PRESENT:

Mayor: J. Crompton

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services and Acting Municipal Clerk, T. Battiston
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford
Planner, R. Brennan
Planning Analyst, J. Abraham
Council Coordinator, N. Cooper

AWARE, Executive Director, Claire Ruddy
Howe Sound Women’s Centre, Community Programs Manager, Shana Murray
Whistler Naturalists Society, Founding President, Bob Brett
Sea to Sky Community Services Society, Director of Early Child Development Services, Suzie Soman

Mayor J. Crompton recognized that we are on the traditional territories of the Lil’wat Nation and the Squamish Nation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong

That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of December 18, 2018 as amended to remove the Council Retreat Report presentation.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett


CARRIED
PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Randi Kruse
2848 Clifftop Lane
Re: CECAP Update

Randi Kruse asked, with regards to the Community Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) report, what will Council do now to enable staff to deliver meaningful progress on the CECAP within the next three months, so that the next time we receive an update we can expect it to demonstrate measureable improvement towards our goals.

Mayor J. Crompton responded that much time has been focused on this and at the Council Retreat, Council talked about aggressive implementation of the CECAP. He added that it still needs to be nailed down exactly what that means, and could not provide a more specific response at this time, but it is something that the current Council values.

Randi Kruse noted that there were a lot of conditions related to future funding, and a lot of the action would depend on more staff resources. If we are talking about aggressive implementation, she asked if it can be within the scope of current resourcing, so we are not depending on future funding.

Mayor J. Crompton responded that this will be part of the 2019 budget process and added that he is confident and advocating for spending to implement the recommendations of CECAP.

PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Community Enrichment Program Report Back

A presentation was given by Claire Ruddy, Executive Director, AWARE regarding the 2018 Community Enrichment Program Report Back.

Community Enrichment Program Report Back

A presentation was given by Shana Murray, Community Programs Manager, Howe Sound Women’s Centre regarding the 2018 Community Enrichment Program Report Back.

Community Enrichment Program Report Back

A presentation was given by Bob Brett, Founding President, Whistler Naturalists Society, regarding the 2018 Community Enrichment Program Report Back.

Community Enrichment Program Report Back

A presentation was given by Suzie Soman, Director of Early Child Development Services, Sea to Sky Community Services Society regarding the 2018 Community Enrichment Program Report Back.

Council Retreat Report

This Agenda item was removed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Statement Regarding the Letter to Canadian Resource Development Limited

I would like to begin my report tonight by acknowledging that a decision by our Council put Whistler in the media spotlight this past week and the coverage has not been positive. In September, Council joined local and provincial groups in a campaign for action on climate. We did this to highlight the urgency of climate change and to draw attention to the very real impacts of climate change on our community. Our Council endorsed sending letters to 20 of the largest global and Canadian oil and gas companies. The tactic we chose to deliver that message came across as tone deaf and hypocritical. We did not acknowledge our community’s own climate footprint. We should
have. I’ve been called hypocrite a lot in the last week for using oil and gas. It’s a fair charge. Whistler depends on oil and gas. A friend pointed out to me that we are all hypocrites on this but that we can’t afford to wait for everyone to have clean hands before we act. The challenge is too big and the urgency too great. Horstman Glacier has lost 500m in the past 20 years. The time to act is now. There are actions we need to continue to take locally to tackle the challenge of climate change. Tonight, we will have an update on the progress made on our Community Energy and Climate Action Plan. We have a long way to go. Private vehicle transportation and natural gas heating contribute to more than 50 per cent of our community’s annual Greenhouse Gas emissions. We need to do much more. Last week at our retreat our Council confirmed that we are committed to doing more and to continue to do our part to combat climate change. However, it’s clear that this is a very personal and emotional issue. I would like everyone who phoned or emailed me to know that I have listened to your comments. I have read your emails. I deeply regret that I made you feel unwelcome in Whistler. I was not directing this letter at the hundreds of thousands of good people who work directly and indirectly in the Canadian oil and gas industry. We know you have been going through extremely challenging times. This is a difficult conversation but it’s one we all need to have: citizens, businesses and all levels of government. It is my commitment as Mayor to continue this conversation in a respectful way that elevates this conversation to where we can make real change. It is my commitment to act locally. Please hold us accountable to this promise. Please ensure we continue down this path of action.

Mayor J. Crompton declared a recess of the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing.

