

WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, STARTING AT 3:30 P.M.**

**Remote Meeting
Held via Zoom**

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (2)
Councilor, R. Forsyth	2
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	2
Member at Large, A. Ross	2
Member at Large, K. Paterson	2
Member at Large, B. Calladine	2
Member at Large, C. Kaipio	2
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	2
Member at Large, L. Harnish	2
Member at Large, D. Clark	2
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	2
Tourism Whistler representative, M. Kunza	2
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie	1
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	2
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	2
Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Hill	1
Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	2
REGRETS	
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno	1
Parks Planning Technician, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, C. Eccles	1
GUESTS	
Protective Services Planning Analyst, RMOW, K. Creery	
Outdoor Facilities Coordinator, RMOW, A. Kehoe	
President of Whistler Pickleball Association, G. White	

Meeting called to order at 3:36pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Mackenzie
Seconded by A. Ross

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of February 11, 2021.

- 'Non-exclusive Commercial Use Permits' agenda item moved from the last item to the second item on the agenda.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Mackenzie
Seconded by A. Ross

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of Thursday, January 14, 2021.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Alta Lake Gas
Vessels

K. Creery, RMOW Protective Services Planning Analyst, presented to the Committee on the potential for Vessel Operation Regulation Restriction (VORR) on Alta Lake.

Due to the growing concerns regarding noise, pollution, unauthorized dock construction, and general disturbance to the ambiance of the lake, the RMOW and provincial staff have developed a collaborative management strategy to address key issues.

Environmental issues plan to be managed by removing illegal docks and barges on municipal land; supporting provincial staff with foreshore regulation enforcement; and building a communal dock in Alta Lake Park in 2021.

R. Forsyth joined meeting at 3:45pm.

Experiential issues plan to be mitigated by increasing enforcement and boating education safety; sharing information with public on provincial dock approval process; align provincial dock design guidelines with RMOW vision for lakes; and initiating the process to change from gas to electric motors on Alta Lake. The latter would be accomplished by submitting an application to Transport Canada to obtain a VORR, which if approved would only permit the use of human-powered and electric-powered motors on the lake. Currently the RMOW is seeking feedback from lake users and stakeholders to determine if there is community support to submit a VORR application to Transport Canada. Stakeholders can provide feedback at whistler.ca/vorr between January 11 and March 1, 2021.

K. Creery leaves meeting at 4:00pm.

Non-Exclusive
Commercial User
Permit

A. Kehoe, RMOW Outdoor Facilities Coordinator, provided a presentation regarding the introduction of a municipal non-exclusive commercial use permit. The need for such a permit arose from the growing number of commercial groups observed using municipal property, specifically parks and trails, an increase in residential and visitor use of the same facilities, and resident feedback concerns about the unregulated growth and negative impacts of commercial user groups on the general public and experience.

The intent of this proposed permit would be to legitimize and manage current use by commercial users; help mitigate overcrowding of popular public areas; and maintain park and trail availability for general public use and enjoyment. The objective would be to introduce the new permit process in 2021 (without

fees); focus on bike tours and day camps initially; collect data based on this year's operations; and develop a fee structure for the future informed by 2021 obtained metrics. Fees are anticipated to be modest, and scaled based on group type and reflective of nonprofit/for profit as well as local/out of town parameters. They do not intend to be cost prohibitive and aim to cover administrative costs while reinvesting a small revenue back into the facilities.

Committee responded with support in terms of the potential for improved communication, maintenance, and data collection that this permit would provide while also expressing some hesitation of the fee structure and ensuring it is not cost-prohibitive for user groups, especially local youth groups and small businesses. RLAC would like to be able to review and discuss this topic further with staff once data is collected, to be able to modify any recommendations going forward.

That 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 guests, and also support research and data collection and that the findings be shared with RLAC prior to next steps to determine feasibility of fees."

Moved by M. Kunz
Seconded by R. Forsyth
Abstained by C. Kaipio and L. Harnish

CARRIED

A. Kehoe leaves meeting at 4:36pm.

Whistler Pickleball
Association
Presentation

G. White, President of Whistler Pickleball Association provided a presentation to the Committee of the association. An overview was given of the sport itself, the history and evolution of pickleball in Whistler, and the goals and accomplishments of the Whistler Pickleball Association.

The declaration of Whistler Pickleball Week and the event itself was a great success. There was considerable local participation and 20 new members that joined the association as a result of Whistler Pickleball Week. The association is getting ready to prepare for Whistler Pickleball Week 2021.

The biggest challenge for the association is finding adequate places to play as there is still a lack of any dedicated regulation courts within the municipality. The long term goal of the association is to develop a Sea-to-Sky Pickleball Master Plan; expand 'Pickleball Week' to Squamish, Pemberton, and Mount Currie; and integrate pickleball into physical education programming. The objectives for 2021 include increasing membership in Whistler, encouraging and organizing strategic partnerships, and nurturing cost-respective options for pickleball in the Sea-to-Sky corridor.

The committee looks forward to seeing the continued progress of the association and hopes to see more locals get involved with the sport and with Whistler Pickleball Association.

Emerald Estates One
Duck Lake Access

M. Pardoe provided an update on the trail development in Emerald Estates neighbourhood to provide access to One Duck Lake and surrounding trails. The status and detailed update of the trail can be found at whistler.ca/EmeraldTrail.

Work is set to be complete before the end of June 2021. However, there are a few variables that will determine the schedule such as Covid and weather.

Recreational Trail
Strategy Update

M. Pardoe provided a presentation to update the committee on the status of the Recreation Trails Strategy (RTS). The strategy will provide high-level direction related to trail and trail-related amenity development, improvement, access, funding and management. Project Planning phase will take place between January – March 2021, which will include an initial online stakeholder and community survey. The strategy development phase will occur between spring 2021 and fall 2022. The RTS is fully funded from the Province of British Columbia Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) program. More information can be found at whistler.ca/TrailStrategy.

RTS items will be vetted by both Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee and Forest Wildland Advisory Committee. However, staff envision the Trail Planning Working Group being the primary group involved in the strategy development.

RLAC Work Plan
Priorities

2021 Work Plan Priorities include:

- Parks Master Plan
- Capital Projects – primarily in parks; being able to advise and support projects
- Recreational Trail Strategy
- Recreation Users – obtain complete list to be able to connect with user groups as items arise on the RLAC agenda.
- Sport Court Strategy
- Tennis options

OTHER BUSINESS

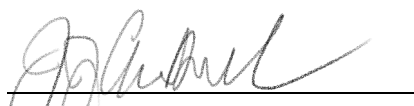

There were no items of Other Business.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by L. Harnish
Seconded by C. Kaipio

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, February 11, 2021 be terminated at 5:33 p.m.

CARRIED


Chair,
Recording Secretary,