



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEISURE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 09, 2017, STARTING AT 3:00 PM.
Municipal Hall, Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Bob Calladine, Member at Large
Josie Chuback, Member at Large
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large
Christine Burns, Recreation Program Services Supervisor, RMOW
Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large
Dave Clark, Member at Large
Eric Wight, Member at Large
Martin Pardoe, Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW
Stephanie Sloan, Acting Chair
Councillor, Jen Ford
Shannon Perry, Recording Secretary, RMOW

REGRETS:

Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative
John Konig, Member at Large
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative
Murray Lunn, Chair
Roger Soane, Member at Large
Roger Weetman, Manager, Recreation, RMOW

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Stephanie Sloan nominated as acting chair for the November 9, 2017
Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting.

Included new business: Staff resources, Valley trail snow clearing.

Removed from the Agenda; None

Moved by Jen Ford
Seconded by Josie Chuback

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation
Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of Thursday November 09, 2017

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Jen Ford
Seconded by Josie Chuback

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee regular minutes of October 19, 2017

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

RLAC October 19, 2017
Strategic Planning
Session

A discussion reflecting upon the October 19 2017 Planning Session;
Members noted there was valuable discussion at the meeting which was accurately reflected in the minutes.

Questions / Discussion:

Observed by member; a large number of priority items are expected to be complete in Q1. Will there be additional RMOW staff to assist in ensuring projects are followed through and completed? Staff responded that no additional resources are anticipated at this time.

Q; When should RLAC set priorities for the Committee?

A; Priorities were discussed and tentatively set at the October RLAC meeting:

- RMOW staff priorities include; artificial turf field conclusion, Official Community Plan (OCP) update, illegal camping in parks, undesirable activities in the parks, and a review of existing major parks and newly acquired parklands in terms of demand management and prioritization of ageing infrastructure replacement, a "Parks Master Plan".
- RLAC main priorities in 2018; OCP, Park Master Plan Others priorities are the illegal camping issue, continued work on the artificial turf field, and option preparation for a potential rezoning of the lands currently owned by Beedie Holding Ltd (4500 Northlands Boulevard; anecdotally known as the Holborn Lands).

Bob Calladine arrived 3:09 p.m.

Parks Planning Manager reviewed the priorities identified by RLAC members at the October 19 meeting (Appendix A) and noted that many of the topics are a work in progress by Resort Experience, Bylaw Services and or Infrastructure Services.

A brief discussion was held following the presentation.

Committee members suggested that the Racquet Club attend a future RLAC meeting in 2018 to provide information on the current condition of the tennis courts and what the tennis club needs moving forward.

Moved by Josie Chuback
Second by Chris Kaipio

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee identifies the following priorities for 2018: Official Community Plan update including the recreation and leisure chapter, the Parks Master Plan and completion of the artificial turf field project.

CARRIED

RLAC Term End

A discussion regarding the schedule and process for Committee member recruitment.

Current members wishing to join the RLAC must also apply. Call for members will be posted soon and Resort Experience administration will send current members application information once it is live.

RLAC Terms of Reference Review

Committee briefly discussed the Terms of Reference (TOR)

- TOR to include vision statement for the RLAC Committee
- Encourage more youth in the Committee
- Moving to a consent agenda – items are distributed ahead of the meeting to the committee. Allowing members to input what they want/need to talk about.

Amended TOR to go out to the Committee with November 9, 2017 minutes.

Artificial Turf Field

A project update presented to the RLAC and draft recommendation for the Committee's consideration.

- Artificial turf field due back on Council agenda before the end of 2017 – last presented to council in March 2017.
- In March, six sites were under review at an average development cost of approximately \$4.15m.
- The feasibility results for Bayly Park assessment informed RMOW there is manageable risk At that site
- Estimated costs dropped to approximately \$2.715m. mil.
- Parking potentially an issue as at this point there are only 60 designated spots. The gravel lot may be less efficient because there are no distinguishing lines. However is it straightforward to expand at low cost
- Map of potential artificial turf field presented to RLAC.

Other uses; baseball requirements such as foul ball line, would increase the cost by at least \$200K.

External funding; WB Foundation has inquired about the project. Staff submitted a UBCM Gas Tax application in June. Two turf vendors have regularly expressed interest in being involved in the project in some way. Local soccer community has expressed desire to run a community fundraising campaign.