Mayor J. Crompton reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Wayfinding and Cultural Connector Milestones
Mayor Jack Crompton noted that 2018 marks four years since the launch of Whistler’s Wayfinding project and Cultural Connector scenic pathway. The work set out over a three phase plan is now nearing completion. Two new gateway signs will be installed at the entrance of Lorimer Road and Village Gate Boulevard in December 2018, and this rounds out the extensive network of wayfinding signs around Whistler. Earlier in the year, further enhancements were also made to the Cultural Connector scenic-pathway such as improvements to the path adjacent to the Whistler Skate Park and Fitzsimmons Bike Park, and the installation of the new public art piece the Thunderbird in the Upper Village. These projects are funded through the Province of British Columbia’s Resort Municipality Initiative and enhance the visitor experience by making it even easier for visitors to navigate their way around town and to explore cultural venues. The Resort Municipality Initiative is a provincial revenue source for eligible resort municipalities, and has been invested in a range of programs and services to support tourism in Whistler, and in the province. Mayor Jack Crompton added that he is noticing fewer people opening maps to try to navigate around the village as a result of this initiative.
OUTSIDE VOICE Survey
On December 6, 2018 the RMOW held a community open house to launch OUTSIDE VOICE – a year-long conversation with the community about the future of Whistler’s parks. Mayor Jack Crompton thanked everyone who attended the open house and noted that for those that couldn’t make it, there is still plenty of opportunity to get involved in this important Parks Planning project. There is an online survey which is open now until December 20, 2018. Whistler’s parks are a cornerstone of the Whistler experience, and a beloved part of community life here in Whistler. The RMOW wants to hear from frequent users of Whistler’s parks and asked the community to share experiences of using the parks as a family, a group, dog owner, individual or more and let the RMOW know how Whistler’s parks can be even better. The survey can be taken online at whistler.ca/OutsideVoice.

Whistler 101 Survey
In partnership with Tourism Whistler, the RMOW is exploring a series of Whistler 101 lectures for the community. These workshops, classes, or presentations would be available to residents and free to attend. The RMOW is consulting the community to establish the preferred format of how these are offered, and what kind of themes and content is shared. Mayor Jack Crompton invited the community to take the quick survey and let the RMOW know what kind of culture, heritage, and natural environment lectures would be of most interest. Survey participants can also go in the draw for a $200 VISA gift card. The survey is online at whistler.ca/Whistler101.

Whistler Presents: Winter Programming
Mayor Jack Crompton advised that the Whistler winter events and animation kicked off on Monday, December 7, 2018 with the opening of the outdoor skating rink at Olympic Plaza and Family Après. The ice rink’s opening weekend was a busy one, with more than 600 pairs of skates rented out. The holiday program continues throughout winter. More information can be found online at whistler.ca/WhistlerPresents.

Councillor Jen Ford – 10 Valley Express Route
The new 10 Valley Express route officially launched on December 15, 2018. This new route for Whistler takes passengers along the highway from Emerald to Function Junction and Cheakamus without transferring buses in the Village. End to end, this new route saves passengers 30 minutes or more from a trip that previously took over an hour. Councillor Jen Ford had the opportunity to take the 10 Valley Express home from the Village. She took the bus from the Whistler Golf Club and reached her stop south of Creekside in less than 10 minutes. Councillor Jen Ford noted that there was noticeable excitement by other passengers. One passenger said that it's a dream come true and another said that this could be a game changer. Councillor Jen Ford noted that she is very pleased that the Transportation Advisory Group listened to community members when they said that Whistler needed a bus route that ran just along the highway and not into the neighbourhoods. This new route is a direct result of community feedback on transportation. The ‘10 Valley Express’ will operate as a pilot project this winter during peak periods. The route will continue on a reduced spring schedule beginning April 1, 2018. Ridership numbers during the pilot project period will determine if the route
will return for Winter 2019/20. Councillor Jen Ford added that, with the winter weather finally here, riders are encouraged to keep up on the latest transit conditions and check for service delays, disruptions, closures and re-openings before heading out – especially during heavy snowfall. Riders can get the most up to date information by following @WhistlerTransit on Twitter or check the live feed on www.bctransit.com/whistler. Riders are also encouraged to follow their bus in bus in real-time using BC Transit’s NextRide tool available at www.bctransit.com/whistler from a smartphone or desktop.

Councillor Cathy Jewett
Councillor Cathy Jewett congratulated Whistler Blackcomb on the culmination of the large project of three new lift installations, with the opening of the new Blackcomb Gondola. She added that this will make a big difference for both winter and summer operations.

Councillor Arthur De Jong
Councillor Arthur De Jong thanked staff for organizing the RMOW’s Christmas party and noted that it was good to catch up with staff and share in the enjoyment.

Mayor’s End of Year Message
As the last Council Meeting of the year, Mayor Jack Crompton took a few minutes to reflect on the year, and to look forward to plans for 2019, and beyond. He noted that towards the end of the year, the election saw the changeover of Mayor and Council and said goodbye to Nancy Wilhelm-Morden after an incredible 17 years of service as Mayor and Councillor for Whistler as she choose not to run again. Mayor Jack Crompton noted that he is honoured to have moved into the position of Mayor, after seven years as a Councillor and he is proud to be working alongside an experienced and passionate group of Councillors.

Some of the significant work undertaken in 2018 included:

- The historic signing of a protocol agreement with the Lil’wat and Squamish Nations formally marking our renewed partnership.
- Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 was presented to the community as an initiative to provide a significant number of new resident-restricted rentals for the community.
- At the same time, the continued work of the WHA saw the opening of a new rental building and an additional two more rental buildings opening in 2019.
- As a community, Whistler worked on renewing the Official Community Plan (OCP) and community vision. Following thousands of community engagement hours, the OCP and vision are going to final readings and public hearings early in the new year.
- Progress was made on regional transit with plans underway to better connect Whistler and Sea to Sky communities.
- The Transportation Advisory Group developed and presented the Whistler Transportation Action Plan to lead us from 2018 through to 2022.
2018 was another successful year for our community’s tourism economy. Summer 2018 was the best on record in terms of room nights sold, and as a community, Whistler is fortunate for this year-round tourism success. Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the RMOW’s partners Tourism Whistler, the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, Vail Resorts, local businesses, and hard-working employees for making Whistler a truly incredible place to live and visit. Mayor Jack Crompton recognized that with economic successes there are also local pressures. Throughout the process of renewing Whistler’s OCP and community vision, the themes of community, affordability, and protecting the natural environment, among others, come to the forefront and the needs of the community will be represented moving forward.

The annual Council Retreat was held on December 12 to 13, 2018. It was the first retreat of this Council and there were several objectives:
- To share information about the scope, roles, and key projects of all divisions of the organization;
- To expand Council’s understanding of factors affecting the 2019 budget; and
- To build the knowledge base of Council portfolio areas including current projects and future considerations.

Mayor Jack Crompton noted that Council reviewed the recent work by the previous Council, staff, partners and the community to update the RMOW’s vision and OCP. There were good discussions about portfolios and the approach, including how the portfolios would be aligned to fit within the corporate plan. These are the six portfolio areas and some of the priorities that have been identified within them:
- Housing
  - Clearly understand needs, and plan for short, medium and long-term housing.
- Environment
  - Address the five ‘Ws’ (weather, wildfire, waste, wilderness, water), focusing most immediately on implementing the CECAP, enhancing transit, and supporting a zero waste committee.
- Arts, Natural History, Traditions and Heritage
  - Continue to support existing Whistler’s arts, culture and heritage sector, and ongoing focus on relationships with the Squamish Nation and Lil’wat Nation.
- Social Services and Regional Cooperation
  - Continue to play a strong advocacy role on regional issues, and support our social service providers.
- Community Investment and Fiscal Responsibility (Finance and Audit)
  - A continued focus on fiscal responsibility, return on investment and long-term financial planning.
- Tourism Economy
  - Support local businesses and strengthen relationships with key resort partners; explore how to understand Whistler’s resort and community carrying capacity.
Mayor Jack Crompton added that the retreat was also a great opportunity for Council teambuilding and an opportunity for Council and senior staff to share discussion and build relationships. The group worked on guiding principles for Council and established a strong emphasis on collaboration, among Council as well as between Council and staff. On coffee breaks they also learned about history of cod fishing, ski tips, the perfect curry, and more from members of staff and Council.

Mayor Jack Crompton noted that he was very pleased with the time invested together and added that their objectives were met, and this has created a good foundation for the next four years. He added that there is still a lot of work to do and ultimately the retreat is the beginning of a larger process toward the ultimate development of the updated OCP and budget for 2019. Mayor Jack Crompton added that he looks forward to sharing more information in the New Year as Council and staff work through the planning and budget process, which will confirm the initiatives and directions for the next four years.

Mayor Jack Crompton acknowledged members of Council and staff for the work they do on behalf of the community. In the annual community life survey conducted, in 2018 respondents again listed very high satisfaction with village maintenance of parks, trails and roads, the library services, water utilities, waste management, fire and police services, and transportation. Mayor Jack Crompton thanked the teams who work hard to continue to provide excellent services and infrastructure for our community. As the holiday season approaches, on behalf of Whistler Council, Mayor Jack Crompton extended his best wishes to Whistler’s residents, visitors, and community partners for a safe and happy holiday season.

