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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 11

MONDAY, September 18, 2017 STARTING AT 2:04 P.M.
In the Flute Room,
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Acting Chair, RMOW S. Anderson
RMOW Councillor, J. Ford – alternate
RMOW Councillor, J. Grills – alternate
Citizen-at-Large, B. Murray
Citizen-at-Large, J. Sobieniak
Citizen-at-Large, C. Doak
Citizen-at-Large, S. Pass
Whistler Blackcomb – VP Information Technology, M. Sedgwick
Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales, K. Goodwin
Whistler Chamber of Commerce – GM, The Whistler Experience, M. Facundo
MOTI – Area Manager, Squamish, J. Morwood – alternate
RMOW – GM of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto

GUESTS:

RMOW – GM of Community Life, N. McPhail
RMOW – Bylaw Supervisor, L. DeBou
RMOW – Senior Communications Officer, R. Kruse

FACILITATOR:

Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho

REGRETS:

Chair – Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden
RMOW Councillor, J. Crompton
RMOW – CAO, M. Furey
BC Transit, Senior Regional Transit Manager, L. Trotter
MOTI – Operations Manager, Howe sound and Sunshine Coast, D. Legault

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Grills

Seconded by S. Pass

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the agenda of Monday, September 17, 2017 as circulated. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by E. DalSanto

Seconded by B. Murray

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) defer adoption of the Minutes of Thursday, June 15, 2017 TAG workshop. **CARRIED**

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates and
Discussion:

Update on 2017 Summer Actions:

E. DalSanto reviewed the summer 2017 Transportation Action Plan and the Improving Transit and Parking Availability initiatives implemented on July 1, 2017. The Highway 99 BC Transit bus queue jumper pilot project did not proceed.

E. DalSanto also highlighted transit and parking issues that need attention including:

- Transit pass-ups for bikes and for people south of the Village in the AM and late at night
- Non-residents parking in neighbourhoods (especially in Brio, Whitegold, Whistler Cay)
- Commercial Bus Parking on Blackcomb Way
- Parking meter lines in Lots 4 and 5
- Cars parking in Day Lot 3 East occupying RV/Oversized spots
- Not enough RV/Oversized spots
- Singing Pass overnight hikers – how and where to park for 2 or 3 days
- Confusion about overnight parking and signage in general
- Employee/Resident parking passes for Lot 4 and 5 can only be purchased in person at Muni Hall.

Update on Communications:

R. Kruse presented the work of the TAG Communications Subcommittee which consisted of staff from the RMOW, Tourism Whistler, Whistler Blackcomb and the Chamber of Commerce. The launch of 2017 Transportation Action Plan received a lot of earned media and generated interest.

Suggestions for ongoing communications include:

- More and better signs on the Highway informing motorists of parking options
- Better communications regarding parking information such as existing on-line information and payment options
- Linking Whistler Blackcomb ski passes with preferred transportation regionally and locally,
- Linking Transportation Actions to goals internally, such as the Vail/Whistler-Blackcomb Epic Promise or for the Chamber members, making it easier for employees and customers to get to the member businesses.

ACTION: Bring the TAG Communications Subcommittee members back together to develop on-going seasonal campaigns.

Transportation Actions Plan Summer Results Presentation and Discussion:

R. Drdul presented the results of the summer transportation action plan. In summary, the 2017 summer action plan was successful. There was more parking availability in the Village and in 2016, the free weekend transit and additional bike parking was well used.

These full results of the summer monitoring program will be shared with the public at the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council as a delegation

presentation. The presentation will also be recorded and posted on www.whistler.ca.

R. Drdul left the workshop at 3:15pm.

Sea to Sky Highway Closure Protocol Assessment Update:

N. McPhail presented the process, findings and next steps for the Sea to Sky Highway Closure Protocol Assessment. A full presentation of the findings of the Assessment can be viewed on-line as part of the June 20, 2017. On October 3rd Council will be asked to authorize the creation of a Working Group with membership from key partners including the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the RCMP, etc, to prioritize recommendations, assign time frames to action items and implement.

Fall and Winter 2017/2018 Transportation Actions Update:

Staff will implement a Spirit Transit Pass program in partnership with the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, there will be an additional bus and 1,000 annual transit service hours implemented this fall and winter, full winter transit service will start on December 13 (approximately double the amount of summer service), continue with the reduced price transit pass and the expanded Family Travel Program an expansion of the Whistler Parking App and a carpool program in Day Lots 4 and 5 to be launched with the winter parking rates that start on December 15.

R. Kruse left at 3:55pm.

RV/Oversized parking

There was not enough space in Day Lot 3 East for most of the summer.
Action: Staff will review to see if there is a way to better sign and expand RV/Oversized parking stalls in Day Lot 3.

Motor coach / bus parking

ACTION: TAG has asked that time be set aside at the next meeting to more fully discuss this topic. Some items that need clarity are definitions of commercial vehicle types, services provided and needs (parking and staging) to provide various services as well as operations for the Gateway Loop.

ACTION: TAG is requesting a statement or policy from BC Transit regarding the use of the Whistler Transit yard for parking of third party commercial motor coaches.

Carpool Parking

ACTION: Staff will send out a homework exercise to review and revise a winter carpool program for the Day Lots.

Other Transportation Issues:

ACTION: TAG is requesting more information at the next meeting on the following topics:

- Synchronized traffic lights pilot project
- Highway 99 – increasing capacity study
- Update on transit pass technology
- Update on regional transit

- Village parking enforcement
- Parking issues in neighbourhoods
- Ideas for bike parking locations/strategies
- Update on S2S closures (after recommendations presented to Council)

Community Forum Discussion

The RMOW is hosting a Community Forum on November 2, 2017. The main topic will be housing. Transportation will also be included. TAG's desired outcomes for the Community Forum are:

- Present summer action results highlights
- Present fall/winter actions
- Gather input on TAG's recommendations for 2018-19 Action Plan
 - Are these the right priority actions?
 - Anything missing?
- Provide an opportunity for longer term action ideas including
 - What will it take for people to ride transit?
 - What would improve guest experience?

ACTION: Staff will present the updated draft transportation posters and Table Host questions at the October 2017 TAG workshop.

2018/2019 Transportation Actions Review

TAG members received the updated table of 2018-2019 actions from the June workshop that were organized by strategy using the four categories: high impact/low resources, high impact/high resources, low impact/low resources and low impact/low resources. Actions were revised for clarity and re-categorized where needed. There was not enough time to review and build consensus.

ACTION: Staff will organize a meeting in October focused on refining the 2018/2019 actions that will then be presented at the Community Forum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Defer to next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next TAG meeting will be scheduled for early October to prepare for the Community Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Grills

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourn the September 18, 2017 TAG workshop at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. DaSanto