



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MEASURING UP SELECT
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (MUSCC)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018, STARTING AT 9:10 A.M

**In the Fissile Room at Whistler Municipal Hall
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Accommodation Sector, Doug Andrews
Mature Action Committee, Sue Lawther
Whistler Blackcomb, Sarah Mcphee
Whistler Community Services Society, Jackie Dickinson
Member at Large, Olivia Rey
Senior Planner, RMOW, Jake Belobaba
Recording Secretary, Karen Olineck

REGRETS:

Councillor, Jen Ford
Whistler Blackcomb, Matt Davies
Whistler Adaptive Sports Program, Chelsey Walker
Member at Large, Jenny Angus
Tourism Whistler, Mary Ann Collishaw

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Olivia Rey
Seconded by Doug Andrews

That MUSCC adopt the MUSCC agenda of February 28, 2018.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Doug Andrews
Seconded by Sue Lawther

That MUSCC adopt the MUSCC minutes of May 03, 2017.

CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE:

Jake Belobaba provided Council update on relevant topics including the current OCP re-visioning and the section of the OCP related to accessibility.

The adoption of the recommendations from Council on the Housing Task Force. The Planning Department will be proceeding with some policy changes related to Infill housing and WHA. There may or may not be some aspects applicable to accessibility.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Topic

Accessibility recommendations for the EOC Plans:

1. The Emergency Program Department along with Planning worked together to identify the needs of Reception Centre and Group Lodging and how to make all facilities more accessible.
2. To facilitate changes to the needs assessments, request for funding through a grant proposal to UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund was initiated and was successful.
3. Part of the funding from the UBCM grant will be used to acquire functional needs equipment including accessibility tote, containing chloroplast universal accessibility signs. Other recommended items for the reception centre are; whiteboards with dry eraser, metal stakes for signs; chloroplast universal accessibility signs; magnifying glass or reading glasses, mobility aids like wheelchair, walkers cane or crutches, TTY phones; bariatric Cot, adjustable cots with rails, sleeping pads for cots. These are some in a list of items that will assist the RMOW to effectively respond to emergencies.
4. Part of the funding from the UBCM grant will also be used to provide specialized CMIST training for volunteers and staff in order to implement.

Topic

The proposed revisions to the OCP chapter and associated parts:

1. The OCP is the most important document for guiding development in a municipality. It articulates policies for growth management, land use, housing, social and environmental issues. One of the only documents a municipality is legally required to abide by.
2. The update to the OCP was initiated this year because it was quashed in 2014. Staff is hoping to have a bylaw to Council in June to start formal consideration.
3. Our focus today is to discuss updating part of the OCP specific to the accessibility section.

Comments from Staff & Panel:

1. Consider changing some of the language to respect the Universal Design Principle.
2. Jake Advised that accessibility codes under the building code are not rooted in a universal design and that a municipality cannot impose technical building requirement in excess of the building code.
3. We are considering changing the wording “inclusive design” to “universal design.”
4. Consider including the “Universal Design Principle” as an appendix in the OCP accessibility section.
5. Concerns that there may be updates to the “Universal Design Principle” that may not be able to be updated in the completely OCP document.
6. If we include the “Universal Design Principle” as a document in the OCP, perhaps define the word “Universal” to mean everyone one, not only someone with a disability. The needs of someone in a wheelchair may be similar to that of a mom with a stroller.

TERMINATION

Moved by Sue Lawther

That the MUSCC Committee Meeting of February 28, 2018 be terminated at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

ACTING CHAIR: Sue Lawther

SECRETARY: Jake Belobaba