



WHISTLER

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 20

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.

Flute Room – Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Mayor, J. Crompton
RMOW Councillor, A. De Jong
RMOW Councillor, R. Forsyth
Vail Resorts, Mike King
RMOW Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
RMOW General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
RMOW General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Tourism Whistler, K. Rusert
Citizen-at-Large, S. Pass

GUESTS:

RMOW Bylaw Supervisor, C. Reiss
RMOW Bylaw Parking officer, C. Bridge
RMOW Recording Secretary, A. Marquie

REGRETS:

Citizen-at-Large, J. Sobieniak
Citizen-at-Large, C. Doak
Citizen-at-Large, B. Murray
Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales, K. Goodwin
Whistler Blackcomb – Director of Community & Government Relations, S. McCullough
Whistler Chamber of Commerce – M. Pace
RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto
MOTI – Acting Operations Manager, Howe Sound & Sunshine Coast, M. Braun
BC Transit – Senior Manager Government Relations, L. Trotter

FACILITATOR:

Whistler Center for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor J. Crompton
Seconded by J. Hallisey

Agenda

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the Agenda of June 20, 2019 as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Workshop dated April 29, 2019 were not available at the time of meeting and will be approved at a later date.

CARRIED

Updates

J. Crompton provided an update on the regional transportation funding discussions with the Province.

REVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPLES, TAG GOALS & ROLE

C. Ho provided a quick review of the terms of reference for TAG, and the transportation goals that were identified by TAG.

The purpose of the TAG is to identify transportation related issues within Whistler, and to then provide Whistler Council with advice and recommendations regarding the assessment of, planning for, and implementation of strategic options to resolve these transportation related issues affecting the Resort Community from a social, environmental and economic point of view.

The Transportation goals are as follows:

- Provide a quality travel experience for all visitors, employees and residents, and promote a culture of safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- Integrate the transportation system with land use planning to minimize the need for travel by motor vehicle.
- Minimize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions created by the transportation system.
- Support the increased use of preferred modes for all travel purposes to reduce dependence on private automobiles.
- Ensure that the transportation system cost-effectively meets and anticipates the resort community's future needs and population growth.
- Ensure the resiliency of Whistler's transportation system by providing viable alternative road, railway, water and air transport routes to, from and within the resort community.
- Ensure that the transportation system respects Whistler's natural environment, minimizes climate impacts and improves the liveability of the resort community.

TAG was responsible for developing the short-term, medium-term and long-term transportation action plans, as well as for providing input into the OCP update transportation policies. A consensus model is used to reach agreements.

J. Hallisey provided a Transportation 101 refresher presentation.

The RMOW works alongside the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) to implement solutions to improve traffic flow on Highway 99, and other TAG members for in-resort solutions.

TAG members discussed some of the issues and changes in the past year.

- User pay parking and pricing adjustments in the Village since 2017 has ensured better parking availability to residents and visitors.
- No flaggers were used at key intersections this year and the cars flowed as quickly without them.
- Tourism Whistler receives many comments about the shortage of day luggage storage for visitors, which is an issue for those coming to Whistler by bus.

MEDIUM TERM ACTION IMPLEMENTATION

TAG members were asked (as homework) to reviewed the 36 proposed medium term actions and score each action for importance. The scores and comments provided in the homework assignment were discussed.

Actions that were already implemented and/or almost completed were identified and removed from the list of priority actions. These were:

- The valley trail lighting in between Creekside and Blueberry has been incorporated into the workplan over the next 3 years
- The road line painting was completed in May & June throughout the resort and on the highway.
- The pedestrian lane in Function Junction is almost completed.
- The carpool program in Day Lot 4 is ongoing and is proven well-used. TAG agreed to keep the program going, even though it was acknowledged that the majority of carpool pass holders were convenience users.

TAG then discussed the highest scoring actions and confirmed that they were the priority ones, and identified any other actions they felt were higher priority. A total of 15 actions were identified as the highest priority for implementation in the next year. All other actions were reviewed and their (lower) level of priority was confirmed. The list of high priority and lower priority actions are attached as an appendix.

TAG discussed a number of actions and agreed that they should be combined into larger strategies:

- The actions regarding parking pass prices, monthly vs multiple day passes, etc., should be part of a larger parking pricing strategy
- The actions regarding transit pricing, including student passes and Spirit Pass pricing, should be part of a larger phased transit pricing strategy, with a target of providing free transit year-round

The following actions will be reviewed with MOTI:

- Re-painting the bike stencils on highway
- Provide oversight to ensure the highway signals are working properly and allows an adequate vehicle traffic flow.
- Implement car activated signals at key intersections
- Include the feasibility of creating a transit queue jumper lane in the Highway 99 capacity study.
- Implement the priority recommendations from the Sea to Sky Highway Road Closure Protocol Assessment report.
- Maintain road line painting at least once a year, in the spring, on Highway 99.
- Study potential changes to Highway 99 at Britannia Beach to reduce or eliminate this major highway congestion point.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bylaw supervisor Chris Reiss, advised that the Day Lot Operating Committee is currently discussing the future parking price increase. Chris Reiss will provide a presentation about the day lot parking strategy at the next meeting.


It was agreed that TAG will hold a September workshop with a focus on parking pricing strategy and phased transit pricing strategy.

TERMINATION

Motion to
Terminate

Moved by S. Pass
Seconded by J. Hallisey
That the Transportation Advisory Group Workshop of June 20, 2019 be terminated at
11:45a.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR: J. Crompton



RECORDING SECRETARY: E. DalSanto