



REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

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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
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones
Interim General Manager of Resort Experience, T. Metcalf
Director of Finance, C. Price
Technical Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Manager of Planning, M. Laidlaw
Municipal Clerk, B. Browning
Manager of Transport and Waste Management, A. Tucker
Manager of Cultural Planning and Development, J. Rae
Manager of Communications, G. Robinson
Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford
Deputy Municipal Clerk, A. Banman
Climate Action Coordinator, L. Burhenne
Legislative Services Administrative Assistant, L. Wyn-Griffiths

OTHERS:

Howe Sound Women's Centre, Community Programs Director, Shana Murray
Howe Sound Women's Centre, Interim Community Program Manager, Allison Gilchrist
Sea to Sky Community Services, Manager of Children's Services, Julie Van Eesteren
Whistler Community Services Society, Executive Director, Jackie Dickinson
Zero Ceiling, Co-Executive Director, Chris Wrightson
Freedom of the Municipality Holder, Jim Moodie

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 R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of December 15, 2020.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2020.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 2020 Community Enrichment Program Report Back - Howe Sound Women's Centre

A presentation was given by Shana Murray, Community Programs Director, and Allison Gilchrist, Interim Community Program Manager, regarding the 2020 Community Enrichment Program.

4.2 2020 Community Enrichment Program Report Back - Sea to Sky Community Services

A presentation was given by Julie Van Eesteren, Manager of Children's Services, regarding the 2020 Community Enrichment Program.

4.3 2020 Community Enrichment Program Report Back - Whistler Community Services Society

A presentation was given by Jackie Dickinson, Executive Director, regarding the 2020 Community Enrichment Program.

4.4 2020 Community Enrichment Program Report Back - Zero Ceiling

A presentation was given by Chris Wrightson, Co-Executive Director, regarding the 2020 Community Enrichment Program.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Questions were asked during the Meeting via Zoom.

Paul Hothersall, 2240 Gondola Way

Re: Transportation and Parking

Mr. Hothersall asked if the plan for paid parking in Creekside is something that has been discussed with Council. If so, would the money be diverted to the Municipality for transportation projects.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that the Creekside parking lot is a privately-owned lot by Whistler Blackcomb and it is their decision.

Mr. Hothersall asked if Council is aware of any initiatives to implement paid parking.

General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey advised that the topic has been discussed a few times over the years with the Transportation Advisory Group ("TAG") but it is a private parking lot. He also advised that, so far, Whistler Blackcomb has not set out a timeline to transition this lot to paid parking or where the money would go.

Mr. Hothersall asked if TAG will be looking at the ridership number of BC Transit versus numbers of occupancy in the parking lot.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that TAG receive regular updates and ridership numbers.

Mr. Hothersall asked if any of the RMOW get parking paid as part of their employment.

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Cullen advised that this cannot be disclosed in a public meeting as this pertains to employee compensation.

Mr. Hothersall asked that if the RMOW staff do get paid parking as part of their employment, could they receive transit credits instead.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that he valued Mr. Hothersall's input.

Mr. Hothersall asked that when the new 5298 Alta Lake Road traffic report is received, will Council consider adjusting whatever the ridership/transit numbers versus the five year average, given this year's exception.

Mayor. J Crompton advised that Council is looking at a traffic report to provide direction around engineering and if the infrastructure is adequate.

Mr. Hothersall asked if Whistler Blackcomb or the RMOW are responsible for managing the line-ups.

Chief Administrative Officer, G. Cullen advised that, for the most part, Whistler Blackcomb are responsible for managing the line-ups. She advised that the RMOW has been working with Whistler Blackcomb to provide support for when the line-ups get bigger.

Mr. Hothersall asked if the signage and controls of Parking Lots 1-5 are the responsibility of Whistler Blackcomb and the RMOW.

General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey advised that there is joint ownership of responsibility, but Whistler Blackcomb takes care of the day-to-day maintenance.

