

WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

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

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (5)
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	5
Councillor, R. Forsyth	4
Member at Large, A. Ross	5
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	5
Member at Large, D. Titus	4
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	3
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	5
Tourism Whistler representative, Karen Goodwin	3
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	5
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	3
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	5

REGRETS	
Member at Large, L. Scroggins	4
Member at Large, Paul Street	4
Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	4

GUESTS	
Parks Planner, RMOW, A. Oja	
Environmental Stewardship Supervisor, RMOW, T. Schaufele	

CALL TO ORDER

J. Chuback 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 Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Soane

Seconded by A. Ross

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Committee Agenda of September 8, 2022 with the addition of the following;

- An update on the Geese Management program
- An update on the Tennis Club

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by K. Goodwin

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Committee Minutes of Thursday, July 14, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Council Update

Councillor Ralph Forsyth provided the following update:

- The new residents of Cheakamus Crossing are moving in on Monday, with the remaining 54 moving in February.
- The Cannabis Retail Policy does not provide a financial kickback to the municipality.
- The Council Governance Manual will be going to Council on October 6.

The Committee discussed smoking in the village and parks. Signage and a communications campaign was suggested to communicate the bylaw to residents and visitors. The Committee discussed Cannabis sales and how it could increase smoking.

Parks Planning Project Updates

A presentation by M. Pardoe and A. Oja was given regarding the following key Resort Parks Planning projects: Rainbow Park Rejuvenation, Meadow Park Rejuvenation, Recreation Trails Strategy, Disc Golf Feasibility Study, Alpha Lake VT and Pine Point Park.

Rainbow Park Rejuvenation

M. Pardoe gave an update on the Rainbow Park Rejuvenation project including Phase 1, 2 and 3, and discussed the realignment of the Valley Trail within the Phase 2 of the project. Phase 1a is substantially complete, 1b is in process. Phase 2 is anticipated to start in spring 2023 with phase 3 to follow in the autumn of 2023.

With phase 2, discussion occurred regarding the length of the docks and if the new design with a smaller lawn area would increase or decrease the park's capacity. M. Pardoe discussed that capacity would increase from the current condition with the addition of focused amenity spaces, shade spaces, picnic table and eating areas, an additional dock, and expanded beach area.

Meadow Park Rejuvenation

A.Oja provided an update on the Meadow Park Rejuvenation project. The RFP was awarded July 18, and is currently in Phase 1 including startup meetings, environmental review and site analysis. Phase 1 should be complete September 2022.

Discussion occurred regarding the stream and if there is potential for space to be opened in this area. This area is designated as a stream and the area will not be adjusted.

Recreation Trails Strategy

M. Pardoe provided an update on the Recreation Trails Strategy. V1 of the draft documents were reviewed by staff, RLAC, FWAC and WBAC in July. V2 will be received this month for staff review, then Committee review in October/November.

Disc Golf Feasibility Study

M. Pardoe provided an update on the new Disc Golf Feasibility Study project.

The existing disc golf course in Lost Lake is highly oversubscribed and has safety issues. This project will look at the possible rejuvenation and expansion of the Lost Lake course, and be accompanied by an implementation plan. Dialouge Design was awarded the RFP for the project and as part of their team include INDesign disc golf course design professionals and Cascade Environmental Resource Group. The project also looks at other locations to potentially create a second tournament level course.

The Committee discussed the possibility of a commercial operator running the disc golf course.

Alpha Lake Projects - Valley Trail, Pine Point Park and Sanitary Sewer

M. Pardoe provided an update on Alpha Lake Projects which includes a new Valley Trail, improvements to Pine Point Park, and a municipal sanitary sewer main. A grant submission was made to the UBCM's Strategic Priorities Fund in June 2022, and an announcement is expected in spring 2023. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in autumn 2023 after permitting is issued and an extensive environmental review.

Evo Bike Share

A.Oja provided a brief initiative overview of the Evo Bike Share program.

