

WHISTLER

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017, STARTING AT 4:44 PM.

Myrtle Philip Community School 6195 Lorimer Rd, Whistler, BC V0N 1B6

PRESENT:

Murray Lunn, Chair
Bob Calladine, Member at Large
John Konig, Member at Large
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative
Roger Weetman, Manager, Recreation, RMOW
Stephanie Sloan, Member at Large
Josie Chuback, Member at Large
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large
Dave Clark, Member at Large
Roger Soane, Member at Large
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Martin Pardoe, Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Councillor, Jen Ford Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative Eric Wight, Member at Large Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Included new business; water main repair, VT extension, dog park, and dog waste

Moved by Stephanie Sloan Seconded by John Konig

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of Thursday April 20, 2017

CARRIED

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Josie Chuback Seconded by Dave Clark

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of March 9, 2017

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Parkland Acquisition

A brief presentation from Parks Planning Manager regarding the recent Council approval to acquire the Parkhurst lands. Site images were presented for review by the committee. As mentioned by the Mayor in the media there are no current plans to develop the site.

A discussion was held within the Committee, Members voiced their concern regarding access and homelessness use on the vacant site.

Q: Liability – will liability now be with the municipality? A: Yes, staff are scheduled to undertake a preliminary safety review at the end of April 2017.

Moved by Roger Soane Second by Murray Lunn

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the RMOW establishing a policy to prevent and remove unauthorized overnight parking and camping on municipal properties.

CARRIED

Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee wish to extend their full support and applaud Council decision to acquire the Parkhurst lands.

Artificial Turf Soccer Field Update

A presentation by Parks Planning Manager regarding an update on the Artificial Turf Project (ATF). At a recent Council meeting a comprehensive project update was provided vi an Information Report. Staff provided a condensed version of the Council presentation to RLAC. It was noted that two members of Council spoke in opposition of the project.

The current direction is to confirm the feasibility for the Bayly Park gravel field site and further develop budget estimate. Assuming the site proves to be feasible, the project will return to Council for further consideration later this year. A decision on the type of infill product will be made by Council at a future meeting.

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Q: Has storage been considered on the site?

A: Yes, modest user storage needs are being considered in the design and circulation of the space.

Q: Will baseball have the opportunity to utilize the fields also?

A: Staff will explore concepts that allow for baseball use recognizing that the total area is insufficient and in a different geometric shape than what is required for baseball.

Q: Is there potential for a running track.

A: No, although staff will explore costs and feasibility of developing a series of running lanes along one side of the pitch.

Staff also noted that while explorations will occur to accommodate additional users, staff is extremely mindful of scope and cost increases.

A discussion was held within members of the committee, discussing the positive and negative impacts as well as the need and costs for an ATF.

OTHER BUSINESS

Water main at MPSC

An update from Recreation Manager regarding the issues with the water main leak in April. The leaks were identified in front of the arena and pool which resulted in a temporary pool shut down. The repairs are now completed.

VT extension project update

An update from Recreation Manager to the Committee. Valley Trail has been delayed due to water main leak. Clearing commenced April 20, 2017. Budget will be covered for the unforeseen works.

The bus shelter at MPSC is potentially going to have 46% funded from the province pending grant approval. Plans to add another accessibility parking bay are being reviewed as well as some adding conduit for more electric vehicle bays in the future. Completion predicted for end of July 2017.

Dog waste in parks

A concern from the public regarding dog waste was brought to the attention of the Committee. Member advised bylaw has drafted communication and are in the process of going to the public. Bylaw to attend the next scheduled RLAC meeting.

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> Moved by Stephanie Sloan Second by Murray Lunn

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee strongly recommend that an off leash area be implemented at meadow park and that dog related issues as discussed in the RLMP be made a priority.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Calladine

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the April 20, 2017 Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5:57 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Murray Lunn