



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at www.whistler.ca/rlac

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (5)
Councilor, R. Forsyth	5
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	5
Member at Large, A. Ross	5
Member at Large, L. Harnish	4
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	5
Member at Large, D. Clark	4
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	5
Tourism Whistler representative, M. Kunza	5
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	5
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	5
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	2
REGRETS	
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie	1
Member at Large, B. Calladine	3
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno	2
Member at Large, K. Paterson	4
Member at Large, C. Kaipio	3
Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Hill	3
Parks Planning Technician, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, C. Eccles	2
GUESTS	
General Manager, Whistler Sailing Association, Francois Hebert	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Harnish

Seconded by R. Forsyth

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Thursday, September 9, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. MacKenzie

Seconded by R. Forsyth

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of Thursday, July 8, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Council Update

The council update was provided by Councillor Ralph Forsyth and a discussion was held.

- Whistler Development Corporation is currently working on the Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 development and is expecting occupancy in the first building by next summer.
- The noise bylaw will see increased fines and was sent back for its third reading. Construction will now be able to start at 7 a.m. vs the existing 8 a.m.
- Council adopted Parking and Traffic Amendment Bylaw. This means the speed limit on municipal roads will be lowered from 50 kilometres per hour to 30 kilometres per hour.
- Discussion regarding the fill placed by Whistler Development Crossing near the entrance to Cheakamus Crossing, adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant raised, and what is happening to that fill. Staff's understanding is that the materials will go back to the Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 site and be dispersed on the site over time.

Whistler Sailing Association Presentation

A presentation by Francois Hebert, General Manager of the Whistler Sailing Association (WSA) was given regarding their operation and their status towards moving to a carbon neutral operation. This would mean transferring their exiting gasoline motors to electric engines. The sailing association currently has two electric engines, however they have experienced reliability problems with the second. Their two largest challenges with converting their entire coach boat fleet are cost and electric charging infrastructure.

R. Weetman joined meeting at 3:26 p.m.

MPSC Operational Update

Roger Weetman provided a Meadow Park Sports Centre (MPSC) operational update with respect to the September 13 vaccination check requirements. Currently the order is quite confusing, and more information will be coming in the near future. Key points include all patrons 19+ will need to prove they have their first vaccine when visiting MPSC starting Monday September 13. Bylaw is scheduled to be onsite for Monday Sept 13 and Tuesday Sept 14 to provide back up for staff. Patrons will require proof of second vaccination by October 24. Patrons will have the option to disclose their vaccination status on their membership profiles for ease of building use.

- There is currently an exemption in pools, although because MPSC is a multi-use facility, this exemption will not apply.
- MPSC is awaiting further clarification on the orders including vaccine requirements for facility user groups.

F. Hebert left meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Lost Lake Nordic Trails Update	<p>Roger Weetman provided an update regarding Lost Lake Nordic Trails and Dual Area 2021/2022 pricing and early bird deadlines. The Lost Lake Nordic Trails Admission and Pass Fee Schedule was adopted by Council which locked in the Youth Lost Lake admission pass price of \$60 for three years. Roger thanked the Committee for their support. Discussion occurred regarding the price of rental equipment, and if that was a barrier of entry for youth. Roger advised the private provider that currently supplies the rental gear offers local rates and seasonal rentals. In addition, Monday and Thursday evenings are local's nights at reduced rate.</p>
Update on 4500 Northlands	<p>Martin Pardoe provided an update on 4500 Northlands engagement status. This went to council on August 17. There is a copy of the report and the video recording of the presentation available at whistler.ca/council. Key points include 182 attendees at the open house and 391 responses to the questionnaire. The key themes that emerged included the housing spectrum, connectivity, habitat and nature, green design and sustainability, the opportunity to address gaps in community needs such as medical facilities, daycare space, small-scale local commercial space, concern with loss of existing facilities, space for gathering and social connectedness, inclusion of arts, culture and first nations culture.</p> <p>Members queried whether the Committee's July 8 2021 recommendation regarding an amendment to the draft guidelines was included in the guidelines presented to Council on August 17. Staff will report further on this at a future meeting.</p>
Whistler Summer Experience Review	<p>Martin Pardoe provided a review overview of the Whistler Summer Experience Review. Initial successes included improved pedestrian safety, increased use of sustainable transportation offerings, reduced parking conflicts, increased parking turnover, increased dispersion of visitors throughout the valley, reduced waste and increased waste diversion and increased local business opportunities. 2021 will be used as the benchmark year in which to make recommendations from. Martin then presented several *initial high level Summer Experience statistics. A complete summary report will be presented to Council this autumn.</p> <p>Committee members asked about feedback received regarding the bike dismount segment at Rainbow Park access driveway. Staff responded that feedback has been received, acknowledged the amenity was not ideal but did meet the objective to provide a safe route if people did dismount their bikes as per the installed signs. A new Valley Trail connection in 2022 will replace this situation.</p>
Capital Projects Update	<p>Martin Pardoe provided an update on the following capital projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Millar Creek VT<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Trail is fully open. Lighting will be complete September 2021. This project should be finished within the next week.• PassivHaus Landscape Improvements<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The contractor is to start on Monday Sept 13. Cross Country Connection is winding down this season. Washrooms will be open during the construction period. Most construction should