INFORMATION REPORTS


2018 Community Enrichment Program Reporting Forms File No. 3004 Report No. 18-146 Moved by Councillor C. Jewett Seconded by Councillor J. Grills That Council receive Information Report No. 18-146 regarding the 2018 Community Enrichment Program Reporting Forms. CARRIED
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

DVP1165 – 8524 Rope Tow Way – Setback Variance for Parking
File No. DVP1165
Report No. 18-147
Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong
That Council approve the issuance of Development Variance Permit DVP1165 for the proposed development located at 8524 Rope Tow Way to vary the front setback for two parking spaces from 1.5 metres to 0.1 metres as shown on Architectural Plan A-001, dated October 21, 2018, by Mike Jones attached as Appendix “B” to Administrative Report to Council No. 18-147.
CARRIED

Whistler 2020 Development Corp. – 2018 Annual Report
File No. VAULT
Report No. 18-148
Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson
That The Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open Meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole Shareholder of Whistler 2020 Development Corp., pass the consent Resolutions of the Shareholder of Whistler 2020 Development Corp., a copy of which is attached to Administrative Report No. 18-148 as Appendix “A”, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.
CARRIED

Whistler Village Land Co. Director Resignations and Appointments
File No. VAULT
Report No. 18-149
Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson
That Council receive the resignations of Nancy Wilhelm-Morden as Director and Officer (President), and Maureen Peatfield as Director and Officer (Treasurer) of Whistler Village Land Co. attached as Appendix “A” to this Administrative Report to Council No. 18-149; and
That Council appoint Jack Crompton and Carlee Price as Directors of Whistler Village Land Co.; and, further
That Council of the Municipality in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd., pass the consent resolutions of the sole shareholder of Whistler Village Land Co. Ltd., a copy of which is attached as Appendix “C” to this Administrative Report No. 18-149, and that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.
CARRIED
Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd. – 2018 Annual Report
File No. VAULT Report No. 18-150

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That Council receive the resignation of Maureen Peatfield as Director and Officer (Secretary) of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd.; and

That Council appoint Carlee Price as a Director of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd.; and, further

That the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd., pass the consent resolutions of the sole shareholder of Emerald Dreams Conservation Co. Ltd.; copies of which are attached as Appendix “C” to this Administrative Report No. 18-150, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

Whistler Housing Authority Ltd.
Director Resignations and Appointments
File No. VAULT Report No. 18-151

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the resignations of Jack Crompton and Steven Bradley Anderson (Steve Anderson) as Directors of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd.; and

That Council appoint Duane Jackson and John Grills as Directors of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd.; and further,

That Council of the Municipality in open meeting assembled, hereby resolves that the Municipality, as sole shareholder of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd., pass the consent resolutions of the sole shareholder of Whistler Housing Authority Ltd., a copy of which is attached as Appendix “C” to this Administrative Report No. 18-151, and that the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk execute and deliver the attached resolutions on behalf of the Municipality.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Emergency Planning Committee

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills


CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1330 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2214, 2018

Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong

That “Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1330 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2214, 2018” be given third reading.

CARRIED
OTHER BUSINESS

Whistler 2020 Development Corporation
Director

Resignations and Appointments

Mayor J. Crompton announced a notification of changes to the Whistler 2020 Development Corporation Board of Directors. Resignations were received from the following individuals:

- Steven Bradley Anderson
- Eric Martin
- James Frederick Godfrey
- Jim Moodie
- Stephen Bayly, and
- Ken Roggeman.

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded by Councillor C. Jewett

That Council receive the notification of changes in the Whistler 2020 Development Corporation Board of Directors.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of Congratulations
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Isobel Mackenzie, Seniors Advocate, Province of British Columbia congratulating Mayor Jack Crompton and Councillors on being elected be received.

CARRIED

Human Sex Trafficking
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Ford
Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

That correspondence from Cathy Peters regarding the human sex trafficking public awareness campaign be received.

CARRIED

Licensing for Non-Medicinal Cannabis Retail Stores
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from David Eby, QC, Attorney General and Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, regarding licensing for non-medicinal cannabis retail stores be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Request for Funding
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor A. De Jong
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford

That correspondence from Dale Harrison, President, Northern Woods and Water Highway Association, regarding a request for funding be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED
Community Energy and Climate Action Plan
File No. 3009
Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor A. De Jong
That correspondence from Randi Kruse, regarding the Community Energy and Climate Action Plan be received and referred to staff.
CARRIED

Emerald Estates Access to Crown Land
File No. 3009
Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills
That correspondence from Dale Stephens, regarding access to Crown Land from Emerald Estates be received and referred to staff.
CARRIED

Emerald Estates and Highway 99 Safety
File No. 3009
Moved by Councillor R. Forsyth
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford
That correspondence from Dale Stephens, regarding safety at Emerald Estates and Highway 99 be received and referred to staff.
CARRIED

Revision to Letter File No. RZ1144
Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills
That correspondence from Leslie and Dave Patterson regarding a revision to their letter to Council regarding RZ1144 2077 Garibaldi Way dated November 13, 2018 be received and referred to staff.
CARRIED

TERMINATION
Motion to Terminate
Moved by Councillor C. Jewett
Seconded by Councillor J. Ford
That the Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2018 be terminated at 6:49 p.m.
CARRIED

Mayor, J. Crompton  Municipal Clerk, B. Browning