Evo offered to run a demonstration project from July through to October 2022 to meet the goal of creating new bike trips that replace car trips in a way that does not directly compete with bike rental companies. So far, there has been 650+ rides since launch. Based on the outcome of the demonstration, a potential RFP will be issued for a supplier to offer this program.

The Committee discussed the potential of this program competing with local bike rental companies. A. Oja explained the pricing structure, and highlighted that once the bike is used for over an hour, the pricing structure far exceeds local rental company pricing.

The Committee expressed they would like to see the speed cap on the bikes set at 20km/h vs. the 25 km/h it is set at now. They also discussed the increasing issue of ebikes on the Valley Trail and speeding.

Ministry of Forests
Letter

M. Pardoe provided a brief overview of the Ministry of Forests' letter pertaining to private dock authorizations in Whistler's lakes, and requiring dock owners to complete a foreshore application.

The Committee discussed the challenges with this issue including residents who do not own the immediate foreshore next to their dock who will not be successful in the application. They also discussed sailboats moored on Alta Lake and the regulations that govern them. The Committee will add this to a future agenda for further discussion.

Annual Municipal
Budget Process

M. Pardoe provided an overview of budget process and key 2023 Resort Parks Planning priorities.

2023 Budget planning is underway, and 2024 new budget item will include a Bayly Park Master Plan in recognition of the growth of the area. The Committee was encouraged to visit the whistler.ca website for updates and a budget process outline.

WMHA

R. Weetman provided an update on WMHA (Whistler Minor Hockey Association) time slot allocation, and that adult leagues were pushed 30 minutes later to accommodate the growing minor hockey league.

T. Schaufele joined at 4:28 p.m.
K. Goodwin left at 4:30 p.m.

Cross Country Pass
Sales

R. Weetman provided an update on Cross Country Pass Sales. Lost Lake Cross Country ski passes went on sale last week.

Dual Cross Country passholders will now be required to pick up a pass at both MPSC and the Callaghan due to barcode compatibility issues with scanners.

River of Golden
Dreams - Fishway
and Portage
Improvements

A presentation by T. Schaufele was given regarding improvements to the portage section of the River of Golden Dreams intended to improve fish habitat.

T. Schaufele discussed the stress the river is experiencing by increased demand. Improvements include the canal section of the river, including removing the weirs and increasing the Valley Trail in that area to create a shortage portage and more space for Valley Trail users. Work will be grant funded should the grant be successful. The grant will also request a light system to let river users know if the river is passable or not. Currently signage is used to communicate this, however with daily fluctuating water levels, river users often disregard signage.

The Committee discussed the carrying capacity of the river, and the potential to engage a volunteer group to help manage the river in peak times. Currently COS can enforce no drinking and lifejackets, however cannot enforce daily numbers on the river.

OTHER BUSINESS

An update on the Geese Management program.

T. Schaufele provided an update on the Geese Management program. 2022 saw 103 geese, and witnessed most moving to Rainbow Park due to the belief of vibrant grass in the park.

The Geese population is expected to slightly increase, however monitoring for any spikes in population.

An update on the Tennis Club.

The Committee discussed that status of the Tennis Courts, and that they were not resurfaced as promised from Beedie Corp. The court surface was deemed unsafe from some users due to surface change.

The Committee is requesting a follow up to their June 9 request and motion that Beedie provide a report that details the potential options and plan regarding how the racket facility will be replaced in Whistler by Beedie Development. The report was requested within a two month period, and has not yet been received.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

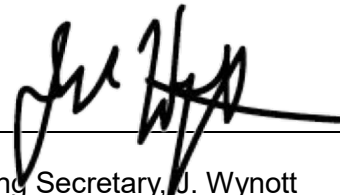
Moved by A. Ross
Seconded by C. MacKenzie

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, September 8, 2022 be terminated at 5:06 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Chuback



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott