



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting
Held via Zoom

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (5)
Councillor, R. Forsyth	5
Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	5
Member at Large, A. Ross	5
Member at Large, K. Paterson	4
Member at Large, B. Calladine	5
Member at Large, C. Kaipio	5
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	5
Member at Large, L. Harnish	5
Member at Large, D. Clark	4
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno	5
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	5
Tourism Whistler representative, M. Kunza	3
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie	3
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	5
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	4
Parks Planning Technician, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, C. Eccles	2
Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	2

REGRETS	Mtgs. YTD (5)
None	

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. Ross
Seconded by L. Harnish

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Mackenzie
Seconded by L. Harnish

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of October 15, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Parks Master Plan

M. Pardoe updated Committee on Parks Master Plan progress. Draft was received back from consultants, but still requires work and editing. M. Pardoe intends to provide another draft for committee review ready for February 2021. Committee looks forward to seeing progress of the Parks Master Plan in February.

Whistler Tennis Association Restructuring

A. Ross provided an update from the Whistler Tennis Association (WTA) following their recent AGM. Many members have left; and many new members have joined. WTA is working closely with individual currently running the indoor facility, strategizing how they can keep the facility operating, as well as how they might be able to work closely with the Beedie Group (current property owners). A. Ross suggest RLAC may want to get involved in assessing the community needs for the facility and possibly playing a role in the decision-making of the facility. A. Ross confirms the goal of WTA is to have an indoor/outdoor year-round tennis facility.

T. Nepomuceno joined meeting at 3:27pm.

Committee voiced concern that Council should not give consideration to any potential future rezoning until the current facility is brought back to its former state. Commitments attached to the sale of the land to maintain the facility had not been upheld; and Committee members expressed disappointment with how Council has dealt with this situation to date.

M. Pardoe suggests the Committee makes a recommendation to Council of what they consider to be the appropriate direction for any potential future rezoning. The recommendation does not have to be precise in terms of number of courts/square footage, but rather a general definition of the kind of facility and how it addresses certain community needs. The WTA may then want to come up with a more specific recommendation that also references facilities elsewhere that are not a financial burden on a municipality; and reference any previous committee recommendations for the facility. Staff to review past meeting minutes for previous recommendations to Council.

R. Forsyth joined meeting at 3:56pm.

Committee stresses that the current state of the facility is not reflective of Whistler's community standard of facilities. Agreement among Committee that regardless of the direction of any potential future rezoning, Council should request that the condition of the facility is brought up to standard. K. Paterson

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has previously provided a list of requirements, along with quotes for work required. Committee recommends providing a realistic list of priorities for work to be completed.

C. Mackenzie moved **that** In light of the inaction on the tennis site, the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommends that the RMOW communicate that the current owner make a commitment by the end of March 2021 to complete the following by the end of September 2021: resurface the seven courts; obtain safety and lifespan assessment on the indoor facility's membrane and structure; and complete any necessary improvements to the membrane in order to protect the asset while any possible future plans are contemplated or prepared.

Seconded by R. Soane

CARRIED

Municipal Budget Update & Project Overview

M. Pardoe gave brief overview on high level projects planned for 2021. Complete list of projects to be circulated to the Committee for review and further follow up if required at next meeting.

Alpha Lake Valley Trail Alignment

M. Pardoe gave overview on project to extend the Valley Trail from Alpha Lake Park west to connect with Alta Lake Road at the railway crossing. Currently four different alignment feasibility options are being explored; diagram shown to Committee outlining each option. There are challenges that come with each option; all of which are vertically challenged. Another major component of the project includes the municipal sanitary sewer line which currently follows the railway track and at times is underneath the railway line. Repairs to the sewer line in this area is subsequently very labour intensive and costly. Currently exploring the possibility to accommodate a new sanitary sewer outside the railway right of line. This will be part of the criteria for exploring what is the preferred alignment option.