Mr. Hothersall asked if Lot 8 is open or closed.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that Mr. Hothersall should reach out to Whistler Blackcomb.

Crosland Doak, 3121 Alta Vista Road

Re: First and Second Readings for Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2

Mr. Doak asked if Council is willing to provide bus routes, bus stops and bus shelters for more neighbourhoods that don't have these facilities.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that Council will not tie this with Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2. Mayor J. Crompton advised that with the upcoming budget, there are considerations for moving towards more transit infrastructure.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

COVID-19 in Whistler

Mayor J. Crompton advised that information relating to COVID-19 in Whistler and access to resources will now be shared in a weekly update every Tuesday over the holiday period. The current public health orders are in place until January 8, 2021. The newsletter will include the latest COVID-19 news, information on COVID-19 resources in Whistler, and a list of COVID-safe events in Whistler. To receive the updates by email, sign up at www.whistler.ca/connect.

WHISTLER 101 Online Video Series

Mayor J. Crompton advised that the RMOW's first-ever online video series, WHISTLER 101, launches on December 16 at 7 p.m. Council will get a sneak peek of the trailer later this evening and hear about the project from John Rae, Manager of Cultural Planning and Development. The full episode will be available for viewing on the RMOW Facebook Page and online at www.whistler.ca/101.

Winter Conditions

Mayor J. Crompton reminded everyone to be adventure smart with the wintery weather. Hikers and bikers should bear in mind that trails aren't winter maintained. He reminded everyone to be prepared, wear appropriate clothing and footwear, and be cautious of bridges heavily loaded with snow. He also advised that the ice on Whistler's lakes isn't monitored for thickness and safety. If anyone plans to skate or walk on ice this winter, please educate yourself on ice thickness and be prepared to self-rescue. Finally, Whistler's significant backcountry terrain has avalanche risks. Learn safe travel and prepare for changes in conditions and weather when snowshoeing, skiing and snowboarding. Read more about safety at Adventure Smart dot CA www.adventuresmart.ca.

Councillor Jewett's Arts Update

- Whistler Museum and Archive - Avalanche Exhibit
- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation - 50-50 Draw Tickets available online
- Cultural Organizations - for gift ideas
- Arts Whistler
- Audain Museum - Rebecca Belmore
- Community Wellbeing.

12 days of Whistler Joy

Councillor C. Jewett advised that the 12 Days of Whistler Joy begins December 20 and until December 31. The Community Well-being Subcommittee of the Whistler Recovery

Working Groups is excited to share “12 Days of Joy” for Whistler starting December 20. The 12 Days of Joy includes 12 ideas for local activities for residents to lift your spirits, inspire outdoor time and create connections. A calendar with 12 Days of Joy can be found on Arts Whistler’s website at www.artswhistler.com. She advised that some of the ideas to inspire joy include baking, snow sculptures, and random acts of kindness. Community members are encouraged to snap a pic of themselves engaging in or spreading joy and sending it to joy@whistler.ca for a chance to win prizes. In addition, as part of the Joy- the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre will be offering free admission from December 20 to January 24. The month of free admission is being offered in partnership in Truth and Reconciliation with the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

Councillor C. Jewett encouraged all community members to include a trip to the SLCC as part of their 12 Days of Joy, participate in activities at the SLCC and learn about the history and culture of the Squamish Nation and Lil’wat Nation.

Reflection on 2020

At the last Council meeting of the year, Mayor J. Crompton took a few minutes to reflect on the last twelve months.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that at the beginning of 2020 our community was in the middle of another busy ski season.

In February and early March, Whistler celebrated a landmark moment in Whistler’s history, the 10th anniversary of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. It was fun to remember the Games and all it has meant for Whistler. In the midst of it all you’ll remember John Furlong started promoting a 2030 Vancouver bid.

Mayor J. Compton noted that his favorite part of that remembering was the story telling.

