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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 5

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, STARTING AT 1:00 p.m.

In the Board Room, Whistler Chamber of Commerce
201 – 4230 Gateway Drive, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Andrée Janyk, RMOW Councillor – Meeting Chair
Jen Ford, RMOW Councillor and Acting Mayor
Jack Crompton, RMOW Councillor (*Alternate*)
Mike Furey, RMOW – CAO
Mark Sedgwick, WB – VP Information Technology
Karen Goodwin, Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales
Mechthild Facundo, Whistler Chamber of Commerce – GM, The Whistler Experience
Bill Murray, Citizen-at-Large
Ben Smith, Citizen-at-Large
Scott Pass, Citizen-at-large
Matthew Boyd, BC Transit – Regional Planning Work Lead
Don Legault, MOTI – Operations Manager, Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast
James Hallisey, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services
Emma DaSanto, RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Richard Drdul, Community Transportation Planner
Kevin Stankiewicz, Parsons, Senior Transportation Engineer
Seth Hayto, Parsons, Transportation Engineer EIT
Paula Smith, BC Transit – Regional Transit Manager (*Alternate*)
Doug Forseth, Whistler Blackcomb – VP Government Relations & Special Projects
Doug MacFarlane, Whistler Blackcomb – Director Mountain Operations
Jim Watts, FastPark – Founder
Randi Kruse, RMOW – Communications Officer

REGRETS:

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW Mayor - Chair
Steve Anderson, RMOW Councillor
Janusz Sobieniak, Citizen-at-Large
Jan Jansen, RMOW – GM of Resort Experience
Jesse Morwood, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) (*Alternate*)
Lindsay Debou, RMOW Bylaw Supervisor, *invited guest*
Linda Glenday, District of Squamish – CAO, *invited guest*

Moved by B. Murray
Seconded by B. Smith

Assigning a Chair
for the Meeting

That Councillor Janyk be appointed Acting Chair of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) for the September 22, 2016 workshop.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Furey
Seconded by Acting Mayor J. Ford

That the Agenda of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) of September 22, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by B. Murray
Seconded by M. Furey

That the Minutes of July 11, 2016 of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) be adopted with the following amendment:

- That in the section "Transportation Options – YVR to Whistler" the word 'suggested' be changed to 'discussed' to read "TAG discussed that BC Transit include information from Tourism Whistler"

CARRIED

Presentations and Delegations

Transportation Today
Presentation

Summer Pilot Project Results and Learnings:

Emma DalSanto, RMOW TDM Coordinator, presented the results of the Summer Know and Then Go Pilot Project. The project ran for six Saturdays from the BC Day long weekend through to the Labour Day long weekend providing additional and free transit until 6pm for the first two Saturdays and then until 8pm for the final four Saturdays. Transit ridership was up over 50% on the free Saturdays compared to the equivalent Saturdays in July. The most mentioned reason stated by new riders taking transit on the summer Saturdays was to avoid the hassle of finding a parking spot in the Village.

ACTION: THAT TAG discuss extending this pilot project to summer 2017 as part of the Transportation Tomorrow Exercise 5 later in the workshop.

Summer 2016 Parking Study Findings and Recommendations:

Richard Drdul, Community Transportation Planner presented the summer 2016 parking study findings. Results, key findings and recommendations of the summer parking study were reviewed. The general goal for a parking resource (free or pay) is to have 85-90% occupancy, which is equivalent to 10-15% availability, to maximize use of the valuable resource while reducing customer frustration by providing availability for those that want to park. Key findings and recommendations from both the winter and summer parking studies will be submitted to the RMOW in the form of a final report later this fall.

ACTION: THAT TAG discuss parking recommendations further during Exercise 5

Councillor Crompton arrived at 2:25p.m.

TAG had a 5 minute break.

R. Drdul, D. Forseth, D. MacFarlane and J. Watts left the meeting at 2:30pm.

Sea to Sky Traffic Model:

The RMOW in partnership with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways have retained Parsons to develop a Sea to Sky Highway 99 Traffic Model from Horseshoe Bay through to Pemberton. Kevin Stankiewicz, Parsons Senior Transportation Engineer and Seth Hayto, Parsons Transportation Engineer EIT, presented the draft base model demonstrating how it is calibrated to existing February Friday afternoon peak period traffic and how it can be used to model future base levels of traffic.

P. Smith left the meeting at 3:15pm.

ACTION: *RMOW staff will arrange to have Parsons give this presentation to the SLRD Regional Growth Strategy working group and receive their comments on the population and jobs assumptions before testing future scenarios.*

K. Stankiewicz, S. Hayto and D. Legault left the meeting at 4:15pm.

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Tomorrow Exercise 5

TAG Vision and Goals:

TAG reviewed and discussed the proposed revised vision statement and goals.

ACTION: RMOW staff will take TAG's comments and revise the Vision and Goals and circulate them with the minutes.

Action Planning Discussion:

TAG members were asked to bring their top 5 Short Term (2017 budget), Medium Term (2018-2020) and Long Term (2020-2030) Actions to the meeting. The group reviewed and discussed the actions. A summary of the actions will be circulated with the minutes. TAG's next workshop should focus on 2017 Action Planning.

Correspondence:

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by S. Pass

Train service from
North Vancouver to
Prince George

THAT correspondence from Mayor Lampman dated March 7, 2016, regarding train service from North Vancouver to Prince George be received.

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Updates and Other
Business

- TAG's Terms of Reference were updated July 12, 2016 to include a fourth Citizen-at-Large. Council appointed Scott Pass to sit on TAG. The updated Terms of Reference and Member's List will be circulated with the Minutes.
- TAG briefly discussed holding a Community Transportation Forum in 2017 with the goal of sharing the work that has been done to date as well as the 2017 action items.

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- Topics for future meetings:
 - 2017 Action Planning
 - Community Transportation Forum
 - Defining “Community Transportation Initiative”
 - Potential “Measures of Success”
 - Highway 99 Incident Investigation & Emergency procedures

Next Meeting

The next TAG meeting will be scheduled October or early November 2016 focusing on 2017 Action Planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Pass

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourn the September 22, 2016 TAG workshop at 5:00 pm.

CARRIED

Acting CHAIR:
Councillor A. Janyk

Recording Secretary
Emma DaSanto, TDM Coordinator