



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP  
(TAG) COMMITTEE,  
WORKSHOP 23 THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2020 STARTING AT 10:  
A.M.

Remote Meeting Held via Zoom – Link available at  
[www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/committees/transportation-advisory-group](http://www.whistler.ca/municipal-gov/committees/transportation-advisory-group)  
with option to attend in person in Flute Room, RMOW Municipal Hall

PRESENT on-line	Mtgs. YTD (2)
Mayor, J. Crompton, Chair	2
Councillor, A. De Jong	1
Councillor, R. Forsyth	2
RMOW Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen	2
Tourism Whistler Vice President of Marketing Development & Sales, K. Goodwin	2
Whistler Chamber of Commerce Alternate, B. McMillan	2
Citizen at Large, J. Sobieniak	2
Citizen at Large, S. Pass	2
Citizen at Large, B. Murray	1
BC Transit Senior Manager, R. Ringma	2
RMOW Interim GM of Resort Experience, T. Metcalf	2
RMOW GM of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey	2
RMOW Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Coordinator, E. DalSanto	2
Recording Secretary, D. Taveira	1
<b>Guests on-line</b>	
Community Transportation Planner, R. Drdul	
Tourism Whistler, Director – Research, M. Kunza	
RMOW Sustainability Coordinator, L. Burhenne	
District of Squamish, Sustainability Coordinator, D. Gunn	
<b>Facilitator on-line</b>	
Whistler Center for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho	2

REGRETS	
Whistler Blackcomb, Director- Government & Community Relations, S. McCullough	0
Citizen at Large, C. Doak	1
Whistler Chamber of Commerce, CEO, M. Pace	1
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Operations Manager, Howe Sound & Sunshine Coast, M. Braun	0

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by B. Murray  
Seconded by R. Forsyth

**That** Transportation Advisory Group Committee (TAG) adopt the TAG Workshop Agenda of October 8, 2020.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by R. Forsyth  
Seconded by B. Murray

**That** Transportation Advisory Group Committee adopt the Regular TAG Committee Minutes of June 3, 2020 and October 3, 2019.

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Transportation  
Today Updates and  
Discussion

A presentation by RMOW Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Coordinator, E. DalSanto was given regarding High school Transit Passes.

- In the process of implementing Phase 2 of the program. 400 out of 600 passes have now been distributed to WSS students and none for the Waldorf school as waiting for student photos
- Will share the data with TAG once it has been completed
- Mask wearing on buses has been success due to the message that went out to families outlining the rules. Passes will be taken away if these policies and procedure aren't followed.
- All students received a mask along with the bus pass

A presentation by RMOW Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto was given regarding Highway Updates.

- The highway capacity study has been completed, RMOW worked with MOTI on this study
- The capacity study results will be presented to Council October 20, 2020
- Study mainly focused on motor vehicle capacity, not people capacity

A presentation by RMOW GM of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey was given regarding Highway Emergency Protocol's

- Emergency protocol's when an accident on the highway
- In the past closures times have been significantly longer then presently
- A typical 8 hour closure has now been decrease to 4 hours which is a significant improvement

A presentation by RMOW Climate Action Coordinator L. Burhenne was given on the ZEV Application to NRCAN.

- Recently submitted an grant application to NRCAN for zero emission vehicle awareness

- Purpose of the grant application is to understand where people are at and to support them in order to reduce emissions
- If people still want to drive their cars the goal is to decarbonize the passenger transport

A presentation by RMOW Climate Action Coordinator L. Burhenne was given on the RMOW Transportation Big Moves

- Developed the Big Moves strategy to track emissions in whistler
- Big Moves focuses on 6 areas: getting people out of their cars, decarbonizing passenger transport, lowering visitor emissions, lower emissions from new buildings, existing buildings and waste.
- In the process of gathering feedback in order to develop the final strategy.

A presentation by RMOW Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto was given regarding Transit related infrastructure projects underway.