- From Lindsay Debou’s recounting of the days surrounding the Paralympics to John Montgomery’s illegal beer on the stroll, the stories were fun to tell, listen to and remember.
- One of the most memorable stories heard was told by Britt Janyk. Before every race Britt would visualize being at the top of the Dave Murray Downhill standing in the start gate. She would pulled down her goggles, close her eyes and visualize looking out across the valley at Rainbow, Sprout, she’d take a deep breath, tap her poles and settle into the gate for her race.
- On February 17, 2010 Britt stood in the start gate, pull down her goggles, opened her eyes wide and looked out across the valley at Rainbow, Sprout, she took a deep breath, tapped her poles and settled into the gate for her race on the Dave Murray Downhill.
- It was a sweet time for our town.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the skiing was good. Whistler businesses were busy and Whistler was talking a lot about the kind of tourism we wanted to promote and what really resonated with our community. Then everything stopped. Public spaces that were teaming with people from around the world sat empty only days later. It was jarring. It was devastating. We were all in new territory.

From the very beginning of Our Covid-19 pandemic, Mayor J. Crompton stated that he was amazed by the resilience of the Whistler community and the willingness to pull together and care for one another.

The RMOW focused all of its attention on safety, ensuring we were in a position to provide safe experiences for our residents and visitors.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that he is proud of our community and all that's been done since March 16 when we launched our emergency operations centre and entered a provincial state of emergency. The municipality, businesses, and community members have pivoted and responded in creative and flexible ways to each and every challenge this pandemic has presented:

- The Whistler Health Care Centre, Divisions of Family Practice, Whistler Medical Clinic, Vancouver Coastal Health, ambulance, nurses, cleaners, doctors, administration and everyone in the health care rose to this challenge. They shifted everything about how health provision works and have sustained that over the long run.
- Social service organizations like WCSS, S2SCS, Howe Sound Women's Centre to name a few pulled together and delivered services beyond what they ever had before.
- WCSS and TW worked together to open a food bank in the Whistler Conference Centre.
- The business community pulled together and the Whistler Chamber advocated hard for recovery programs that work... that advocacy changed policy and made things better.
- The community pulled together and gave money to support community services during what was a very difficult time for their own families and finances.
- Restaurants switched to take-out and delivery, they got creative with their seating capacities and if you walk into any restaurants in Whistler today the commitment to safety is obvious;
- The RMOW pivoted services like transit, waste management, parks, library, finance, planning and protective services to respond to our new environment;
- Businesses like hotel, retail, transportation and recreation came up with new ways to meet guest expectations in a safe way.
- Virtual performances were held from members of our arts community, and everyone working together to help raise funds for our community food banks, and those in need during these difficult times.
- We clanged pots and pans and cheered at 7pm.... Its still happening in a lot of neighborhoods.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that, in April, we welcomed Ginny Cullen as the RMOW's new CAO and have benefitted from her leadership from day one during these unprecedented times.

Mayor J. Crompton expressed his sincerest gratitude to all staff that have worked so hard this year, and business owners who have worked tirelessly to stay open and to continue to support our community. During the summer, Whistler had a small reprieve in restrictions and increased access to outdoor spaces. We saw increased visitation which helped to support our local businesses and community.

He noted that with the RMOW's focus beginning to move towards recovery, a series of virtual community conversations were held in July:

- The conversations focused on the four characteristics of Whistler's shared vision: Sense of Place, Environment, Tourism-based Economy and Community.
- The information collected is being used to identify and shape Whistler's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Business and resort partners continue to collaborate and work together as we build back better.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that the summer saw our community come up with some really innovative ways to connect with each other:

- Art on the Lake
- Online Anonymous Art Shows
- Physically distanced cul de sac dinners.
- Ed Archie Noisecat and Redmond Andrew carved a pole outside while physically distanced.
- Online WORCA Toonie rides.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that in September the teachers and school administration in the school district opened schools, with all kinds of new protocols and responsibilities new to those people. They have continued to educate our kids with high quality education during this difficult time.