As this advances, ultimately staff will be looking to the Committee for support. M. Pardoe expects to bring this project back to the Committee in February when Committee can make a recommendation on a preferred alignment option.

Lost Lake Nordic Signage Update

M. Pardoe provided an update on Lost Lake Nordic signage. The sign production company has had several production challenges, which has delayed the delivery of the signs. Estimated time of arrival is December 15th. Signs will be installed as soon as they arrive.

Lost Lake PassivHaus Landscape Improvements

M. Pardoe provided an overview of proposed landscape improvements to the area in front of the PassivHaus and new washroom building. The washroom is very close to completion and should open to the public early in the new year. Seeking to follow up in the spring with landscape improvements. One of the major improvements will be increasing the amount of hard landscape in front of the concession area. Intend to complete improvements by the end of June 2021.

Recreation
Department COVID
Operational Update

R. Weetman gave overview on operations and staffing of Recreation Department. With Public Health Orders changing significantly over the past month, there have been many uncertainties, quick changes, and constant clarifying. As long as COVID numbers stay the same, Recreation expects to continue to operate.

Whistler Olympic Plaza skate rink is a popular amenity right now. Instituted a \$2 admission for all; or \$8 skate rentals which includes admission. This has not seemed to affect numbers. Just as many people paying for admission as skate rentals.

For Nordic operations there will be no indoor facilities available to the public. Warming huts are being used for operational staffing purposes. All user groups have been very cooperative and keen to make things work.

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee appreciate and commend the effort by Staff and Council in continuing to keep indoor/outdoor facilities operating in our community with additional and last minute staffing increases in order to address the demands of public health orders during this pandemic.

Moved by J. Chuback
Seconded by R. Soane
CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail Planning
Working Group and
the Recreational
Trails Strategy

Committee members enquired about the status of the Trails Planning Working Group (TPWG) and roles of the TPWG and RLAC in the upcoming Recreational Trails Strategy project.

The RMOW-led TPWG was formed in 2012 in recognition of emerging community-wide alpine trail issues, and the desire of various stakeholders to develop an alpine trail network. The TPWG includes representatives from stakeholder community groups, agencies, land managers and governments.

The TPWG is not a Committee of Council like the RLAC, but the TPWG's terms of reference and mandate was approved by Council. The mandate is to provide a forum to coordinate and prioritize recreational alpine trail maintenance and development issues amongst land managers and stakeholders. It was through the TPWG that the alpine trails located on Mt Sproatt and Rainbow Mountain were planned and subsequently constructed.

Since completion of the alpine trail network, the TPWG has continued to meet typically twice per year to share and coordinate a wide variety of recreational trail topics. It is recognized that the TPWG's mandate has been delivered upon and requires updating.

TPWG meeting notes and newsletters are shared with RLAC, the Forest Wildlands Advisory Committee (FWAC), and the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC). Staff that facilitate and attend TPWG meetings also participate on RLAC, FWAC and WBAC.

Moving forward, the TPWG is envisioned to be the initial go-to stakeholder group as the Recreational Trail Strategy (RTS) is advanced. This will require an update

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to their mandate and more frequent meetings. RLAC, FWAC, and WBAC will also be engaged in the RTS but less intensively than the TPWG. The general public and broader community will also be engaged through the RTS. Staff are currently targeting the first RTS public engagement opportunity for February 2021. This initial engagement opportunity is intended to introduce and raise awareness of the RTS, identify and confirm importance of relevant issues, and solicit feedback on several more immediate trail development proposals. Outcomes from the initial engagement opportunity will better inform project methodology, engagement levels, and level of effort required to complete the project, as well as appropriately manage expectations.

NEXT MEETING

Until further notice, meetings will begin at 3:30pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 14th at 3:30pm.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by R. Soane

Seconded by D. Clark

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2020 be terminated at 4:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, J. Chuback

Recording Secretary, O. Carroll