



**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Remote Meeting

To attend via Zoom go to www.whistler.ca/CouncilMeetings

PRESENT:

Mayor J. Crompton
Councillor A. De Jong
Councillor J. Ford
Councillor R. Forsyth
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
Technical Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Manager of Communications, G. Robinson
Manager Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford
Municipal Clerk, B. Browning
Deputy Municipal Clerk, A. Banman
Planner, J. Chapman
Planning Analyst, L. Clarke
Planner, C. Sloan
Climate Action Coordinator, L. Burhenne
Council Coordinator, M. Miklea
Legislative Services Administrative Assistant, L. Wyn-Griffiths

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of February 16, 2021.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2021.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Questions were asked during the Meeting via Zoom.

Cheryl Green, 5205 Jordan Lane

5298 Alta Lake Road has existing development rights, what are these existing development rights and what is the starting point for the proposed rezoning?

Manager of Planning, M. Laidlaw advised there have been several tables shared in Council Meetings however Municipal Staff do not break down the specific usages of the area. Staff have been looking at the existing zoning which permits 4600 square meters.

C. Green noted it appears only 1900 square meters is allocated for tourist accommodation. There is a Bylaw that speaks to tourist accommodation calculations which shouldn't include the area for restaurants, spas, and so forth. There are all these extras in the tourist accommodation calculation within the current proposal that are contrary to the bylaw. It appears there is less employee housing being applied to the development and has Council carefully looked at that number?

Mayor J. Crompton advised that staff are indeed looking deeply at it and are preparing thorough reports that Council has considered and will consider all the feedback and submissions at the Public Hearing.

Dawn Titus, 8440 Bear Paw Trail

In the past the 5298 Alta Lake Road rezoning proposal has been heavily attended and thus would Council consider postponing the Public Hearing for a future date when people can attend in-person or have access to the visuals in a way that would allow them to truly have a good understanding of what is being proposed?

Mayor J. Crompton advised currently there is no reason to postpone the Public Hearing as there has been much work done at the Provincial and Municipal levels, and Council is committed to provide thorough opportunities for public engagement and public comment. They are confident that these opportunities have reflected Council's desire for strong public engagement.

D. Titus agreed that public engagement is important. Asked regarding a criteria or minimum number which Council would consider to indicate if that was an opportunity for real public engagement, given how many pieces or correspondence have been submitted for this rezoning proposal.

Mayor J. Crompton advised Council is hopeful that the public will attend the Public Hearing. At this point there is no minimum number but Council hopes there are no barriers to attending the Public Hearing.

D. Titus asked if the link on the whistler.ca/planning page has available all the visuals and graphics with regard to the proposed development.

Mayor J. Crompton advised those documents are there.

Alistair Cray, 2728 Cheakamus Way

A. Cray had a question regarding the rezoning at Bear Paw Trail, agenda item 7.3. Will existing liquor licenses be taken into consideration or impacted by the proposed rezoning.

Technical Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard advised the rezoning will not consider liquor licensing as it is separate from the zoning.

Jared Areshenkoff, 4821 Spearhead Drive

Question regarding the UBCM Active Transportation Grant which Council had passed a Resolution on February 2 to endorse the grant application. J. Areshenkoff asked if this will be an infrastructure grant or an active transportation grant, as the difference in the amount of money awarded can be substantial. Additionally, where will staff expect the moneys to go and if they considered community and stakeholder engagement.

GM Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey, advised the UBCM Active Transportation grant will be put to work to develop a Dedicated Active Transportation Plan, as currently the municipality has several plans and documents but this project will unify those under a singular document. This specific document will enable the municipality to apply for further and larger grants, including engaging consultants for research and data collection.

Mayor J. Crompton advised this preliminary work is necessary to open up the door to more substantial grants.

One question was submitted in advance of the Meeting by email.

Written in by Richard Durrans, 5200 Jordan Lane

Questions were copied from an email written by R. Durrans.

First question is if Council is aware that the RMOW Planning Department said that the existing TA zoning rights are for 1900 square meters and that this number is consistent with Zoning bylaw 614?

Mayor J. Crompton advised that yes Council is aware of both numbers.

Second question is that if this is the developers starting point, why is the council prepared to more than double this density so that now the developer has the rights to build TA zoning 4203 square meters. The developer is getting an additional 2300 square meters of TA zoning while delivering only an additional 1200 square meters of employee housing. How is this almost 2:1 ratio consistent with the Private Developers guidelines that provides for "limited market housing to make a project viable"? To put this in perspective, this 2300 square meters is the equivalent of 12 additional townhomes.

