



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Meeting held in Flute Room, Municipal Hall

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (6)
Councillor, R. Forsyth	5
Member at Large, Paul Street	5
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	6
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	5
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	4
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	6
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	6
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	4
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	6

REGRETS	
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	4
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	5
Member at Large, A. Ross	5
Member at Large, D. Titus	4
Tourism Whistler representative, Karen Goodwin	3

GUESTS	
Manager, Environmental Stewardship, RMOW, H. Beresford	
Whistler Pickleball Association, G. White	
Bylaw Supervisor, J. Pineda,	

CALL TO ORDER

R. Soane recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, 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 C. Higgins
Seconded by P. Street

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of October 13, 2022 with the following amendment's:

- Discussion regarding the 2019 draft e-bike policy
- Discussion regarding the Whistler Sailing Association and the Point rental agreements

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by C. MacKenzie

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of Thursday, September 8, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Council Update

Councillor R. Forsyth provided the following update;

- The Council Governance Manual was adopted at the Oct 4 Council meeting. The Manual provides a code of conduct for Councillors. There is ongoing work reviewing Committees of Council, so updates may be coming. This document is public.
- Election Day is October 15. The Committee was encouraged to vote.
- Council saw the Zero Waste Action Plan and the Tribute Plaque Program at the last meeting.
- The Parking Bylaw amendment was adopted to include an increased fee for those caught parking in an accessible stall. The new fee is \$500.
- The province has approved the tax collected on online accommodation providers to go into the Cheakamus Crossing Housing Fund, used to fund employee housing.

Priority Habitat Strategy

A presentation was given by H. Beresford, Manager of Environmental Stewardship, regarding the Priority Habitat Strategy.

H. Beresford introduced Diamond Head Consulting who is creating the strategy, and discussed the purpose of the Priority Habitat Strategy, which will help the resort to protect its natural areas assets as it continues to grow.

H. Beresford reviewed the strategy objectives and the timeline for the strategy. Progress includes habitat mapping and state of biodiversity, environmental policy and existing programs review, and emerging threats. The strategy uses advanced LIDAR mapping systems and modelling. Development from the strategy includes a toolkit of recommendations, guidelines for staff, residents and developers, and monitoring and implementation. A draft strategy should be available for review by RLAC by end of October.

H. Beresford left at 3:30 p.m.
J. Pineda joined at 3:30 p.m.

Whistler Pickleball
Association Master
Plan

G. White, Whistler Pickleball Association, gave a presentation regarding the Sea to Sky Pickleball Master Plan.

The Master Plan focuses on some key points including;

- Accessibility and affordability of dedicated pickleball facilities
- Facilities should following the learning curve of peer communities, be public, affordable, managed and maintained by the municipality, include easy maintenance built for longevity, and should be sited for neighborhood /family utilization
- Accessibility of facilities meaning close to the Valley Trail, bus services and bike racks, and accommodations for the mobility challenged.

The Committee discussed noise challenges associated with pickleball, which comes equally from voices and ball/paddle contact, and challenges related to facilities close to neighborhoods.

BCRPA is currently developing guidelines to follow when selecting pickleball facility sites.

Animal Control

J. Pineda, Bylaw Supervisor, gave a presentation regarding animal control, and the impacts/trends of dog license numbers and infraction numbers within the Municipality.

Dog license purchases have been in decline since 2018, in addition to a general decline in complaints related to Animal Control since 2018. All complaints involving dogs require a proof of valid dog license. 2022 saw 483 dog licenses purchased to date, which J. Pineda estimated at 25% of all dogs in the municipality. J. Pineda stated the best tool is social pressure for dog behavior.

Bylaw partnered with Communications in the Spring of 2022 to produce signage to leash dogs, which has received positive feedback from the community.

The Committee discussed the signage and the challenges encountered in enforcing the bylaw. They also discussed dogs/dog owners receiving priority locations for off leash areas to recreate, and the economics of those locations while such low percentage of dog owners purchase a dog license. Staffing hours to pick up waste remains, stuff baggies and dispose of garbage's accumulate large fees. The Committee suggested signage at those prime locations to educate dog owners on what their dog license fees support. They also discussed visiting dogs, and potential ways they can contribute.

J. Pineda left at 4:15 p.m.

Alta Lake Moorage
Regulations

M. Pardoe discussed sailboats moored on Alta Lake and the regulations that govern them.

There are ways to restrict moorgae through various levels of government including developing water zones, establishing lake focused development permits, VORR, Crown Leases, private buoy regulations (Federal) and private moorage regulations (Provincial).

The RMOW has a zoning bylaw that prohibits overnight accommodation on the lakes. That bylaw works on complaint basis, and was introduced preemptively. This has not been a growing issue that the Municipality has been made aware of.

Pool Staffing Update R. Weetman provided an update on MPSC pool staffing.

Swim lessons sold well this year and MPSC can accommodate all registrations, however many pool staff attend school, and the kids pool will close Mon-Fri, 12 – 4pm. The Committee was encouraged to check the schedule before you come to the pool. They have a posting for lifeguards and instructors and are recruiting.

The Committee discussed the barriers to entry for lifeguards including the expensive certifications required. They discussed possible solutions including in house certification and capturing part time employees.

4500 Northlands M. Pardoe provided a follow up discussion regarding 4500 Northlands and the facility interim repairs and updates. Staff advised that as the facility is private property, they cannot mandate Beedie to repair the courts.

The Committee urged staff to put pressure on Beedie to provide to the community. The Committee also discussed the report expected from Beedie which has not been supplied from the June 9 RLAC meeting which included the following motion;

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee receive a report from Beedie Construction that details potential options and plan regarding how the racket facility will be replaced in Whistler by Beedie Development. The report is requested within a two month period.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the 2019 draft E-bike Policy

Staff provided an update regarding the 2019 draft e-bike policy. The draft policy was adopted after a lengthy engagement process which received high community feedback. The policy was kept in draft form to ensure edits could be made as provincial legislation was changing quickly at that time. The pandemic then occurred, and e-assisted recreation spiked.

The Committee discussed the issue of the policy being draft format. Staff advised it does not align with the Park Use Bylaw, which is enforceable. They also discussed speed communications campaigns.

The E-bike Policy is tentatively scheduled for the 2023 workplan.

J. Wynott left at 4:53 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Whistler Sailing Association and Point rental agreements

The Committee discussed concern regarding the ongoing negotiations between the RMOW and the Whistler Sailing Club and the Point Artist Run facility including ongoing and future use of the site and agreements.

J. Wynott entered at 4:58 p.m.

November 10 RLAC meeting – shift to November 17

The Committee agreed to shift the November meeting to November 17.

R. Forsyth serving on RLAC

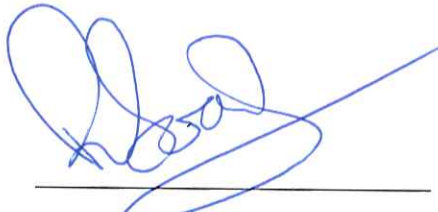
Councillor R. Forsyth was recognized for his contributions to the RLAC Committee, as this was his final RLAC meeting of this term.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by P. Street
Seconded by R. Soane

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, October 13, 2022 be terminated at 5:01 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, R. Soane

Recording Secretary, J. Wynott