



# WHISTLER

## REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

**PRESENTED:** October 6, 2020

**REPORT:** 20-099

**FROM:** Infrastructure Services

**FILE:** T00101-2020

**SUBJECT:** PARTNERING AGREEMENT WITH ALPINE PAVING

### COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**That** the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to sign the Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving (1978) Ltd attached to this Report as Appendix "A".

### REFERENCES

Appendix "A" – Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with a mechanism to work with Alpine Paving to make safety improvements, noise and dust (airborne particulate matter) abatement works along the access road into the gravel quarry and asphalt plant tenure area located adjacent to the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood.

### DISCUSSION

#### Background

At the June 9, 2020 Council meeting, Council adopted the following resolutions:

**That** Council change the restrictions on asphalt procurement to allow asphalt to be purchased from the plant located near Cheakamus Crossing; and

**That** Council reconsider this decision in one year's time and direct staff to continue air quality monitoring, request consolidated production days, and encourage ongoing dialogue with the owner on best practices for the site.

At the July 21 Council Meeting, Council also resolved:

**That** Council authorize the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the contract with Alpine Paving (1978) Ltd. for the Whistler Road and Trail Reconstruction Project in the amount \$506,495.00 (exclusive of GST) in accordance with their tender proposal dated June 30, 2020; and further

**That** Council direct staff to explore the development of a Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving to pursue safety improvements, noise and dust (airborne particulate matter) abatement works along the access road into the gravel quarry and asphalt plant tenure area.

Since the July 21 Council meeting, staff have initiated conversations with the owner of Alpine Paving and discussed several items that the RMOW and Alpine Paving could partner on to improve safety, and reduce the dust and noise levels from the quarry tenure area.

The RMOW and Alpine Paving plan to complete paving of the entrance road to the gravel quarry and extend a berm with planted vegetation to better screen the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood from the dust and noise generated by the industrial tenure area.

In order to work with the owner of the gravel quarry and asphalt plant operation to reduce impacts to the community from the gravel extraction and asphalt plant operation, a Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving (1978) Ltd is required to allow the RMOW to participate in any upgrades that are made within the tenure area.

In addition to the work considered by the Partnering Agreement, the project team will also complete an assessment on the placement of the existing air quality monitoring station and determine if installation of a new air quality station or relocation of the existing station would provide additional, useful air quality information.

Earlier in the 2020 construction season, the RMOW project team made some safety improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the Train Wreck trailhead. A crosswalk has been painted, no-post barriers installed to improve pedestrian safety along the path from the parking area to the crossing, and sight lines were improved with the removal of a rock outcropping.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Official Community Plan**

#### **Community Vision**

One portion of our community vision states “We value our relationships and work together as partners and community members.” This Partnering Agreement aligns with this portion of the vision as it seeks to improve the relationship between the industrial operations adjacent to Cheakamus Crossing and the residents of Cheakamus Crossing, and provides a clear partnership between the RMOW and Alpine Paving to make improvements that will benefit the neighbourhood.

#### **Goals, Objectives and Policies**

##### **7.4. Goal - Air quality is protected.**

###### **7.4.1. Objective**

Maintain Whistler’s air quality so that it exceeds provincial guidelines.

###### **7.4.1.1. Policy**

Take actions to reduce particulates and other emissions from transportation, industry, building heating and other human-created sources.

###### **7.4.1.2. Policy**

Continue to partner with Sea to Sky corridor communities, provincial agencies and other relevant bodies in planning and implementing the Sea-to-Sky Air Quality Management Plan and other air quality improvements.

The proposed Partnering Agreement directly aligns with Policy 7.4.1.1 and 7.4.1.2.

## **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

Costs for any improvements made under this agreement will be included in the 2020 and 2021 Road Reconstruction project budget. The estimated cost for the work in 2020 is \$45,000.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

An open house regarding utilizing the asphalt plant located adjacent to Cheakamus Crossing for RMOW projects was held on February 26, 2020. Many residents expressed their concerns with the air quality and noise impacts from the operation of the asphalt plant and gravel quarry. The improvements contemplated in this Partnering Agreement seek to address those concerns.

## **SUMMARY**

Council directed staff to explore the development of a Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving to pursue safety improvements, and dust and noise abatement works along the access road into the gravel quarry and asphalt plant tenure area. The RMOW has made some safety improvements on the access road, but requires a Partnering Agreement with Alpine Paving to make select improvements in response to dust and noise concerns on the tenure area that contains the asphalt plant and gravel quarry.

Respectfully submitted,

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