Mayor J. Crompton advised Council is aware of this information and it is being considered, the interpretation of which the Mayor will leave to Council once all public submissions have been received. There is one week until the Public Hearing and Council will continue receive information which will inform the decision.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Condolences

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Mayor J. Crompton would like to share condolences with the family and friends of Rolf Frowein.

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Mayor J. Crompton would like to share condolences with the family and friends of Lorry Eldon Talbot.

On behalf of Council and the Resort Municipality of Whistler, Mayor J. Crompton would like to share condolences with the family and friends of the two individuals who passed away in two separate avalanches this past weekend.

Yesterday was Family Day

Mayor J. Crompton hopes everyone was able to enjoy some time, either in person or virtually, with their loved ones.

The RMOW offered discounts for skating at Meadow Park Sports Centre and Whistler Olympic Plaza, and snowshoeing and cross country skiing at Lost Lake Nordic Trails.

The Canada West Ski Area Association has collaborated on a new website, www.skibcstrong.ca, focusing on safety protocols for residents and staff in BC ski towns.

Mayor J. Crompton invites everyone to be the reason we keep our season by not giving COVID-19 any opportunities to spread in our community.

Last week, Whistler's new case numbers were lower than the previous week, which is a great start though there is still a long way to go.

Housemates and family members can have different levels of comfort and understanding with COVID-19 and the restrictions. Take the time to sit down together and talk about the importance of respecting each other and the importance of following and understanding local health orders.

The first episode in season two of the Whistler Podcast launched last week.

Mayor J. Crompton was joined by Mountain FM DJ Cole Stefiuk as a collaborative community voice discussing the Sea to Sky corridor Mayors, Squamish mayor Karen Elliott and Pemberton Mayor Mike Richman. Discussed was COVID-19, housing developments, growth and planning in our respective communities.

You can find the episode at whistler.ca/whistlerpodcast.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions for the Whistler Podcast, please reach out to Mayor J. Crompton and let him know what you want to hear on your local community podcast.

Earlier this month, communities of the Sea-to-Sky welcomed Inspector Robert Dykstra as the new Officer-in-Charge of the Sea-to-Sky detachment. On behalf of the Whistler community, welcome to Sgt. Dykstra and his family. We look forward to continuing our work with the RCMP on local issues and policing.

Councillor Jewett's Arts Update

Whistler and WCSS have partnered with Arts Whistler in a campaign to raise awareness and funds for Mental Health.

Artist Aurora Moore has designed a pin to show your support. Individuals and businesses are asked to go to ArtsWhistler.com to order "Reach Out" pins. I've already placed my order and added a donation. Reach out to WCSS Outreach are there with no cost confidential support.

Picturing Pemberton Art Exhibit now on at MYAC.

"Teeny Tiny Art Show" is coming. Artists are asked to have their submissions complete by the end of this month.

"Hear and Now" local music performances are online every Thursday. This week it's the Railtown Prophets.

Tonight the TNT features Erin Sherriff, one of the artists that has work in the Audain collection. The talk starts at 8:00, you can register at Audainartmuseum.com

The SLCC "Brings Home the Bannock" every Friday. Preorder for take out or delivery. I highly recommend the rhubarb custard filled bannock.

Currently, the SLCC is closed until later this month.

We live work and play on the unceded territories of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations. Learn more about land acknowledgements at SLCC.ca

At the Whistler Museum "Land of Thundering Snow" avalanche exhibit continues.

Tomorrow evening at 7:00 Dean Nelson looks back on almost 30 years of Whistler Pride.

Have you been attending all these virtual events that our local cultural institutions have been putting on? They are all struggling during Covid too. If you've had a membership in the past please consider renewing it.

Councillor De Jong's Update

Family Day had a green lining, on February 15th has been declared Plastic Pollution Awareness Day.

6. INFORMATION REPORTS

6.1 Community Energy and Climate Action Plan Report – Q4, 2020 No. 21-115 File No. A05001

A presentation by Climate Action Coordinator, L. Burhenne.

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That Information Report No. 21-115 regarding quarterly progress on implementing the 2016 Community Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) be received.

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 DVP01203 - 9595 Emerald Place - Side Yard Setback Variance No. 21-016 File No. DVP01203

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP01203 for the development located at 9595 Emerald Place to:

1. Vary the north side setback from 3.0 metres to 2.44 metres for roof support posts;
2. Vary the north side setback from 3.0 metres to 1.73 metres for roof overhang;
3. Vary the north side setback from 3.0 metres to 2.72 metres for stair slab; and
4. Vary the north side setback from 3.0 metres to 2.44 metres for deck footing.

