



MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 15 THURSDAY, May 17, 2018 STARTING AT 9:02 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, J. Sobieniak
- Citizen-at-Large, S. Pass
- Citizen-at-Large, C. Doak
- Whistler Blackcomb – Director of Community & Government Relations, S. McCullough
- Whistler Chamber of Commerce – GM, The Whistler Experience, M. Facundo
- MOTI – Operations Manager, Howe Sound & Sunshine Coast, D. Legault
- BC Transit, Senior Regional Transit Manager, L. Trotter
- RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
- RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary, E. DalSanto

GUESTS:

- RMOW – Bylaw Supervisor, L. DeBou
- Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Community Planning and Monitoring Specialist, D. Wilson

FACILITATOR:

- Whistler Centre for Sustainability – Executive Director, C. Ho

REGRETS:

- Citizen-at-Large, B. Murray
- Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales, K. Goodwin
- RMOW – GM of Resort Experience, J. Jansen

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

AGENDA

- Moved by S. Anderson
- Seconded by C. Jewett
- That** the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the agenda of Thursday, May 17, 2018 as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Moved by C. Jewett
- Seconded by S. McCullough
- That** the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adoption of the Minutes of Monday, March 15, 2018 TAG workshops as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Introductions

S. McCullough, Director of Community & Government Relations, and member of the Day Lot Operating Committee, has been appointed by Vail Resorts to be the Whistler Blackcomb representative on the Transportation Advisory Group replacing Mark Sedgwick, VP Information Technology.

Updates and Discussion of Transportation Actions:

SD#48 Transportation and Housing Forum April 6, 2018:

E. DalSanto summarized the School District #48 transportation presentations at the April 6, 2018 Transportation and Housing Forum. Dignitaries that attended included the following elected officials: the provincial MLA for the area, Mayors of Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, Councillor C. Jewett, School Board representatives and representatives from the Lil'wat Nation and Squamish Nation. Ideas could be grouped as solutions to school parking problems, to issues of human and animal safety on Highway 99, as well as to traffic issues.

RMOW website:

www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler will continue to be the key location for transportation reports, updates and findings. The layout is being refreshed to make it easier to find information.

May 8, 2018 Council Presentation and Administrative Report to Council :

E. DalSanto summarized the presentation by R. Drdul on the 2017 Transportation Action Plan winter monitoring results at the regular meeting of Council on May 8, 2018. The presentation included information presented to TAG at the March 15, 2018 workshop, final Day Lot average winter occupancies 62% vs 56% in 2016, final sales of monthly parking passes, and preliminary transit ridership of approximately 10% increase from winter 2016/2017. The final report will be posted on www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler.

Council endorsed TAG's recommendations from the March 15, 2018 meeting and authorized RMOW staff to work with partners to move forward on the actions.

C. Ho facilitated a discussion to determine TAG's most important actions to keep focusing on/adjust moving forward, which include:

- Monitoring neighbourhood parking
- Neighbourhood transportation improvements (sidewalks, traffic calming, etc.)
- Barriers to riding transit – bring back the 10x transit passes
- Continue and expand free transit in the summers
- Secure bike parking
- Designated commercial bus parking – continue to pay attention to
- Keep considering affordability
- Balance between visitor experience and transportation demand management/costs
- Transit queue jumper lane – still being explored
- Regional transit planning
- Communications – e.g. infographic (simple)
- Valley Trail monitoring (safety, etc.)

- Keep working on the “work with” actions
- Taxis/other forms of public transport/transit

While R. Drdul’s report provided recommendations on implementation of multiple day parking passes, E. DalSanto indicated that it would not be feasible to implement a new pass before the end of 2018.

ACTION 1:

S. McCullough and J. Hallisey to review options for introducing a 20 times parking pass with the Day Lot Operating Committee and report back to TAG.

ACTION 2:

MOTI staff to report back to TAG at the next meeting with the status of the Sea to Sky Highway Capacity Study and the Sea to Sky Highway Road Closure report recommendations.

Community Input on the Vision

Community Input on the Vision from the March 5, 2018 Forum

C. Ho summarized the transportation related input from the March 5 Community Forum by Goals. Much of the input was related to potential transportation actions vs. vision or goals.

TAG members noted that transit is more than just BC Transit service. It includes different ways to move people around that is not in the private vehicle.

L. DeBou left at 9:58 a.m.

Transportation Indicators

Transportation Indicators Update

D. Wilson gave a quick overview of the RMOW’s Community Monitoring Program, how indicators are represented and the most recent results of the Community Life Survey. Indicators are represented by colours in two concentric circles: the outer circle represents performance toward a target while the inner circle represents the trend year to year.

He then summarized the existing transportation related indicators measured by the RMOW in four categories:

1. Quality – Satisfaction and Safety
2. Environment and Vehicles
3. Behaviour
4. Land Use

Items of note:

- Indicators are used to highlight progress toward vision and goals.
- There is no indicator for resiliency of the transportation system
- The number of visitors travelling by bus (highway coach) has grown more in the summer than in the winter months.
- Progress on reducing vehicle emissions is probably related to vehicle technology and not reduction in trips.
- Other specific metrics such as parking availability in the Day Lots is not represented in this top-level set of indicators.

- GHG indicators are absolute numbers and not per capita visitation numbers.
- The Community Life Survey highlighted transportation to be the 2nd most important issue (housing was most important) to be addressed by local leaders.

M. Furey left at 10:30 a.m.

ACTION 3:

Staff will circulate the transportation indicator slides to TAG members with the workshop minutes.

ACTION 4:

TAG has requested that the indicator “Proximity to Quality Transit” be updated to reflect the 2018/2019 transit expansion.

Break

10:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

J. Sobieniak left at 10:50 a.m.

2018 OCP Refresh Update

Official Community Plan (OCP) Transportation Chapter Summary

J. Hallisey summarized how the Transportation chapter of the OCP has been revised and the next steps of the OCP Refresh and editing process. At this point, staff are not looking for further input into the policies, unless there was something critical missing.

TAG members suggested including a mention of reducing GHGs in the ‘Our Shared Future’ section.

Transportation Plan and Long-Term Actions

Whistler 2028 Transportation Plan Framework

C. Ho presented a recommended framework for the Long-Term Action plan that is based on the structure of the Official Community Plan instead of the structure used for both the short-term and medium-term Transportation Action Plans. TAG members agreed with the recommended structure of Goal – Policy – Action(s) – Indicator(s).

C. Ho facilitated an exercise to prioritize the transportation goals and to review the list of long-term actions that have been developed and gathered by TAG at over the past year.

ACTION 5:

C. Ho will provide a homework assignment for TAG members to think about local, regional and global trends that we need to consider when developing and prioritizing long-term transportation actions.

Correspondence ***Letter from E. Marriner requesting a representative from private transportation companies on the Sea-to-Sky Multimodal Evacuation Plan Steering Committee***

Moved by S. Anderson

Seconded by C. Doak

That the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) recommends S. Pass, TAG Citizen-at-Large and Manager of Operations & Business Development, Whistler Connection Ltd., be nominated to join the Sea-to-Sky Multimodal Evacuation Plan Steering Committee to assist in coordinating private carriers and represent the private transportation company perspective in developing the evacuation plan.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

The TAG workshops will be May 31. Another TAG workshop will be scheduled for Thursday, June 21 to continue finalizing the long-term actions and associated indicators.

TERMINATION

Moved by S. Anderson

Seconded by S. Pass

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) May 17, 2018 TAG workshop be terminated at 12:01p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

RECORDING SECRETARY: E. DalSanto