In October we had a provincial election which saw Jordan Sturdy re-elected to serve the Sea to Sky.

On November 26 Whistler-Blackcomb opened for the winter season. Everything changed. Mayor J. Crompton noted that he found the WB mantra of "get open and stay open" incredibly compelling. They did it and they are doing it.

Mayor J. Crompton advised that as Whistler moves into winter, we have been asked to redouble our efforts in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We have been asked to further reduce our social interactions and we have risen to it. The first vaccinations in B.C happened today. That is so exciting and I hope it inspires us all to finish strong and keep our Covid guard up until we are done.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that despite the challenges of the pandemic, several milestone projects moved forward:

- The RMOW, Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation, Province of BC and Vail Resorts signed a Framework agreement that furthers reconciliation and shared goals between all parties.

- Following a substantial community effort and many years, Whistler adopted an updated Official Community Plan and Vision. Our new vision 'Whistler: Where Community Thrives, Nature is Protected and Guests are inspired'. It very much has ties back to who we are and looks to what is ahead.
- The new OCP and vision are as relevant and important as ever, and are critical to community recovery planning as we evolve during and out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Climate Action Big Moves Strategy launched to address the serious threat of climate change, identifying six specific areas where Whistler can have the biggest impact to dramatically reduce the community's contribution to greenhouse gases and energy consumption.

Mayor J. Crompton shared that one of the great things about this year for him has been getting to know Dr Bonnie Henry and, although most of us have never met, please continue to be kind.

Mayor J. Crompton noted that it has been a long year, with many challenges, and there will be more to come. Through all of this, he stated that he has been amazed by Whistlerites. We have cared for family over Zoom. We have learned to share and show warmth from behind a mask and through plexiglass.

On behalf of Whistler council, Mayor J. Crompton extended their best wishes to Whistler's residents, visitors, and community partners for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

7.1 Whistler 101 Sessions Pre-Launch Update Report No. 20-123 File No. CPD20-1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive Information Report No. 20-123 regarding Whistler 101 Sessions ("W101").

CARRIED

7.2 2020 Community Enrichment Program Reporting Forms Report No. 20-124 File No. 3004

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Council receive Information Report No. 20-124 regarding the 2020 Community Enrichment Program Reporting Forms.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**8.1 7413 Ambassador Crescent Floor Proofing Exemption Report No. 20-125
File No. SEC00030**

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That Council grant an exemption in accordance with Section 524 of the Local Government Act – “Requirements in Relation to Flood Plain Areas,” to permit habitable use of the existing basement level below the required flood control elevation specified in “Zoning and Parking Bylaw No. 303, 2015” as shown in Architectural Plans A-01, A-02, A-03, A-04 dated December 4, 2020 and A-05, A-06 dated December 20, 2017 prepared by Progressive Concept Design, attached as Appendix “B” to Administrative Report No. 20-125 and subject to registration of a Section 219 covenant indemnifying the Municipality and attaching the geotechnical report prepared by EXP Services Inc., dated December 9, 2020, confirming that the building location and design are safe for the intended residential use.

CARRIED

8.2 Climate Action Big Moves Strategy Report No. 20-126 File No. 5290

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council adopt the 2020 Climate Action Big Moves Strategy, attached as Appendix “A” to this Administrative Report to Council No. 20-126, to align with the RMOW corporate and community-wide efforts needed to achieve significant GHG emissions reductions; and

That Council adopt the target of reducing Whistler’s greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent below 2007 levels by 2030.

