



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021, STARTING AT 3:30 P.M.

Remote Meeting
Held via Zoom

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (1)
Councilor, R. Forsyth	1
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	1
Member at Large, A. Ross	1
Member at Large, K. Paterson	1
Member at Large, B. Calladine	1
Member at Large, C. Kaipio	1
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	1
Member at Large, L. Harnish	1
Member at Large, D. Clark	1
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno	1
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	1
Tourism Whistler representative, M. Kunza	1
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	1
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	1
Parks Planning Technician, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, C. Eccles	1
Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	1
REGRETS	
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie	1
GUESTS	
Manager of Resort Experience, J. Gresley-Jones	
Manager of Corporate & Community Services, T. Battiston	
Parks & Trails Supervisor, L. Russell	
Whistler Sports Academy Founder, J. Grant	
Whistler Tennis Association Representative, B. Cherniavsky	
Whistler Tennis Association Representative, J. Konig	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by T. Nepomuceno

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee
Agenda of January 18, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Soane
Seconded by R. Forsyth

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

General Manager of
Resort Experience &
General Manager of
Corporate &
Community Services

Jessie Gresley-Jones, General Manager of Resort Experience started his role in November 2020 and provided the Committee a brief introduction of his background, of which most recently included community planning development, planning, urban design and development engineering for the City of Vancouver.

A. Ross joins meeting at 3:39pm.
B. Calladine joins meeting at 4:41pm.

Ted Battiston, General Manager of Corporate & Community Services has been working in his role for three years and has held various roles with the RMOW since 2004 including work in community sustainability, energy and emissions/reductions; and corporate, economic and environmental services. Ted also is a very active member of various recreation clubs and organizations in Whistler.

Ministerial Order No.
M192

Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process (COVID-19)

That pursuant to Ministerial Order No. M192, the RMOW is excluding in-person public attendance at the open committee meetings of the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee on the basis that full public attendance in a manner consistent with public health orders and recommendations cannot be accommodated at this time and the RMOW is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability at this meeting by the following means:

- Providing draft agendas and minutes on the RMOW's website;
- Providing clear communication to Council, staff and members of the public on the ways people can hear, or see and hear, committee meetings; and
- Including the Zoom meeting links for all regular committee meetings on the individual committee webpages and the committee meeting agendas.

Moved by R. Soane
Seconded by R. Forsyth

CARRIED

J. Grant joined meeting at 4:00pm.

Recreation User
Group List

C. Eccles presents document listing clubs and organizations that use RMOW indoor and outdoor facilities. List mainly comprised of clubs and organizations that book facilities. Committee would like a more extensive list of all user groups in Whistler as well as contact information for each group. This will be useful should a topic arise at the Committee or be presented by Staff that Committee members wish to discuss directly with the user group. Staff will circulate user list to Committee to further populate with user groups. Staff will work on contacting user groups for permission to include contact information in recreation user list.

Whistler Tennis
Association
Introduction &
General Discussion

B. Cherniavsky, Whistler Tennis Association President, provided a presentation to the Committee regarding updates to Whistler Tennis Association (WTA). WTA still has concerns over the condition of the privately owned indoor tennis structure and current facility in general. WTA thanked RLAC for continued support in expressing these same concerns and for their recent recommendation to council asking for support in requiring timely operational and safety improvements. However, it was noted that the original tennis facility included a total of 10 courts, three of which were loaned to VANOC during the 2010 Olympics and were inoperative upon return. WTA would like RLAC to include all 10 courts in future resolutions and recommendations. Committee asked Staff for more information on the history of the agreements of these three courts being used by VANOC.

WTA's AGM was held in the fall; strategic planning committee was also formed. WTA hopes to present to RLAC once their strategic plan has been formulated. B. Cherniavsky emphasised the importance of tennis in Whistler and BC which has been outlined in detail in a 2019 report created by WTA, "Future of Tennis in Whistler". B. Cherniavsky to provide a digital copy of report to circulate to Committee.

J. Grant, Founder of Whistler Sports Academy and WTA Board member, which now operates the Whistler Racket Club located at the aforementioned private facility. J. Grant provided a presentation on the importance of tennis in Whistler, as well as his relationship with developer contacts at Beedie, and his visions for the facility. During informal conversations, Beedie has expressed interest to J. Grant in bringing more to the facility and creating a supportive community environment. J. Grant proposed the facility should reintroduce food and beverage to attract people to the club for social and community events, as well as tennis. J. Grant believes this vision is in line with Beedie's hopes for the facility.

Meredith left meeting at 4:49pm.

J. Grant wants to show to Beedie with the success of their operations that the community needs the facility. J. Grant feels that Beedie cares and understands the vision as Beedie management are frequent visitors and second homeowners of Whistler.

B.Cherniavsky emphasises the importance of coming together in a formal manner to discuss the strategic plan of the WTA and to present this to RLAC for further support, but this needs to be initiated and finalised first over the coming months.

Staff to follow up on the history of the additional 3 courts of the racket club. Committee looks forward to hearing back from the WTA regarding their strategic plan; WTA hopes to present this by summer of 2021.

J. Grant, J. Konig, and B. Cherniavsky leave meeting at 5:03pm.

Lost Lake Park
Snowmaking & Micro
Hydro Initiative

L. Russell, RMOW Parks and Trails Supervisor, provided a presentation on a grant dependent project of installing snowmaking and micro hydro power in Lost Lake Park. The Tourism Dependent Communities Grant was submitted in November 2020 for a proposed budget of \$915,859. The grant was established to assist tourism dependent communities and to support economic development and recovering following Covid-19.

The proposed project provides many benefits to the community including an enhanced and extended Lost Lake Cross Country product; enhanced resort experience; support of businesses and jobs in the community; an investment in clean energy and green power; removing the park's potable water irrigation demand from the municipal water supply system; wildfire fighting capabilities and the opportunity to sell excess power back to BC Hydro with an estimated 20 year project pay back. Future phases could extend the snowmaking and water supply system to other areas of the popular park.

If a partial grant is approved around the RMOW will have to consider supporting the remaining amount, which would require a budget amendment.

C. Mackenzie moved **that** the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the entirety of the project and support a budget amendment by Council to make up any shortfall between the grant received and the monies needed for the completion of the initial startup phase.

Seconded by B. Calladine.

CARRIED

L. Russell left meeting at 5:31pm

RLAC Work Plan
Priorities

Committee to consider RLAC priorities to be adopted in the next committee meeting as the RLAC work plan. Some options to consider would include Parks Master Plan, capital projects, recreation user groups, tennis options, trail strategy, and sports court strategy.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 11th at 3:30pm

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Kaipio

Seconded by B. Calladine

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee Meeting of January 14, 2021 be terminated at 5:38 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, O. Carroll