



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY MARCH 2 2017, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

**In the Flute Room  
4325 Blackcomb Wav. Whistler. BC V0N 1B4**

### **Present**

Chair, Nancy Wilhelm Morden  
Councilor, Sue Maxwell  
RMOW General Manager of Corporate & Community Services, Norm McPhail  
RMOW General Manager of Resort Experience, Jan Jansen  
RMOW General Manager of Infrastructure Services, James Hallisey  
RMOW Fire Chief, Geoff Playfair  
RMOW Manager of Protective Services, Lindsay DeBou  
RMOW Emergency Program Coordinator, Erin Marriner  
RMOW Emergency Social Services Coordinator, Ryan Donohue  
Whistler Blackcomb Safety Manager, Kira Cailles  
Search and Rescue Society, Tony DelBosco  
BC Emergency Health Services, Bill MacDonald  
BC Transit, Steve Antil  
Guest, Community Foundation of Whistler Executive Director, Carol Coffey  
Guest, Whistler Community Services Society Program Manager, Jackie Dickinson  
Guest, Canadian Red Cross Society Community Planning and Response Coordinator, Disaster Management Division, Naomi Armstrong  
RMOW Recording Secretary, Evangeline Cannon

### **Regrets**

RCMP, Rob Knapton  
School District #48, Ian Currie

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved: S. Maxwell  
Carried: G. Playfair

**That** the Emergency Planning Committee adopt the Emergency Planning Committee agenda of March 2, 2017.

**CARRIED**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved: G. Playfair  
Carried: S. Maxwell

**That** the Emergency Planning Committee adopt the Regular Emergency Planning Committee minutes of November 29, 2016.

**CARRIED**

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- Safety Briefing Pre-meeting safety briefing presented by E. Marriner. Location of AED and Flute room evacuation plan were identified in case of emergency.
- Council Appointment Councilor Sue Maxwell introduced as new Council Appointment to Emergency Planning Committee.
- Emergency Social Services Coordinator R. Donohue introduced as new Emergency Social Services Coordinator, casual twelve hours per week position. E. Marriner will remain in role of Emergency Program Coordinator on a part-time basis, three days per week. E. Marriner will be Acting Emergency Social Services Coordinator in R. Donohue's absence; R. Donohue will be Acting Emergency Program Coordinator in E. Marriner's absence.
- K. Cailes joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.
- Community Recovery Plan A presentation by E. Marriner regarding the Community Recovery Plan. Next steps, circulation of draft plan to Committee, then to Council for official endorsement.
- That** staff take the draft Community Recovery Plan to Council for endorsement at a Regular meeting of Council.
- CARRIED**
- Action Item:** E. Marriner will circulate draft Community Recovery Plan to Committee. Committee members will provide feedback to E. Marriner by April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. E. Marriner will take to Council for endorsement.
- Council Endorsements Update from E. Marriner that the amendments to the Emergency Planning Committee Terms of Reference and the Flood Hazard Specific Plan were endorsed by Council at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 20, 2016. Both documents are now available publically on RMOW website.
- T. DelBosco left the meeting at 9:04 a.m.
- T. DelBosco returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m.
- Provincial funding change to medical evacuations The Committee was informed by E. Marriner that BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) is no longer funding helicopter medical evacuations from Whistler Blackcomb terrain. B. McDonald confirmed this information and provided further clarification. Previous to 2016 helicopter evacuations from Whistler Blackcomb to the Whistler Health Care Centre or Whistler Municipal Heliport were funded by BCEHS. Kira Cailes informed the Committee that Whistler Blackcomb is still using helicopters for medical evacuations as necessary, but is now funding 100% of the cost to do so. Committee agreed that this was not a positive change for the community. A discussion was held.
- Action Item:** Chair, Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden will discuss this issue with Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West Vancouver - Sea to Sky and make a request that the Province revert back to the previous funding model.

National Disaster Mitigation Program - Grant J. Hallisey informed the Committee that the RMOW's application for funding under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) for an Integrated Flood Hazard Management Risk Assessment has been approved in principle for up to \$134, 000 in federal/provincial funding. The funding is conditional upon Public Safety Canada and the Province, as well as the RMOW and the Province, entering into written funding agreements. The RMOW is still waiting for the Government of Canada to proceed with next steps.

**Action Item:** If RMOW has not received correspondence from GOC by end of March J. Hallisey will notify Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden. Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden will follow-up with Pam Goldsmith-Jones, MP for West Vancouver — Sunshine Coast — Sea to Sky Country.

Critical Facility and Infrastructure Priority for Restoration BC Hydro has requested that the RMOW provide them with a list of critical facilities for the purpose of establishing priorities for restoration during or after a major emergency or disaster. A round-table discussion was held with each agency providing information in regards to their back-up power capabilities.

**Action Item:** Each agency and RMOW division to send E. Marriner a list of priority infrastructure. The group will review and prioritize this information at the next meeting and submit to BC Hydro.

Training Initiatives and Grants Update from E. Marriner on upcoming Emergency Program training opportunities. Three training grants have been provided to the RMOW.

**Action Item:** E. Marriner will send out training description email to Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT 9:50a.m.**

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CHAIR: Mayor, Nancy Wilhelm-Morden