



MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
WORKSHOP 14
THURSDAY, March 15, 2018 STARTING AT 9:05 A.M.**

**In the Meeting Room Flute – Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Chair – Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden
RMOW Councillor, C. Jewett
RMOW Councillor, S. Anderson
RMOW – CAO, M. Furey
Citizen-at-Large, B. Murray
Citizen-at-Large, J. Sobieniak
Citizen-at-Large, C. Doak
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 – Operations Manager, Howe Sound & Sunshine Coast, D. Legault (*by phone*)
BC Transit – Senior Planner, L. Megenbir
RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
RMOW – GM of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto

GUESTS:

Whistler Blackcomb – Director of Community & Government Relations, S. McCullough
Whistler Blackcomb – Manager Maintenance Planning, M. King
RMOW – Bylaw Supervisor, L. DeBou

FACILITATOR:

Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho

REGRETS:

Citizen-at-Large, S. Pass
BC Transit, Senior Regional Transit Manager, L. Trotter

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Jewett
Seconded by B. Murray
That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the agenda of
Thursday, March 15, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

AGENDA

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Jewett
Seconded by B. Murray
That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adoption of the Minutes
of Monday, January 8, 2018 TAG workshops as circulated.

CARRIED

Updates and Discussion of Transportation Actions:

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

R. Drdul has been hired to monitor the results of the 2017/2018 Transportation Action Plan. Detailed parking and traffic surveys took place on weekends in January and February. Data continues to be collected into April. The final report will be completed in late spring.

Staff updated TAG on the preliminary results of the winter 2017/2018 monitoring program.

- Average daily traffic counts on Highway 99 at Brio are tracking slightly lower than 2017 and 2016 but higher than 2015
- Number of vehicles entering Whistler at Function Junction are higher than in 2017 but trips starting and ending in Whistler are lower than in 2017
- Ridership on the Whistler transit system is higher than last winter
- Day Lots 1-5 are at or below 90% occupancy target
 - Day Lots 4 and 5 had 10% and 70% availability, respectively, on all survey days.
 - Day Lots 1-3 were above the 90% occupancy target on all survey days
- Many vehicles in Day Lots 1–3 due to monthly passes
- Overtime parking in Village lots and on Blackcomb Way
- Creekside underground parkade is full most days
- Whistler Blackcomb will share occupancies in Day Lots 6, 7 and 8
- Private lots have limited availability
- The majority of Lot 4 and 5 carpool passes are “convenience carpools” consisting of two vehicles from the same address
- On-street parking counts have been and continue to be conducted in neighbourhood in Brio, Whistler Cay and White Gold. The average number of vehicles parked in these locations during off-peak season was higher than peak season.

TAG discussed the primary winter results, the consultant’s recommendations as well as J. Wood’s letter regarding on-street parking in neighbourhoods circulated with the agenda package. TAG recommends the following next steps:

1. Install parking meters on Blackcomb Way with the same pricing as Main Street as outlined in the 2017 Transportation Action Plan.
2. Keep Commercial Bus Parking in Day Lot 4 and charge by the hour to a daily maximum during peak season. Complimentary staging in Day Lot 4 will only be considered for the bus companies that lease one of the four reserved bays in Gateway Loop.
3. Continue monitoring on-street parking in neighbourhoods adjacent to the Village and throughout the Valley.
4. More work needs to be done on pricing monthly passes before any new passes are introduced for Day Lots 1-3, either to supplement or replace the current monthly pass. If a 20-time pass is implemented, pricing for each day of the pass should be no less than 50% of the price for daily passes.
5. Ensure that the electronic and paper maps showing parking in Whistler are complete and accurate.
6. Proceed with a pilot project to display parking availability at the Conference Centre underground lot.

D. Legault and L. DeBou left at 10:00 a.m.

**Confirming CTIF
Goals and Criteria
Confirming CTIF
Criteria and Desired
outcomes**

Community Transportation Initiative Fund (CTIF) Criteria

C. Ho summarized the results of the CTIF Exercise initiated at the January 2018 workshop and completed by TAG members electronically. She then facilitated finalizing resulting revisions to the draft Goals and Criteria. Listed below are the recommended purpose, goals, criteria and other information to help guide the Day Lot Operating Committee on the allocation of Community Transportation Initiative Funds.

CTIF Purpose:

Provide a funding mechanism to support preferred transportation initiatives that benefit the resort community.

CTIF Goals:

- Improve affordability
- Improve transportation (including experience) for residents and visitors
- Increase transit frequency and reliability
- Reduce congestion
- Create transportation choice
- Solve more than one issue
- Address year-round transportation challenges
- Promote and supports preferred modes of transportation
- Reduce environmental impact

CTIF Criteria:

- Simple to administer
- Cost-effective (use is monitored)
- Flexible, depending on resort needs
- Ensure long-term viability of CTI fund
- Scaleable
- Minimal requirement/costs for communications

Additional information required to make a decision on a proposed initiative

- Monitoring process
- Incremental benefits
- Cost (and compared to overall budget/other initiatives)
- Whether other funding opportunities has been explored
- Is not a core transportation service of RMOW or Whistler Blackcomb/Vail Resorts
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Break

10:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

Highway Capacity Update

MoTI has initiated the study to look at increasing capacity on Highway 99 from Function to Lorimer Road. A draft report should be circulated this summer.

J. Hallisey presented the result of the report prepared by the Parson's group to address what it would take to improve Highway 99 capacity through regional transit between Metro Vancouver and Whistler. The model illustrated that 150 trips would need to be diverted from cars to transit in the peak hour between Horseshoe Bay and Squamish and 100 trips would need to be diverted from cars to transit between Squamish and Whistler. The technical memo was circulated to TAG as part of the agenda package.

**2018 Official
Community Plan
(OCP) Refresh**

Discussion of TAG and Official Community Plan (OCP) Vision and Goals

The 2018 Whistler OCP refresh project involves taking the 2011 OCP (see Official Community Plan Adoption Bylaw No. 1983, 2011), which was adopted May 7, 2013 as the starting point and updating it based on the current realities, studies, strategies and initiatives over the past five years.

Staff reviewed the input from the March 5, 2018 OCP Community Visioning Session and reorganized the Transportation policies in Chapter 9 under the eight TAG goals.

C. Ho facilitated an exercise to review the review and revise the transportation policies.

M. Sedgwick left at 10:50 a.m.

ACTION: Staff will revise the Transportation policies based on the feedback and circulate a revised draft of objectives and policies for a special TAG Working Group meeting on March 22 from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. focused on completing the OCP transportation policy review.

M. Facundo left at 11:30 a.m.

Correspondence

Letter from J. Wood regarding restrictions to parking in neighbourhoods

ACTION: Staff will respond to J. Wood informing him of the preliminary results of the 2107/2018 monitoring program and the expanded monitoring that will take place this spring and early summer.

Letter from A. MacConnachie regarding parking for Fire Fighters

This letter was received and discussed by TAG at the June 15, 2017 workshop. It was forwarded to RMOW staff. This letter was recirculated in this agenda package as the minutes from June 15, 2017 did not reflect the discussion as the Correspondence section of the Minutes were missed.

N. Wilhem-Morden received a response from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure that there are no plans to add additional barriers on Highway 99 between Whistler and Metro Vancouver and that the Ministry has invested in variable speed signs between Whistler and Squamish to encourage safer driving behaviours.

Communications Task Team Update and Discussion

The task team is reviewing summer messaging and will update materials to include messaging related to progress on Regional Transit, how parking fees (CTIFs) are being used to create other transportation options for residents, employees and visitors.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

The next two TAG workshops will be scheduled in April/May and June/July 2018. Staff will explore inviting a speaker such as Gord Price or Gord Lovegrove to present on innovative transportation initiatives, and to open up the talk to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Anderson

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourn the March 15, 2018 TAG workshop at 12:01p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. DalSanto