Family Practice's virtual walk-in clinic. This virtual service is available to anyone in the Sea to Sky corridor. Outside of clinic hours, contact 8-1-1 to access Health Link or visit healthlinkbc.ca. In an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Wildfire Season

Mayor J. Crompton reminded everyone that Whistler is in wildfire season and the fire danger rating changes daily. He noted that no fires are allowed in Whistler. This includes campfires and garden debris burning. More information can be found online at whistler.ca/FireRating. He also reminded everyone to have a personal evacuation plan in place. Learn more about how to prepare at whistler.ca/evacuate.

Condolences

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Mayor J. Crompton shared condolences with the family and friends of Dale Hotell. He will be remembered by the hundreds of volunteer Mountain Hosts he hired and managed over his 35 year career with Whistler Blackcomb.

Mayor J. Crompton also shared condolences with the friends and family of Captain Jenn Casey. Captain Jenn Casey was a snowbird pilot with the Canadian Air Forces and her snowbird went down in Kamloops over the Victoria Day long weekend.

Councillor C. Jewett

Councillor C. Jewett noted that both Arts Whistler and the Whistler Museum and Archive Society held their AGMs in the last couple of weeks. She noted that the Museum has lots of content available online, including their catalogue of photos and some videos. She added that Arts Whistler has lots of online content. Councillor C. Jewett reminded everyone of the need for creative collaboration within the arts and culture sector. Councillor C. Jewett noted that the Audain Museum is holding their Tuesday night talk tonight, and noted that the Whistler Public Library is hosting Lit Minds with Greg McDonnell, a series of mental health talks.

Councillor J. Ford

Councillor J. Ford noted that Whistler Transit bus passes will also be sold at Creekside Market. She also thanked the Kids on the Go staff for working to make programming available this summer.

Councillor John Grills

Councillor J. Grills noted that commercial emergency rental assistance applications and another program for commercial mortgages will be opening soon.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

6.1 4232 Village Stroll – La Brasserie Patio Canopy Structure Report No. 20-048 File No. DP1750

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That Council approve Development Permit DP1750 to permit construction of a timber frame canopy structure over the existing patio located adjacent to 4232 Village Stroll, La Brasserie Restaurant, as shown in Architectural Plans A0.00, A0.01, A0.02, A1.00 prepared by Azurean Architecture Incorporated and dated 12 May 2020, subject to the resolution of the following matters to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

1. Final review and resolution of architectural details including connections to the building and the adjacent canopy, connections of post foundations to the ground and their locations;
2. Revisions to the existing Patio License Agreement to reflect the proposed improvements; and
3. Receipt of a Construction Management Strategy consistent with development permit requirements for Whistler Village;
4. Completion of approved landscaping for revitalizing existing landscape planters in conjunction with the proposed canopy; and further

That Council authorize staff to amend the existing patio license agreement.

CARRIED

6.2 Inter-Municipal Business Licensing – Ride Hailing Bylaws Report No. 20-034 File No. 4700

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council consider giving first, second, and third readings to the “Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Bylaw No. 2272, 2020”; and

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the “Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 2271, 2020”; and

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the “Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Partial Discount) No. 2273, 2020”; and further

That Council give notice of its intention to adopt “Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 2271, 2020”, “Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Bylaw No. 2272, 2020”, and “Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Partial Discount) No. 2273, 2020” by publishing a notice on the Resort Municipality of Whistler’s website and on the public notice board at the Municipal Hall on or before May 28, 2020, which notice shall include a copy of the bylaws and advise that persons who consider themselves affected may make representations to council in writing by e-mail or letter to the Municipal Clerk by June 19, 2020.

OPPOSED: Councillor A. De Jong

CARRIED

6.3 Millar Creek Valley Trail and Sewer Upgrades - Contract Award Report No. 20-049 File No. X13802-E320-2020

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council award the contract for the Millar Creek Valley Trail and Sewer Manhole Upgrades Project in the amount of \$1,518,875 (exclusive of GST) to Capilano Highway Services in accordance with their tender proposal dated March 12, 2020.

