



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION AND LEISURE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY MARCH 9, 2017, STARTING AT 4:00 P.M.  
In the Flute Room  
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

Murray Lunn, Chair  
Bob Calladine, Member at Large  
John Konig, Member at Large  
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative  
Roger Weetman, Manager, Recreation, RMOW  
Stephanie Sloan, Member at Large  
Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large  
Dave Clark, Member at Large  
Roger Soane, Member at Large  
Josie Chuback, Member at Large – via phone  
Martin Pardoe, Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW  
Councillor, Jen Ford  
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

**REGRETS:**

Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative  
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large  
Eric Wight, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Dave Clark  
Seconded by Meredith Kunza

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of March 9, 2017

New items added to the agenda:  
Lost Lake X-Country ski trails  
Commercial business license application

CARRIED

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Stephanie Sloan  
Seconded by Bob Calladine

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of January 12, 2017.

CARRIED

## COUNCIL

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Artificial Turf Field –  
Project Update

A presentation from Park Planning Manager regarding the Artificial Turf Field project. A comprehensive update was provided to RMOW Council at their regular March 7, 2017 meeting. Presentation and live recording of presentation available [here](#). The project will be discussed by Council as they consider the larger municipal budget process, and this will inform next steps.

Committee members asked a number of questions related to various aspects of the project including: the landfill membrane and settlement at the Bayly Park site; what the \$160,000 in the draft 5 Year Financial Plan for 2017 would deliver (site selection or site confirmation process, design development through to tender ready drawings); number of current hours of use at Bayly Park; primary project objectives; neighbourhood and highway impacts of a facility if located in Cheakamus Crossing; current lighting and noise impacts at Spruce Grove; opportunities for multi-sport vs single sport activities or opportunity to expand programs/amenities over the long term; artificial turf health studies; why is a second ice sheet not more of a priority; ice sheet operating costs vs an artificial turf field; external funding and sponsorship opportunities; and turf lifespan.

Comments include:

- External funding would likely make the project more favourable in the community;
- Bayly Park gravel field was a poor investment;
- Soccer has highest gender equity participation of all sports in Whistler as seen through the recent CEP grant applications;
- This project is a great resident amenity but yet balances resident and visitor needs which is important in a community like Whistler;
- The return on investment is healthy kids and lifelong sport participation;
- Soccer has always had a local youth or child participation rate of around 40%, Whistler's population has grown significantly in recent years (StatsCan) and the baby boom is continuing;
- The condition and maintenance challenges of the current fields compared with the additional 40% increase in season that artificial

turf provides, and that over time demand will increase make this project a very good investment; and

- That the RLAC should continue to support this project.

Whistler Golf Course - Question Follow Up      Update from Parks Planning Manager. A question was raised at the previous meeting regarding the possibility of alternative uses on the Whistler Golf Course. The Whistler Golf Course has a restrictive covenant permitting only golf use. The restrictive covenant also has a reverter clause meaning that should the land not be used for golf then it would return to the Province.

Holborn site – Question Follow Up      Update from Parks Planning Manager. A question was raised at the previous meeting about the process to determine what rezoning amenity(s) might be sought by the municipality at the Holborn site should the developer seek a rezoning. Should a rezoning application be received a process to determine what the scale and type of public amenity should be would be initiated and include RLAC, other municipal Committees of Council, and possibly the general public. Ultimately the decision would be made by Council.

Related, a Committee member provided 2016 summary statistics from the Whistler Racquet Club (WRC) – see attached Appendix 1. These include program participation levels by resident and visitors, revenue comparisons with the North Vancouver Tennis Centre (NVTC), and potential future program growth opportunities. Notable insights include:

- Of the 18,500 annual visits, approximately half were residents; this included 2000 soccer users;
- On a per court basis WRC program revenues are up over 2014 and are greater than that of the NVTC;
- Programs have diversified and revenues have been increasing at 10 -15% each year; and
- Obstacles to implementing continued growth include an undersized facility that is close to capacity, an under maintained facility, and a lack of ability to plan more than one year in advance due to annual uncertainty about the facility.

Update - Valley Trail Extension Bids      A brief update from Recreation Manager. Bid tender deadline has been extended to March 13, 2017. More information to be announced at the next meeting once bid closed.

Update - Draft Concept Covered Bike Parking at MPSC      An update from Recreation Manager on potential structures for Meadow Park Sports Centre covered bike parking. Recreation Manager to present to Senior Management for review. Committee will review proposal at April meeting.

Lost Lake Cross-Country Ski Trails Season Closure      An update on cross-country ski trails regarding operating in to the spring season. Confirmed the last day of operation will be March 26, 2017.

Commercial Business  
License Application  
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A presentation from Parks Planning Manager on a commercial business application regarding use of Alta Lake.

Moved by Roger Soane  
Second Meredith Kunza

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee does not support the proposed commercial business application due to safety and lake capacity concerns.

CARRIED

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Meeting April 20, 2017 4 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Bob Calladine

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the March 9, 2017 Council meeting at 5:41 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: Murray Lunn