be completed this fall, but there may be some overlap into the spring.

- Alpha Lake VT
 - Restarting environmental and feasibility study which should be complete this fall. A draft of the feasibility study will be presented to RLAC at a future meeting and staff will be seeking RLAC recommendations.
- Lost Lake Snowmaking & Micro Hydro
 - Preliminary design and environmental assessment underway. Implementation will be for the 2023/2024 ski season. This timing is permitted within the awarded grant funding.
 - Committee members asked if consideration had been given to the locational placement of snow making guns. Staff confirmed the intent of the current phase of work is to provide a singular non potable water source to the area near the existing Warming Hut for wildfire mitigation and bulk snow making purposes, where made snow would then be transported to needed areas. Potential future phases of the project could include the installation of underground water distribution pipes and gun locations, possibly around the lake and or to the PassivHaus.
- Rainbow Park
 - A big focus for this fall with construction starting next year. The work will include connecting the washroom to the sanitary sewer recently installed in Alta Lake Road, a Valley Trail connection between the washroom area and Alta Lake Road, a proper shuttle stop and further parking improvements.
- Meadow Park
 - An RFP will be released this autumn to replace the waterpark next year. The waterpark has been isolated as an immediate need to replace, with the rest of the park upgrades coming after.
- Park Master Plan
 - This plan will aim to be completed in 2022.
- Recreation Trails Strategy
- A consultant RFP will be released this autumn.

OTHER BUSINESS

Taluswood Tennis Courts

There are two municipal tennis courts in Taluswood that were provided by a developer as part of the Taluswood development roughly 15-20 years ago. Due to geotechnical issues the courts are currently not in a state to support tennis although the courts are used informally by various user groups including pickleball and skateboarders. A specific user group has built their own skateboard features at the park without municipal permission. Their rationale is that the Whistler Skate Park is very advanced and is often quite busy, and the tennis court space is generally not used. Discussion occurred and the need for some public engagement on what to do with this space was recognized. RLAC is requesting more information from staff regarding this

space, including the commitment made to the pickleball users, liability and insurance concerns. Discussion rose regarding the demand for more skateboard areas in the community.

Civic Service Awards 2021

The nomination period for the 2021 Civic Service Awards began Tuesday September 7, and will run through Friday September 24. These annual Awards recognize and support individuals who serve on the Resort Municipality of Whistler appointed Committees and Boards of Council in volunteer roles. RLAC Committee members were encouraged to nominate their fellow committee members.

Emerald Trail Access

Construction has started and is scheduled until the end of September. There has been some conflict between users of the trail. A sign was placed stating motorized vehicles are not allowed on the trail. This has caused discrepancies between user groups, as it is crown land. There is a need to manage the potential for conflict. Motorized trail activity is a topic to be addressed within the upcoming Recreational Trails Strategy project.

Committee members requested that staff provide follow-up on outstanding actions & requests.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by A. Ross
Seconded by L. Harnish

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, September 9, 2021 be terminated at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott