



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF ZERO WASTE SELECT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020, STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.

Online - Zoom

PRESENT:

Andrew Tucker, RMOW
Arthur De Jong, RMOW Council
Cathy Jewett, RMOW Council
Anita Auer, Crystal Lodge
Tom McColm, Canadian Home Builders Association
Sue Maxwell, Citizen at Large
Lori Pyne, Whistler Community Services Society
Kerren Bottay, Restaurant Association of Whistler
Thea Zerbe, Whistler Blackcomb/Vail Resorts
Claire Ruddy, AWARE
Lauren Harrison, RMOW, Recording Secretary
James Hallisey, RMOW
Cheeying Ho, Facilitator

REGRETS:

Marie-Lou LeBlanc, SLRD
Allana Williams, Whistler Blackcomb

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That the Zero Waste Select Committee adopt the Zero Waste Select Committee Agenda of October 22, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by T. McColm

That the Zero Waste Select Committee adopt the Zero Waste Select Committee Minutes of June 25, 2020.

CARRIED

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councilor C. Jewett, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation on the committee. C. Jewett

acknowledged that we are meeting on the traditional and unceded territories of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations.

C. Ho reviewed the agenda and objectives and led a round of introductions.

UPDATE ON WASTE IN WHISTLER

A. Tucker provided an update on the waste generated in Whistler since the June meeting. Overall the amount of waste created in Whistler has been lower since COVID-19 began. This is due to travel restrictions affecting the restaurant and hotel sector with fewer people in town. The construction industry was affected initially during the first Covid wave and has not yet returned to 2019 levels. The amount of waste in the compactors at the depots was higher than the amount of waste generated in 2019. This is likely due to increased take-out containers, more packaging from online shopping and people cleaning out their homes with nowhere to donate secondhand items. The overall amount of waste in Whistler has been increasing in 2020 since May.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

S. Maxwell provided an update on federal and provincial legislative changes. The provincial government is currently requesting feedback on potential changes to the Recycling Regulation and the federal government is requesting feedback on their approach to plastic products to prevent waste and pollution.

S. Maxwell also talked about highlights from the Coast Waste Management Association conference including information about contactless coffee and the best signage for streetscape bins.

REVIEW STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS

The committee members provided feedback on the draft strategies and actions for each of the 4 focus areas. Focus areas are all products and materials; built environment materials; organics, food and food packaging; and consumer products and packaging. The strategies are organized by education, programs, infrastructures and policies/bylaws.

PRIORITIZE STRATEGIES

The committee members worked in groups of 3 to prioritize strategies for each of the 4 focus areas. The strategies were prioritized into 3 timeframes, 2021-2022, 2023-2024 and 2025 and beyond.

C. Ho reviewed the criteria for prioritizing strategies: the ones that met the most descriptions of success, were highest up the zero waste hierarchy, made the biggest impact in reducing food waste and met goals such as reducing greenhouse gases.

REVIEW ZERO WASTE ACTION PLAN STRUCTURE

C. Ho reviewed the zero waste action plan framework.

DISCUSS KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) AND TARGETS

C. Ho reviewed what makes a strong KPI. KPIs should be valid, reliable, comparable and not resource intensive. C. Ho reviewed what we currently monitor and have data for in Whistler. C. Ho also explained what a target is, and asked for people to provide input on suggestions on anything else we should be monitoring and what we need to set targets for.

NEXT STEPS

- Review and refine all actions
- Identify KPIs and targets for all actions
- Stakeholder engagement
- Write draft action plan
- Present draft action plan at Committee of the Whole

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by S. Maxwell
Seconded by K. Bottay

That the Zero Waste Select Committee Meeting of October 22, 2020 be terminated at 3:04 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, C. Jewett

Recording Secretary, L. Harrison