CARRIED

6.4 Whistler 2020 Development Corporation 2020 Annual Filing Report No. 20-050 File No. Vault

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler (the “Municipality”) in open meeting assembled, resolve that the Municipality, as the sole shareholder of Whistler 2020 Development Corp. (“WDC 2020”), pass the Consent Resolutions of the sole Shareholder of WDC 2020, copies of which are attached to this Administrative Report No. 20-050 as Appendix “A”, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

7. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

7.1 Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council receive the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Forest and Wildland Committee of February 12, 2020.

CARRIED

7.2 Liquor Licence Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee of November 14, 2019.

CARRIED

7.3 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee of November 14, 2019 and February 13, 2020.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

8.1 Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 2271, 2020

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Agreement Bylaw No. 2271, 2020" be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

8.2 Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Bylaw No. 2272, 2020

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That “Inter-Municipal Transportation Network Services Business License Bylaw No. 2272, 2020” be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

8.3 Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Partial Discount) No. 2273, 2020

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That “Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw (Partial Discount) No. 2273, 2020” be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Endorsement of SLRD Submission “TransLink – Transport 2050”

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council endorse the attached submission from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) to the “Translink – Transport 2050” strategic planning process.

CARRIED

9.2 Whistler Housing Authority Board Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton noted that G.D. Maxwell and Virginia Cullen have been appointed to the Whistler Housing Authority Board of Directors.

9.3 Notification of Community Enrichment Program Scholarship Recipients

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the following students have each been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Community Enrichment Program:

- Soyoung Jeong; and
- Abby Unruh.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 RMOW Tenders and Future Projects File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Nigel Woods, Chairman, Coastal Mountain Excavations Ltd., regarding RMOW Tenders and future projects be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.2 Provincial Property Tax Deferment Program File No. 2014

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Linda Buchanan, Mayor, City of North Vancouver, regarding the Provincial property tax deferment program be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.3 Request for Support - Hospitality Industry Patio Permitting File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Ian Tostenson, President and CEO, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, Jeff Guignard, Executive Director, Alliance of Beverage Licensees, Ken Beattie, Executive Director, BC Craft Brewers Guild, and Miles Prodan, President and CEO BC Wine Institute, regarding a request for support for Hospitality Industry Patio Permitting be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.4 RZ1146 - 7104 Nancy Greene Drive File No. RZ1146

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Elizabeth Chaplin, regarding RZ1146 - 7104 Nancy Greene Drive be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.5 Docks Management Strategy File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from from the following individuals, regarding the Docks Management Strategy:

- Heather Lynskey; and
- Paul Dorland

be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.6 Forest Fire Thinning File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Rhonda L. Millikin, regarding forest fire thinning be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.7 Grizzly Bear Conflict Mitigation Strategy File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Michael Blaxland, Chair, Alpine Access Sub Committee, Alpine Club Canada - Whistler Section, regarding the Grizzly Bear Conflict Mitigation Strategy be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.8 Woodfibre LNG Environmental Assessment Certificate Extension File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from Tracey Saxby, Executive Director, My Sea to Sky, regarding the Woodfibre LNG Environmental Assessment Certificate Extension be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.9 Community Gardens File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from Jim Kennedy, regarding community gardens be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.10 Vail Resorts Refund Policy File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Tammy Marino regarding Vail Resorts Refund Policy be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

10.11 Request for Appointment to Economic Partnership Initiative Committee File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Christine Wrightson, Co-Executive Director, Zero Ceiling, requesting that the Executive Director of the Whistler Community Services Society be appointed to the Economic Partnership Initiative Committee, be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That the Regular Council Meeting of May 26, 2020 be terminated at 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Municipal Clerk, A. Banman