



MINUTES

TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TMAC) WORKSHOP MONDAY MAY 8, 2017, STARTING AT 2:10

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

PRESENT:

Jen Ford, RMOW Councillor – TMAC Chair
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit – Regional Transit Manager, South Coast
Steve Antil, Whistler Transit Ltd. – Acting Manager
James Hallisey, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services
Emma DalSanto, RMOW – TDM Coordinator & Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Levi Megenbir, BC Transit – Senior Transit Planner
Colin Hoffmann, Whistler Transit Ltd. – Transit Supervisor, *alternate*
Meredith Kunzal, Tourism Whistler – Senior Manager Research & Product Development

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by E. DalSanto
Seconded by L. Trotter*

*That the Agenda of the Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC)
workshop of May 8, 2017 be adopted.*

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Valley Connector
Review

L. Megenbir, BC Transit Senior Transportation Planner presented the findings from the Route 1-Valley Connector Review conducted winter 2016/2017. TMAC discussed the proposed BC Transit options and recommendations.

TMAC supports the BC Transit recommendation to seek community feedback in June with the goal of implementing changes along with the annual winter service change.

M. Kunzal joined the meeting at 2:55pm.

ACTIONS:

1. BC Transit will circulate the draft letter report with the draft TMAC minutes.
2. BC Transit will prepare consultation materials including a draft survey for review by the RMOW and Whistler Transit Ltd.
3. RMOW and Whistler Transit Ltd. will support BC Transit in organizing a community open-house in late June.

Village Shuttle
Research Update
and Discussion

M. Kunzal Kunzal, Senior Manager Research and Product Development at Tourism Whistler presented the free Village Shuttle review research project including methodology and preliminary findings. The free Village Shuttle includes routes 4-Marketplace Shuttle (winter-only), 5-Upper Village/Benchlands Shuttle, and 8-Lost Lake Shuttle (summer-only). Preliminary results indicate that the majority of riders (over 2/3rds) on all routes in all seasons are visitors. Tourism Whistler is looking at the data more closely to answer the questions: who is riding when, on what routes, how often and why. TMAC discussed the preliminary findings and further questions to be explored.

BC Transit is analyzing the ridership data collected by both Tourism Whistler surveyors as well as the Village Shuttle drivers. Tourism Whistler will review the data by transit season and submit a draft report to TMAC for review.

M. Kunzal left the meeting at 3:55pm.

Sea To Sky
Regional Transit
Plan Update

BC Transit has completed the second phase of community consultation and plans to post the results on www.bctransit.com/seatosky by the end of May. BC Transit is also working with a consultant to complete the regional transit feasibility report by summer. It has been suggested that regional transit governance and local funding options should be reviewed by regional CAOs and elected officials prior to the UBCM in September.

AOA and Expansion
Memo

BC Transit staff presented the proposed expansion hours and vehicles for the Whistler Transit System 2018 through 2020.

- The 750 expansion hours identified for 2017/2018 were derived from the recently adopted Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan
- An additional 1,000 expansion hours and one bus have been allocated to the Whistler Transit System for winter 2017/2018 as a result of the Transportation Advisory Group planning. These hours will either be used to provide additional early winter service or to improve winter service as part of the 1-Valley Connector review.
- The 2018-2019 proposed expansion for Whistler requires three buses along with the 6,500 service hours.
- BC Transit requires formal confirmation of the local government's intent to commit to the expansion in 2018/2019 and confirm the local government is prepared to budget appropriately for the subsequent two years of proposed expansion initiatives in the form of the MOU.

This proposed expansion plan aligns with the transportation Vision and Goals for Whistler developed by the Transportation Advisory Group as well as the feedback received by the community over the past year through TAG and the BC Transit community engagement.

ACTION 4:

BC Transit will send the expansion memo of understanding to the RMOW for signature in late May.

J. Hallisey left at 4:05 p.m.

Whistler Transit System Performance BC Transit stated that they are in the process of finalizing 2016/2017 year end. The Annual Performance Summary for the Whistler Transit System will be available in June.

According to Whistler Transit Ltd, the transition from full winter service to Spring/Summer/Fall service in April went smoother than last year. There were fewer pass-ups which may be related to the service adjustments in the 2017 spring/summer/fall schedule.

Addressing TAG items At the May 9, 2017 Council meeting, staff are presenting the results of the community feedback related to the draft 2017 Transportation Action Plan. There was strong support for all the action items including the items under Improving Transit. On May 23rd, RMOW staff will be seeking Council approval for the TAG 2017 summer Transportation Actions including:

- Free Summer Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday Mondays (July 1-Sept 4)
- Reducing the price of 1-, 6- and 12-month passes starting July 1
- Adding transit service where needed most
- Paying for these costs through by revenues from pay parking in Day Lots 1-5 that are allocated in the Community Transportation Initiative Fund as part of the Day Lot Operations agreement between the RMOW and Whistler-Blackcomb (now Vail Resorts)

Updates **Gondola Transit Exchange Operations:**
ACTION 5:
Whistler Transit Ltd will submit a conceptual drawing to the TMAC regarding adjustments to the Gondola Transit Exchange with the goal of improving operations as the transit system expands.

Next Meeting The next TMAC meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Antil

That Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) adjourns the May 8, 2017 TMAC Workshop at 4:22 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: J. Ford

E. DalSanto, Recording Secretary