



# WHISTLER

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## MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)  
WORKSHOP 12  
WEDNESDAY, October 11, 2017 STARTING AT 2:30 P.M.**

**In the Community Meeting Room – Whistler Public Library  
4329 Main Street, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4**

### **PRESENT:**

Chair – Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden  
RMOW Councillor, J. Crompton  
RMOW Councillor, S. Anderson  
RMOW – CAO, M. Furey  
Citizen-at-Large, B. Murray  
Citizen-at-Large, J. Sobieniak  
Citizen-at-Large, C. Doak  
Citizen-at-Large, S. Pass  
Vail Resorts – VP Information Technology, M. Sedgwick  
Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales, K. Goodwin  
Whistler Chamber of Commerce – GM, The Whistler Experience, M. Facundo  
MOTI – Operations Manager, Howe sound and Sunshine Coast, D. Legault  
MOTI – Area Manager, Squamish, J. Morwood – alternate  
BC Transit, Senior Regional Transit Manager, L. Trotter  
RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey  
RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto

### **FACILITATOR:**

Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho

### **REGRETS:**

RMOW – GM of Resort Experience, J. Jansen

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by J. Crompton  
Seconded by S. Pass

**That** the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the agenda of Wednesday, October 11, 2017 as circulated.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by S. Pass  
Seconded by J. Sobieniak

**That** the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) defer adoption of the Minutes of Thursday, June 15, 2017 and Monday, September 18, 2107 TAG workshops.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

### Updates and Discussion:

N. Wilhelm Morden updated TAG on recent meetings with the Province before and during the UBCM related to regional transit, motor fuel tax, Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) fund, highway and road safety issues including cycling between Whistler and Pemberton.

Staff updated TAG on questions and transportation issues from September 18<sup>th</sup> TAG Workshop related to following topics:

- It is not possible to create a “green wave” on Highway 99 with the existing traffic signals. This will be considered when upgrading or replacing the signals. “Green waves” tend to be most effective in urban areas where signals are closer together than on Highway 99 in Whistler.
  - It was suggested that a priority “Green Wave” be given to southbound traffic on Sunday afternoons from Whistler Creekside, Bayshores, Alta Lake Road to clear congestion.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) is planning to release the Request for Proposals for a “Highway 99 – increasing capacity study” this fall/winter
- On October 3, 2017, Council endorsed the creation of a Working Group entitled “Sea to Sky Highway Road Closure Protocol Working Group” to prioritize, assign timeframes and take action on the recommendations contained within the “Sea to Sky Highway Road Closure Protocol Assessment – Final Report”. The full report can be found in the October 3, 2017 Council package.
- RMOW staff have received traffic count data from MoTI and have done a preliminary comparison of vehicles traveling north and south through the Function Junction traffic signal and comparing it to the traffic at Brio. The same methodology was used in 2016 to look at traffic generated within Whistler versus traffic coming into Whistler. Both in July and August the percentage of local traffic in 2017 is less than it was in 2016 during peak visitor times from about 8am to 6pm.
- RMOW is looking at ways to provide more staffing in 2018 for parking enforcement both in the Village and in neighbourhoods.
- Staff shared definitions, examples and possible locations for various types of bike parking in the Village area, and will circulate an electronic copy with the minutes.
- BC Transit is planning to move from the current magnetic swipe transit pass technology directly to smartphone and credit card technology. There are no plans to move to RFID or TransLink’s Compass card.
- BC Transit will be releasing the Sea to Sky Regional Transit Study in October at [www.bctransit.com/SeaToSky](http://www.bctransit.com/SeaToSky) and staff will present the report to the SLRD Board on October 26 and the RMOW and Village of Pemberton Councils in November.
  - This report does highlight the need for integration of fares between communities and regions to make regional transit seamless to the passenger.
- Update on commercial Bus Parking ... more in agenda later

**2018-2019  
Transportation  
Actions Review  
Exercise**

C. Ho reviewed the TAG Vision and Goals as stated in the Whistler 2017 Transportation Action Plan and then outlined the process to be used to confirm and prioritize the medium term transportation actions from the September meeting. Low impact/high resources actions have been removed from the 2018/2019 action list. Prioritization will be reflected by assigning timing for implementation to the actions.

**ACTION:** Staff summarize the actions review exercise and circulated to TAG and then presented at the November Community Forum with the Minutes.

