



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022, STARTING AT 4:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at [www.whistler.ca/rfac](http://www.whistler.ca/rfac)

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (1)
Councillor, R. Forsyth	1
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	1
Member at Large, A. Ross	1
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	1
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	1
Member at Large, D. Titus	1
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	1
Member at Large, Paul Street	1
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	1
Tourism Whistler representative, Shannon Wyatt	1
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	1
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	1
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	1
Manager, Village Animation and Events, RMOW, B. Andrea	1
General Manager, Resort Experience, RMOW, J. Gresley-Jones	1

REGRETS	
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	0

### CALL TO ORDER

*The Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Lil'wat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.*

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Forsyth  
Seconded by R. Soane

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Thursday, January 13, 2022.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by C. MacKenzie  
Seconded by R. Soane

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Thursday, November 18, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Staff & Member  
Introductions

All staff and members provided a self-introduction.

*A. Ross joined at 4:08 p.m.*

New Member  
Orientation

A presentation by M. Pardoe was given regarding the new member orientation which included the committee purpose, RMOW organizational charts, committee guiding documents, supplemental resources and priorities.

*B. Andrea joined at 4:35 p.m.*

Chair and Co-Chair  
Election

RLAC nominated Josie Chuback to serve as Chair for the committee 2022-2023 term.

Moved by A. Ross  
Seconded by D. Titus

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee elect Josie Chuback as Committee Chair.

CARRIED

RLAC nominated Roger Soane to serve as Co-Chair for the committee 2022-2023 term.

Moved by R. Forsyth  
Seconded by J. Chuback

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee elect Roger Soane as Committee Co-Chair.

CARRIED

*J. Gresley-Jones joined at 4:48 p.m.*

Non-Exclusive  
Commercial Use  
Permit

Staff provided a presentation regarding an initiative to introduce a permit and pilot fee system for roving group use of municipal park and trail amenities. The intent of the initiative is to engage with and manage non-profit and commercial

groups that use a wide range of municipal parks and trails over the course of a given day (e.g. all day bike and multi-sport camps, guided hiking and mountain biking groups etc.). This is in response to the OCP 9.9. goal number 9.9 “Balance the use of public amenities for commercial and event use with the needs of residents and guests”, which was generated in response to staff and resident feedback regarding the size, number and frequency of subject groups, as well as growing user conflicts, needs to adequately protect the municipality (taxpayers) from liability, to help disperse groups, and to improve communications between the municipality and groups for administrative and emergency purposes.

The proposed permit and fee structure would apply to all non-profit and for-profit commercial groups, be they local or out of town based, and children or adult focused. User fees are scaled in favour of non-profits and children programs; conversely non-Whistler based commercial adult groups would pay the highest user fee. Fees would be scaled based upon total seasonal user numbers. A onetime administration fee would also be applied to all groups. Out of town commercial adult fees could reach a maximum of \$1.19 per person per day. Local non-profit youth fees could reach a maximum of \$0.54 per person per day.

The proposed permitting and fee system would be similar to existing municipal user permit and fee structures for event spaces (e.g. Lost Lake event area) and sport fields (e.g. Andree Vajda Janyk Sports Field). One-time events (e.g. a running race on the Valley Trail) are currently captured through an existing and separate municipal permit and fee process.

The committee discussed various aspect of the proposed initiative, mainly around one-time event use, fee schedules for out of town and for-profit groups, potentially using a percentage fee instead of a dollar value on user applications, and potential impacts to other users, resources and municipal amenities. With regard to fee schedules, members felt the fees for out of town and for-profit groups should be increased. Staff reiterated the fees as currently proposed are in-line with other municipal facility use fees and charges, are a pilot for 2022 and could be adjusted at a future date.

Staff provide a recommendation for the Committee’s consideration. The Committee amended the recommendation as per below and added a second recommendation.

Recommendation 1: RLAC supports the implementation of a non-exclusive commercial use permit for municipal parks and trails that seeks to balance the use of public amenities for commercial and event use with the needs of residents and visitors, and eventually leads to a revenue stream to help offset overall costs.

Recommendation 2: RLAC recommends further review of proposed fees for commercial and out of town categories in consideration of market pricing and impact on other users, resources and amenities.

Moved by R. Forsyth

Seconded by A. Ross

CARRIED

TPWG Update

Staff provide a brief overview of the Trails Planning Working Group along with a short walkthrough of the draft notes from the Working Group's December 2, 2021 meeting. A copy of the draft meeting notes is to be forwarded to Committee members. Members asked if the TPWG's meeting are open to the public. Staff replied that public attendance is request based.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting Frequency

The Committee agreed to meet every two months or as time sensitive business requires as per the Terms of Reference. Meetings are to continue to be on the second Thursday of every other month. Meeting times are to be 4-6pm for meetings in January, March, and November (generally during ski season), and 3-5pm for May, July, September (generally outside of ski season).

Next meeting would be March 10 2022, 4-6pm- via zoom.

GM Resort  
Experience  
Introduction

Jessie Gresley-Jones provided a brief introduction as GM of Resort Experience and will attend periodically or as required for specific topics as informed by staff

**MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by A. Ross

Seconded by D. Titus

**That** the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, January 13, 2022 be terminated at 5:55 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott