



## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TMAC) TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2015, STARTING AT 13:00

**In the Piccolo Room**  
**4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

Steve Anderson, RMOW Councillor – TMAC Chair  
Bill Murray, Citizen-at-Large  
Scott Pass, Citizen-at-Large  
Johann van Schaik, BC Transit – Senior Regional Transit Manager  
Joe Paul, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services  
Emma DalSanto, RMOW – TDM Coordinator & Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:**

Juan Carlos Gomez, Whistler Transit Ltd, Manager  
Steve Antil, Whistler Transit Ltd. – Service Delivery Manager, *alternate*

**GUESTS:**

Matthew Boyd, BC Transit – Regional Planning Work Lead

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As stated at the October 2, 2015 TMAC meeting, Carlos and Steve are out of town at another meeting that was scheduled months ago that could not be changed.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

*Moved by Steve Anderson*  
*Seconded by Scott Pass*

*That the Agenda of the Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) agenda of October 27, 2015 be adopted as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

*Moved by Bill Murray*  
*Seconded by Scott Pass*

*That the Minutes of August 17, 2015 of the Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) be adopted with the resolution in the Whistler Transit System 2014/2015 Transit Performance section Moved by Scott Pass and Seconded by Steve Anderson be revised to read:*

**WHEREAS** the Whistler Transit System has already completed a comprehensive year-long review of the transit system including the route structure, financials and a reallocation of revenue service hours in 2010 and 2011, the review recommendations led to a 19% or 14,000 reduction in annual service hours that was implemented for winter 2011/2012. A subsequent review of the revised service levels and the route structure was conducted in winter 2012/2013, leading to further system refinements including 2,000 annual service hours being added back into the system for winter 2014/2015.

**AND WHEREAS** the proposed 6,000 annual service hour cut in service would bring the system to 56,500 hours, 7% below the minimally acceptable system service hour requirements as defined in the 2011 Whistler Transit System service and financial review, or a 26% overall cut in service as compared to 2010, which will significantly impact the ability of employees to get work on time and thus negatively impact the reputation and success of the resort and the overall community.

**THAT TMAC** receive the draft version of the System Performance and Future Priorities Discussion Paper - Whistler Transit System as presented.

**AND THAT TMAC** requests that the final version of this discussion paper, recognize that the Whistler Transit System cannot afford to lose an additional 6,000 annual service hours and therefore not include a recommendation for additional service hour reductions.

CARRIED

Moved by Scott Pass  
Seconded by Bill Murray

That the Minutes of October 2, 2015 of the Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) be adopted with the following change:

- “and report back to TMAC in an appropriate timeline for the possible implementation in winter 2016/2017.” Be added to the end of Action 7 after the word Exchange.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Colorado Fact  
Finding Mission  
update

Councillor Steve Anderson shared lessons learned from the Council Colorado Fact Finding Mission.

- Every resort that Council visited in Colorado had a free transit system. Some were limited to the resort. Other communities offered free transit down valley as well.
- The Colorado resorts had two methods of tracking buses
  1. On smartphones
  2. NEXT BUS information at stops
- Each resort had a great transit hub that brought regional and local transportation together

- In the US they had different and more funding options. The one funding option that could work in Whistler is applying a \$1 transit levy to each lift ticket to offset the cost of transit as is done in Breckenridge.

It was noted that in the 2011 Whistler Transit System Service and Financial Review, BC Transit obtained information regarding transit metrics from international resort communities.

**ACTION 1:**

That TMAC requests BC Transit get the updated metrics for the Colorado Resorts transit systems originally collected in the 2011 Whistler Transit System review and present them to the next TMAC meeting comparing them with the metrics in the transit future plan.

**ACTION 2:**

That staff work with TMAC and TAG in early 2016 to more clearly define where TMAC ends and TAG starts.

Draft Sea to Sky  
Transit Future Plan  
(S2S TFP) Review

The committee walked through the S2S TFP document and changes requested at the October 2, 2015 meeting. There were further wording and chart modifications and clarifications requested.

TMAC would like to acknowledge BC Transit for leading the S2S TFP process and for all the work that went into developing and revising the plan. However, TMAC does not feel ready to endorse the plan today.

**ACTION 3:**

That BC Transit update the S2S TFP based on today's discussion, share the revised S2S TFP with the RMOW staff, and the RMOW staff cross check that all of TMAC's comments are incorporated and report back to TMAC.

**ACTION 4:**

That a Special meeting of TMAC be arranged the first week of November to review the final S2S TFP and consider a resolution to Council to receive the S2S TFP.

AVL/GPS Pilot  
Project

TMAC reviewed the Acure Consulting Inc. Whistler Transit AVL Pilot Project Memo.

**ACTION 5:**

TMAC has directed RMOW staff to work with BC Transit on the corporate AVL/GPS project and put the RMOW's Pilot on hold.

MoTI Betterment  
Program

The full list of Highway 99 infrastructure improvements developed and reviewed by TMAC was submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure south coast region staff jointly BC Transit and RMOW. The final list submitted was circulated to TMAC.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- **Staff Housing Pilot Project 2015-2016:**  
The RMOW is working with Whistler Blackcomb, Gibbons Life and Moe Joe's again this year to provide evening free transit service on the route #7 Staff Housing bus. Whistler Blackcomb has invited Kokanee to help support this service as the free hours have been extended by 1 hour per day and over the entire winter schedule.
- **WalkSafe – November Bus Pass Promotion:**  
BC Transit has joined the RMOW in funding the November flash light promotion for 2015. It is well received in the community.
- **Whistler Welcome Dinner – November:**  
Whistler Transit Ltd staff and RMOW will attend the 2015 edition of the Whistler Welcome Dinner to share winter 2015/2016 transit information with newcomers to the community.

Next Meeting                      The next TMAC meeting will be scheduled for November 5, 2015.

## ADJOURNMENT

*Moved by Steve Anderson*

***That Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) adjourns the October 27, 2015 TMAC meeting at 15:35.***

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR: Steve Anderson