**November  
Community Forum  
discussion**

TAG reviewed desired outcomes from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Forum.

- Participants will have an understanding of:
  - Results of summer 2017 actions
  - Fall/winter 2017/18 actions to be implemented
  - Proposed 2018-19 actions (including ongoing summer actions)
- Input will be received on:
  - TAG's recommendations for 2018-19 Action Plan
    - Are these the right priority actions?
    - Anything missing?
    - Is there anything that needs to be changed about any of the actions to make them successful
  - Ideas for longer term actions
  - What do you need to drive less or take transit in the summer? Winter?

**Transportation  
Issues Discussion**

***Carpool Pilot Program winter 2017/2018***

As recommended in the Improving Parking Availability Strategy, the RMOW will implement a carpool program. After review and discussion, the following is proposed for the pilot program to be implemented beginning December 15, 2017 when Day Lots 4 and 5 revert to user-pay parking:

- Carpool program is only available in Day Lots 4 and 5
  - Only available to Residents and Employees eligible to purchase the \$30/monthly Employee/Resident parking pass for Day Lots 4 and 5
  - No carpool option is permitted in Day Lots 1-3 during the pilot program
- Carpools can park in any spot in Day Lots 4 and 5
  - No designated spots (due to operations issues – mainly snow clearing)
- Up to four license plates can be registered on one carpool pass (only one vehicle can use the pass at a time). If a second vehicle from the carpool needs to drive in, they can purchase a day ticket.
- All carpools must register to get their pass in person for winter 2017/2018 when they go to Municipal Hall to purchase the Employee/Resident parking pass.
  - Only one person from the carpool needs to go to Muni Hall. They can bring the information for the other members of the carpool.

TAG suggests that the following information be collected to evaluate the pilot program:

- number of carpool passes issued
- number of people/license plates per carpool
- Usage (number of days)
- Month over month growth (in sales and use)

- How busy lots are on peak days
- Survey – trip frequency, purpose, origin/destination, bus instead of driving
- Reductions in ADT and parking lot occupancy
- Place of residence (Squamish, Blacktusk/Pinecrest, Whistler neighbourhood, Pemberton)
- Number of times more than one of the registered cars (on one pass) are parked at same time

TAG has also suggested that options for carpools be explored in non-municipally operated parking lots such as the Whistler Golf Course, Day Lots 6 and 7, Creekside parkade and the hotels.

### ***Motor Coach / Commercial Bus Parking***

As requested at the September TAG workshop, S. Pass, TAG Citizen-at-Large, presented an overview of Intercity Bus Operations. It included definitions of types of Commercial passenger vehicle types, bus parking, bus staging and intercity bus service categories and needs.

S. Pass over the course of his career has been involved in the charter tour bus industry, a provider of public transit in BC, an organizer of special event transit for small, medium and large events in Canada and is currently managing daily multiple trips between the Vancouver airport and Whistler.

TAG discussed the various options for staging and parking in Whistler. BC Transit indicated that for winter 2017/2018, the Whistler Transit yard will not be able to rent out parking stalls above the current 6 already leased to PCL due to the conversion of the Whistler Transit Fleet to CNG buses. Paving Day Lot 5 will create 30 more spaces. One motor coach occupies approximately 4 parking stalls.

*J. Morwood and D. Legault left at 5:10pm.*

**Action:** A copy of S. Pass's presentation will be circulated with the minutes. S. Pass and B. Murray will work with RMOW, BC Transit and Vail Resorts staff to further develop options for winter 2017/2018 which include dedicating four (4) bus bays at Gateway Loop for high capacity, high frequency intercity operators for a fee, restart bus staging and parking in Day Lot 4 for a fee and long-term solutions including examining Day Lot 5, the Whistler Transit yard and the driving range in the winter-Day Lot 6 in the summer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

*There was no correspondence received.*

### **OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES**

- The TAG Communications Sub-Committee has not met since summer. A meeting will be schedule in late October or early November.
- There was a discussion regarding the detail in the minutes for TAG workshops as well as consensus decision making.

Next Meeting                    The next TAG meeting will be scheduled in January 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by J. Crompton

**That** Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourn the October 11, 2017 TAG workshop at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

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RECORDING SECRETARY: E. DalSanto