



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016, STARTING AT 9 A.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Mayor, Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
Councilor, Jen Ford
Chief Administrative Officer, Mike Furey
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, James Hallisey
General Manager of Resort Experience, Jan Jansen
General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, Norm McPhail
Fire Chief, Geoff Playfair
RCMP, Sergeant Steve LeClair
RCMP, Inspector Neil Cross
Emergency Program Coordinator, Erin Marriner
School District #48, Ian Currie
Search & Rescue, Tony DelBosco

REGRETS:

Vancouver Coastal Health, Samantha Wilbur
BC Ambulance Service, William Macdonald
Whistler Blackcomb Safety Director, Kira Cailles
Whistler Transit, Juan Carlos Gomez

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Jen Ford
Seconded by Mike Furey

That the Emergency Planning Committee adopt the regular Emergency Planning Committee agenda of May 24, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mike Furey
Seconded by Geoff Playfair

That the Emergency Planning Committee adopt the Regular Emergency Planning Committee minutes of November 30, 2015.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- Department Change –
Emergency Program
- Staff provided an update in regards to an organizational re-structure within the RMOW. The Emergency Program was moved from the Infrastructure Services department to the new Protective Services Department.
- That** the Manager of Protective Services be appointed as a member to the Emergency Planning Committee to reflect the updated organizational structure of the RMOW.
- Moved by Norm McPhail
Seconded by Steve LeClair **CARRIED**
- Emergency
Preparedness Week
2016
- A presentation by staff providing a synopsis of Emergency Preparedness Week 2016 including an inter-agency wildfire exercise, an Emergency Preparedness Fair, and a presentation to parents at the Whistler Library. Staff provided a series of lessons learned from the inter-agency exercise. Of particular interest to the committee was hosting a discussion-based tabletop exercise to review the process and related issues of a mass-evacuation of Whistler and developing a public information map and instruction pamphlet on actions the public should take during an emergency. A discussion was held.
- Change to Availability of
Disaster Financial
Assistance for Overland
Flood Events
- An update from staff on a change to the availability of provincial Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) for losses due to overland flooding. This change is a result of select insurance companies offering flood insurance. Previously, overland flooding was an uninsurable event and as a result some flood events were declared eligible for DFA coverage; this was the case for some private property owners following the Crabapple flood in December, 2014. Moving forward, if a flooding disaster occurred and DFA was authorized for this disaster event, an applicant who could reasonably and readily have purchased overland flood insurance would NOT be eligible for DFA. The Province's message is that even with higher insurance premiums for overland flooding, it is definitely in a homeowner or tenant's interest to purchase this insurance. No one should rely on DFA as substitute for insurance.
- A discussion was held and the Committee recommended that this information be communicated to the community.
- Emergency Program Act
Review
- The Emergency Program Act, the legislative framework for emergency management in BC, is under review. There are many proposed changes to the Act which are described in the discussion paper 'Prepared and Resilient.' Staff provided an overview of the RMOW position on the discussion paper and the comments submitted to Emergency Management BC. A discussion was held.
- Incident Communications
Matrix
- A presentation by staff regarding the RMOW Incident Communications Matrix that clarifies roles, responsibilities, and communications for a number of incidents that could take occur in the RMOW. A discussion was held.

Small-Scale Emergency Recovery Plan A presentation by Erin Marriner regarding the Small-Scale Emergency Recovery Plan and the creation of a Community Recovery Committee. A discussion was held.

That the Emergency Planning Committee endorse the Small-Scale Emergency Recovery Plan and the creation of a Community Recovery Committee.

Motion to Adjourn **That** the Emergency Planning Committee adjourn the May 24, 2016 Committee meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Moved by Norm McPhail
Seconded by Steve LeClair

CARRIED

CHAIR: Mayor, Nancy Wilhelm-Morden