



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### ZERO WASTE SELECT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020, STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

Online – Zoom

#### PRESENT:

Andrew Tucker, RMOW  
Arthur De Jong, RMOW Council  
Cathy Jewett, RMOW Council  
Anita Auer, Crystal Lodge  
Tom McColm, Canadian Home Builders Association  
Sue Maxwell, Citizen at Large  
Lori Pyne, Whistler Community Services Society  
Kerren Bottay, Restaurant Association of Whistler  
Thea Zerbe, Whistler Blackcomb/Vail Resorts  
Claire Ruddy, AWARE  
Lauren Harrison, RMOW  
James Hallisey, RMOW  
Luisa Berhenne, RMOW  
Heather Beresford, RMOW  
Cheeying Ho, Facilitator

#### ABSENT:

Marie-Lou LeBlanc, SLRD  
Allana Williams, Whistler Blackcomb

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. De Jong  
Seconded by C. Ruddy

**That** the Zero Waste Select Committee adopts the Zero Waste Select Committee agenda of June 25, 2020.

CARRIED

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. De Jong  
Seconded C. Ruddy

**That** the Zero Waste Select Committee adopts the Zero Waste Select Committee minutes of February 21, 2020.

CARRIED

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor C. Jewett, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation on the committee.

C. Ho reviewed the agenda and objectives and led a round of introductions.

### **REVIEW OF INTERVIEW RESULTS**

C. Ho presented the results of the interviews she conducted with members of the committee. Overall, committee members feel that zero waste efforts have gone backwards during the COVID-19 situation. C. Ho reminded everyone that we are creating a medium to long-term action plan and to not let the current situation impact the plan substantially.

T. McColm created a survey on waste practices and sent it to the Canadian Home Builders Association. This survey received 14 responses. C. Ho presented on the results.

### **UPDATE ON WASTE IN WHISTLER**

A. Tucker provided an update on the waste generated in Whistler since February. Overall, the amount of waste created in Whistler has been lower since COVID-19 began. This is due to restaurant closures, fewer people in town and closed construction sites. The amount of waste in the compactors at the depots was higher than the amount of waste generated in 2019. This is likely due to increased take-out containers, more packaging from online shopping and people cleaning out their homes with nowhere to donate second-hand items.

### **REVIEW OF DESIRED OUTCOMES**

The committee members worked collaboratively on a Google Doc to review the refined desired outcome statements from the last meeting.

### **REVIEW STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS**

The committee members worked in groups of 3 to review strategies and actions for each of the 4 focus areas. Focus areas are built environment materials; organics, food and food packaging; general/cross-cutting; and consumer products and packaging. The strategies will focus on education, programs, infrastructures and policies/bylaws.

### **CLIMATE BIG MOVES**

H. Beresford introduced the Climate Action Big Moves Strategy. This is a strategy that focuses on climate change mitigation priorities that will accelerate climate action in Whistler and will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The strategy comprises 6 big moves that focus on buildings, transport and waste and sets a new 2030 target of 50% below 2007 emissions.

The Environment Stewardship department is looking for feedback on the waste section from the Zero Waste Select Committee. The strategy is being presented to council on July 7 and then a detailed implementation and monitoring plan will be

developed over the summer. Experts and stakeholders will be engaged as specific key initiatives are planned and executed.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

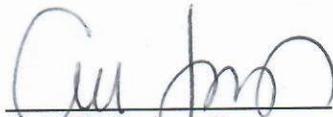
- Review and refine all actions
- Develop criteria for prioritizing actions
- Identify timeline goals for all actions, identify the lead organization and partners, identify KPIs for all actions
- Write draft action plan

#### **TERMINATION**

Moved by A. De Jong  
Seconded by C. Ruddy

**That** the Zero Waste Select Committee terminates the June 25, 2020 Zero Waste Committee meeting at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED



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CHAIR: C. Jewett



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RECORDING SECRETARY: L. Harrison