CARRIED

**8.3 RZ1165 - Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 - Zoning Amendment Bylaw
(Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020, First and
Second Reading Report No. 20-127 File No. RZ1165**

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That Council consider giving first and second readings to Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020; and

That Council authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing for “Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020; and

That prior to Council consideration of adoption of “Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020, the following

conditions are to be addressed to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Resort Experience:

1. Secure dedication of the area designated as Common Open Space to the Municipality for park and open space use in conjunction with the initial subdivision of the Upper Lands consistent with the proposed RM-CD2 zone.
2. Submission of a plan for the Common Open Space area that includes neighbourhood park, passive recreation and trail improvements, and secure completion of proposed improvements within one year of any subdivision that creates individual parcels within Area D3.
3. Secure completion of the Mount Fee Road Valley Trail extension consistent with the approved development permit drawings for Development Permit 1760.
4. Secure development of two public bus shelters along Mount Fee Road as approved under Development Permit 1760.
5. Registration of an environmental protection covenant to restrict the use and development of any land within 30 metres of the Cheakamus River or within any SPEA or wetland area that is delineated on the lands.
6. Secure dedication of the lands to be zoned PAN1 to the Municipality or to the Crown.
7. Secure recreation trails identified on the parcelization plans and associated trail improvements, to municipal standards.
8. Registration of updated Housing Agreements in favour of the Municipality, securing employee occupancy restrictions for employee housing parcels at time of first subdivision.
9. Secure green building commitments that reflect progressive municipal policy objectives.
10. Secure preservation of significant and unique natural features that contribute to the mountain character and landscape.

CARRIED

**8.4 Solid Waste Program Update and Tipping Fee Increase Report No. 20-128
File No. 605**

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council receive this Solid Waste Program Update report; and

That Council consider giving first, second and third readings to "Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw (Tipping Fees) No. 2305, 2020".

CARRIED

8.5 2021 Budget Guidelines Report No. 20-129 File No. 4530

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council direct the Director of Finance to prepare the "Five-Year Financial Plan 2021-2025 Bylaw" based on these proposed guidelines:

1. To implement a 1.08 per cent increase to property value taxes in 2021;
2. To implement a 0 per cent increase to sewer parcel taxes and user fees in 2021;
3. To implement a 0 per cent increase to solid waste parcel taxes and fees in 2021;
4. To implement a 0 per cent increase to water parcel taxes and user fees in 2021; and
5. To include the project amounts as described in Appendix "A" and attached to Administrative Report to Council No. 20-129.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

9.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020" be given first and second readings.

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS FOR FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

10.1 Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 2305, 2020

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That "Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw No. 2305, 2020" be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

11.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8104 McKeevers Place) No. 2292, 2020

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That “Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8104 McKeevers Place) No. 2292, 2020” be adopted.

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Whistler Off Road Cycling Association (WORCA) Council Member Appointment

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council appoint Councillor Jewett to the Whistler Off Road Cycling Association.

CARRIED

12.2 Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees Council Member Appointment

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Councillor Forsyth be appointed to the Whistler Public Library Board of Trustees for a one year term, effective January 1, 2021.

CARRIED

12.3 Notification of Liquor Licence Advisory Committee Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton announced that Terry Clark and Julie Lanteigne were appointed to the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 The Canada Pharmacare Act File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from MP Peter Julian, MP Jenny Kwan and MP Don Davies regarding the Canada Pharmacare Act be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

13.2 Proposed Tax Increase File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Kathleen and Robert Smith regarding the proposed tax increase be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

13.3 White Gold Undergrounding Project File No. 20-111

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from Angela Samuda regarding the White Gold Undergrounding Project be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

13.4 Towing Practices File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Deborah Taylor regarding towing practices be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

13.5 Whistler Community Services Society's fees File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from John and Karen Wood regarding the Whistler Community Services Society's fees be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

13.6 Re-Zoning Proposal (5298 Alta Lake Road) File No. RZ1157

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from the following individuals, regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2283, 2020 and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw (5298 Alta Lake Road) No. 2289, 2020 be received and referred to staff:

- Heidi Rode; and

- Rachael Lythe.

CARRIED

14. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That the Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2020 be terminated at 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Municipal Clerk, B. Browning