- Emerald Layby: being constructed currently to create spaces for buses to pull off the road. The RMOW will come up with the design and MOT will review it. RMOW will pay for this upgrade.
- Village Gate Boulevard Bus Shelter accessibility upgrade: RMOW is looking at this design and possibly doing this retrofit in 2021.

A presentation by RMOW Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto was given regarding Fall/Winter Parking Pass and Transit Pass Pricing.

- Fall/Winter parking & transit pass pricing: These items were suspended in summer 2020.
- Proposed increase to the LayLot rate for Lots 4/5 to \$6.00 or PayByPhone fee added to the rate (\$0.30/transaction). Pricing changes are being reviewed by the Day Lot Operating Committee.
- No global change to transit fares and passes
- Reduce the Spirit Transit Pass Price by an extra \$20 per pass type.
- Conference Centre & Library Underground: suspended the price change for the monthly pass and the day rates due to COVID 19

TAG asked questions regarding the presentation by R. Drdul regarding the 2020 Summer Monitoring program which was sent with the agenda package. The full 2020 winter and summer results will be presented to Council and then posted on [www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler](http://www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler)

A presentation by Tourism Whistler, M. Kunza was given regarding summer 2020 visitors and forecasted winter outlook.

- Visitation in summer 2020 was largely from the BC market arriving by private vehicle
- Visitation grew when the travel restriction on non-essential travel were lifted on June 24, 2020
- The winter outlook is largely from the BC Market with an increased share of day trippers with the majority arriving by personal vehicle. It is anticipated that there will be a larger than normal disparity between midweek and weekend business levels.

Moved by R. Forsyth  
Seconded by J. Crompton

THAT the Transportation Advisory Group recommends the following package of summer 2020 suspended actions regarding pricing changes for transit and parking be implemented for winter 2020/2021:

- Proposed increase in Day Lot day rate
  - ✓ Day Lots 4/5 to \$6 (from \$5)
  - ✓ Day Lots 1-3 to \$15 / day from (from \$10)
- Have PayByPhone fee added to the rate (\$0.30/transaction) instead of removed from the RMOW revenues
- No global change to transit fares and pass pricing
- Reduce the Spirit Transit Pass Price by an extra \$20
  - ✓ 6-month pass \$220 (\$37/month) – was \$240 or \$40/month
  - ✓ 12-month pass \$410 (\$35/month) – was \$450 or \$37.50/month
- Conference Centre & Library Underground
  - ✓ Consider small increase in fees by \$5 for December 1
    - monthly parking increase to \$70 from \$65
    - Increase day rate to \$20 from \$15

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2021-2022 Action  
Planning

A presentation by RMOW Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto was given regarding short and medium-term actions that have not yet been initiated.

- Actions that have not been initiated from the short- and medium-term action plans have been added to the list of long-term action that are being workshopped in this meeting.
- Actions from the Climate Action Big Moves Strategy that are transportation related and are not already included in the Whistler Transportation Action Plan 2018 -2028 have also been added to the list of long-term action that are being workshopped in this meeting.

**Prioritization Workshop Part 1 – Whistler Transportation Action Plan.**

C. Ho introduced the prioritization exercise and moved TAG members into three breakout rooms.

In the three small groups, TAG member were asked to review the action prioritization exercise that was sent to members with the agenda package. The prioritization was at the Goal and Objective level using the Climate Action transportation Big Moves and COVID19 recovery as filter to prioritize actions to be started in 2021-22.

A list of recommended priorities for 2021-22 of Goals and Objectives will be circulated with the minutes.

### OTHER BUSINESS

UBCM Active  
Transportation  
Grant & New OCP

C. Ho and E. DaSanto presented the UBCM Active Transportation Grant to TAG. The Transportation Advisory Group support submitting the application the application to UBCM.

Next Meeting

Scheduled for early winter 2021.

### MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by K. Goodwin  
Seconded by R. Forsyth

**That** the Transportation Advisory Group Committee Meeting of October 8, 2020 be terminated at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Crompton

*Denise Taveira*

Recording Secretary, D. Taveira