All as illustrated on the Survey Plan 2113-03955-00-V-01-R2, prepared by McElhanney Associates Land Surveying Ltd. dated June 16, 2020, attached as Appendix "B" to Administrative Report to Council No. 21-015.

CARRIED

7.2 Public Hearing Summary And Third Reading For Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Retaining Walls) NO. 2033, 2020 No. 21-017 File No. RZ001065

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council consider giving third reading to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Retaining Walls) No. 2033, 2020".

CARRIED

7.3 RZ1164 – 8200 Bear Paw Trail – Rainbow Plaza Rezoning No. 21-018 File No. RZ1164

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That Council consider giving first and second readings to "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8200 Bear Paw Trail) No. 2297, 2020"; and further

That Council authorize staff to schedule a Public Hearing for "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8200 Bear Paw Trail) No. 2297, 2020".

CARRIED

7.4 RZ1165 - Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 - Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020 Summary Report of Public Hearing and Third Reading Consideration No. 21-019 File No. RZ1165

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That Council consider giving third reading to "RZ1165 – Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 – Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020".

CARRIED

7.5 COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream - Wildfire Funding Application (Nesters Hill) No. 21-020 File No. 8337

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson

Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That Council support the application for grant funding application for the Nesters Hill wildfire fuel reduction project through the Canada Infrastructure Program – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream; and

That Council support the project and commit to fund any associated ineligible costs and cost overruns through the 2021 wildfire program budget.

CARRIED

8. BYLAWS FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

8.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8200 Bear Paw Trail) No. 2297, 2020

Moved By Councillor J. Ford

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (8200 Bear Paw Trail) No. 2297, 2020" be given first and second readings.

CARRIED

9. BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

9.1 RZ1165 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That "RZ1165 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020" be given third reading.

CARRIED

9.2 RZ1065 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Retaining Walls) No. 2033, 2020

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That “RZ1065 Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Retaining Walls) No. 2033, 2020” be given third reading.

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Notification of Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton announced the appointment of Jared Areshenkoff as the one new Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee member and extension of the terms of the three Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee members Derek Bonin, Colin Rankin, and Trevor Burton for one year.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

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:

- Dr. Brian Gilvary and Joanne Louise Gilvary;
- Carolyn Hill;
- S. Jane Justice;
- Diane Hanna;
- Roger McCarthy and Michael Blaxland;
- Veronica Ross;
- Russell and Gillian Smith;
- James McLaren;
- Elisa McLaren;
- Brenna King and Robert Haliburton;
- Fran Sloan-Sainas;
- Margaret King;
- David Krasny;
- Judi Hess;

- Michael Joy;
- Sharon Mitchell; and
- Winnie Wiggs.

CARRIED

11.2 Constitutional Rights Law Centre Correspondence File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence including the added late correspondence from Wolfgang Lindemann regarding Constitutional Rights Law Centre be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.3 Sidewalk Inventory File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from the Peter Ladner regarding sidewalk improvements be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.4 Alta Lake Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded By Councillor A. De Jong

That correspondence from the Jean Clarke regarding Alta Lake Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.5 COVID-19 File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded By Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from the Philip Johnson regarding COVID-19 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.6 Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from the MP Patrick Weiler regarding launch of the Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.7 Re-Zoning Proposal (Cheakamus Crossing Parcelization) File No. RZ1165

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Scott, Grace, and Mei Lin Redenbach regarding "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing Parcelization) No. 2298, 2020" be referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.8 LGMA Call for Resolutions and Nominations File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Shannon Story regarding LGMA Call for Resolutions and Nominations be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.9 Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Katherine Lawrence regarding Provincial Tree Planting Program and COVID-19 Protocols be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.10 EPIC Vail Passes File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor R. Forsyth

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Angela and David Claydon regarding EPIC Vail Passes be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.11 Future Planning Post-COVID-19 File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from John and Karen Wood regarding Future Planning Post-COVID-19 be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.12 PACE BC File No. 3009

Moved By Councillor A. De Jong

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That correspondence from Will Cole-Hamilton regarding PACE BC be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

11.13 Light-up Requests

a. HHT Canada THH File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Carol Derksen, HHT Canada THH, requesting that on June 23, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit red and blue in support of Global HHT Recognition Day be received, referred and lit.

CARRIED

b. Amyloidosis Awareness Month File No. 3009.1

Moved By Councillor C. Jewett

Seconded By Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Kathi Luis, Special Projects Director, Amyloidosis Foundation, requesting that on March 6, 2021 the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit red in support of Amyloidosis Awareness Month be received, referred, and lit.

CARRIED

12. TERMINATION

Moved By Councillor J. Grills

Seconded By Councillor C. Jewett

That the Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2021 be terminated at 7:37 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton

Municipal Clerk, B. Browning