



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAY LONG WEEKEND
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.
In the Fissile Room
4315 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Chair, Councillor C. Jewett
Accommodation Sector Representative, D. Andrews
Member at Large, S. McCullough
Restaurant Sector Representative, K. Wallace
Retail Merchants Sector Representative, N. Shannon
RCMP Representative, S. Sgt. P. Hayes
RCMP Const. M. Gauthier
RMOW General Manager, Corporate and Community Services, N. McPhail
RMOW Acting Manager of Protective Services, E. Marriner
RMOW Manager, Village Animation and Events, B. Andrea
RMOW Protective Services Planning Analyst, K. Creery
RMOW Village Animation and Events Supervisor, C. Vandenberg
Recording Secretary, R. Lawrence

REGRETS:

Liquor Primary Sector Representative, T. Clark

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by K. Wallace
Seconded by D. Andrews

That the May Long Weekend Committee adopt the May Long Weekend Committee agenda of June 14, 2018.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by K. Wallace
Seconded by N. Shannon

That the May Long Weekend Committee adopt the Regular May Long Weekend Committee minutes of April 3, 2018.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2018 Observations

A presentation by K. Creery, Protective Services Planning Analyst, was given regarding the 2018 May Long Weekend. The RMOW partnered again with Red

Frogs Support Network; an international support group for young people. Overall there were fewer issues than in previous years.

2018 RCMP Review

A presentation by RCMP S. Sgt. P. Hayes was given regarding the May Long Weekend After Action Report. Key 2018 focus points included: being highly visible; protecting life, property and keeping the peace; and messaging for a positive experience. The operations plan was well-executed and included an enhanced presence in the Village, with additional officers and support brought in. A check stop was held south of the Village on Friday evening which contributed to the positive messaging. Calls were up slightly over previous years, but many were proactive and positive. Intoxication remained the leading cause of calls for service. The bike patrol reduced opportunities for theft.

RCMP Recommendations:

1. Continue with a robust policing plan and family focused event planning
2. Encourage all hotels to adopt 25+ policy over the May Long Weekend
3. Continue with one of two large check stops during the long weekend
4. Resources must remain in place to ensure safety of the community

A discussion was held and topics included:

- Working with Vail Resorts on-mountain to mitigate effects of unsanctioned Gaper Day activities, for example:
 - Examining moving the last day of Vail Resorts operations to after the long weekend, to quieten Gaper Day events and lessen the adverse impact on businesses
 - Potentially not allowing bags on the mountain to help curb on-mountain drinking; keeping people in one sanctioned spot to aid policing, and ticketing staff throughout the year. It was noted that taking punitive action could backfire, and that positive messaging and proactive actions should be the solution.
- Hotels reported no major issues, and many closed 'day of sales' bookings and maintained two night minimum booking policies.
- Bars reported no major issues.

Festival Review

An update by C. Vandenberg, Village Animation and Events Supervisor, was given regarding GO Fest 2018. This third year of the festival had expanded programming and greater attendance, with an increase in family focused energy. Appreciated the positive RCMP and Bylaw presence in the Village.

2019 Plans

A round table discussion regarding plans for 2019 was held and key points included: the importance of the committee for maintaining a consolidated plan, building on lessons learned and acting as a community resource.

Recommendation

Moved by N. Shannon
Seconded by K. Wallace

That the May Long Weekend Committee recommend continuing to meet as a committee to plan and monitor for the 2019 May Long Weekend.

CARRIED

Recognition Committee members thanked N. McPhail and S. Story for their service to the committee and with public safety in the community.

TERMINATION

Moved by N. Shannon
Seconded by K. Wallace

That the May Long Weekend Committee meeting of June 14, 2018 be terminated at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Councillor R. Forsyth

Recording Secretary, R. Lawrence