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**TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TMAC)
WORKSHOP
MONDAY JULY 5, 2017, STARTING AT 1:00**

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

PRESENT:

BC Transit – Senior Transit Planner, L. Megenbir
Whistler Transit Ltd. – Acting Manager, S. Antil
Whistler Transit Ltd. – Transit Supervisor, C. Hoffmann, *alternate*
RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto

REGRETS:

TMAC Chair – RMOW Councillor, J. Ford
BC Transit, Senior Regional Transit Manager, L. Trotter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by S. Antil
Seconded by L. Megenbir*

That the Agenda of the Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) workshop of July 5, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Moved by L. Megenbir
Seconded by C. Hoffman*

That the Minutes 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 final draft of the Route 1-Valley Connector Review Service Discussion Document which includes the results of the June 2017 community engagement.

TMAC supports the BC Transit's direction of splitting the 1-Valley Connector route into routes north of the Village and routes south of the Village. TMAC supports the concept of introducing a separate route as a Valley Express route. As there were many comments from the public regarding refinements to the proposed 10-Valley Express, TMAC supports BC Transit's recommendation that this route requires more study before implementation. TMAC suggests that more highway stops are

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needed to make this route available to more riders and suggests that the routing should be tested before implementation.

The Whistler Transit System Route 1 Valley Connector Review Service Discussion Document will be presented to Whistler Council on July 18, 2017 with the goal of implementing the recommended changes for the winter 2017/2018 schedule.

Sea To Sky
Regional Transit
Plan Update

BC Transit has published the Engagement Report of the second phase of community consultation last week on www.bctransit.com/seatosky.

BC Transit will circulate the draft the regional transit feasibility to the Local Partner's Working Group soon. BC Transit is targeting potential first phase of implementation in 2018/2019 or 2019/2020.

Whistler Transit
System Performance

BC Transit circulated the draft 2016/2017 Annual Performance Summary for the Whistler Transit System. Highlights include:

- Official Ridership numbers increased by 11% over 2015/2016
- Revenues were also up 12%
- Operating costs were up 2% which is related to higher winter expenses in fleet maintenance and the use of unbudgeted service hours

Whistler 2017
Transportation Action
Plan Update

Updates:

- Gondola Transit Exchange was paved the week of June 26 and operated out of Day Lot 3 on a temporary basis. Transit operations moved back in on June 30th at 2pm
- Free Summer Saturdays, Sundays and Holiday Mondays started July 1
 - Ridership very high on Canada Day due to Parade, VSO concert and Dusty's concert
 - Four instances of passups associated with the parade even with the extra service on the road. Whistler Transit Ltd need to pull drivers off of scheduled breaks to run extra trips between Whistler Creek and the Village in the AM
 - The extra 4 hours of service purchased for the Dusty's concert was effective and is suggested for future events.
 - Sunday and Monday went smooth
 - Drivers appreciated the farebox covers. There were designed and made locally by Barbora Vanickova of Whistler Sewing Service repurposing banners. There is a plastic cover to advertise who is sponsoring the free day of transit.
 - Preliminary ridership numbers appear to be at least double of a regular transit day.
- Passengers are using the new bike racks. The system is still experiencing bike pass-ups as the racks only carry two bikes.

ACTION 1:

RMOW and BC Transit to review the key 8 ridership numbers for the Canada Day weekend

ACTION 2:
RMOW and Whistler Transit Ltd to review upcoming events to deal with surges of passengers

- Other Business
- Comments from Council at the July 4, 2017 Council meeting:**
- Council would like to see the cost per hour for delivering transit service in Whistler compared to other community
 - Council is looking forward to seeing On-Timer performance reporting with the new buses that will be equipped with the SmartBus technologies
 - Council would like to see more information about how to carry recyclables on the buses
 - Council would like to see more opportunities for renting out excess space at the Whistler Transit Facility to third party operators

J. Hallisey left at 2:50p.m.

- BC Transit, Whistler Transit Ltd and RMOW staff will need to meet over the summer to develop the winter schedule.
- Topic for next TMAC meeting – reviewing the design of Gondola Transit Exchange with the goal of improving operations as the transit system expands.

Next Meeting The next TMAC meeting will be scheduled in September/October.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Antil

That Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) adjourns the July 5, 2017 TMAC Workshop at 3:00 p.m.

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CHAIR: J. Ford

E. DalSanto, Recording Secretary