Allotment agreement to allocate time and space for various groups will be implemented.

Crumb rubber – studies from VCH, US EPA, Netherlands, and European Union. Informed crumb rubber to be a safe playing area.

Questions / Discussion:

There was a general feeling that public communications could be improved to help clarify differing understandings within the community, especially as the Pique and Question are the primary sources for the community's information. Suggestions were made to host a public open house, develop a FAQ sheet, and place posters at the MPSC for people to read.

RLAC members felt that having prepared answers for common questions would be helpful. For instance:

- What professional sports team utilize crumb rubber?
Demonstrate the decrease of the capital costs from \$13 million to \$2.7 million.
- Advise on the project being an upgrade to the existing field not just a new build.
- Provide the actual costs of grass fields vs turf fields.
- What is the maintenance cost of grass fields?
- Presenting that there may be opportunities for external funds.
- Demonstrate the growth in numbers of residents and their children that will require this field use. Demonstrate that artificial turf fields will allow for much more usage. Grass field only usable Mid May – Sept. the grass fields are also very sensitive.
- 40% of children in Whistler are playing soccer.
- Provide additional information about the artificial turf and infill products
- Clarify what will be happen to the other grass fields in Whistler is a new artificial turf field is developed.
- Ensure that other sports are considered in the development of a field.
- include other field markings so other user groups can also use the field
- How many soccer players can't play due to the lack of fields?

Staff reiterated that many of those questions are addressed in the March 2017 Council report and presentation. Others will be addressed in the forthcoming Council report and presentation, and the webpage will be significantly updated. Staff are not resourced to host a public open house nor do staff believe one is necessary at this time.

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support a multi-sport artificial turf field at the Bayly Park site, encourage staff to develop a comprehensive communication piece that addresses facts, history, and benefits of the project for public distribution.

Moved by Bob Calladine
Second by Josie Chuback

CARRIED

Council Policy 1-06

Council Policy 1-06 recommended amendments. Recreation presented update on policy update and facility rental fee increase

- Existing bylaw expires Dec 31 2017.
- New bylaw addresses only indoor facilities and xc ski/snowshoe.
- Separate outdoor facility rental coming in 2018.
- Propose 2% fee increase.
- Language changes, all rec pass products, adding services/products missing in existing policy

Additions;

- Support sessional pool programs – accommodate growth in school age programming
- 25% non-refundable deposit for day camps
- Free access to caregivers accompanying persons with disabilities

Deletion;

- Combination pass discounts

Questions/Discussion

- Indoor facility rental rates starting to become out of reach of some groups. Two parent one child discounted access.
- Seniors programs (high low impact) are full. Costs are almost identical for both classes. Community needs to recognize that seniors are feeling pinched and seniors programming is important.

Facility Rental Fee
Schedule

Recommended two year Indoor Facility Rental Fee schedule

Moved Josie Chuback
Seconded Colin Pitt-Taylor

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the proposed 2018-2019 Indoor Facility Rental Fee Schedule.

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the proposed amendments to Council Policy I-06.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Valley Trail Snow
Clearing

Question about level of snow clearing on the Valley Trail network, heard of a service increase at the Community Forum. Staff is unaware of this and will enquire and report back.

Staff resources

Moved Josie Chuback
Seconded Dave Clarke

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommends Council consider in the 2018 budget to increase parks planning staff support for resort community priorities as identified in the RLMP and the Committee's work plan and priorities.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETINGS

Tentative December 14, 2017 if required 4 pm - 6pm. January 11, 2018
4-6pm

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Calladine

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the November 09, 2017 Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5:16 pm

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR: Stephanie Sloan

APPENDIX A

RLAC 2018 Priorities Framework

This framework is organized into Whistler’s five main recreation and leisure focus areas around which recommendations and actions were developed for the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan. These five focus areas, and the categories within each, form the framework by which RLAC priorities can be identified and organized.

Focus Area	Whistler Parks	Whistler Trails	Whistler Lakes and Rivers	Whistler Recreation Facilities and Programs	Other Recreation and Leisure Considerations
Category	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks – general • Sport fields • Dogs in parks • Skateboard parks • Tennis courts and facilities • Disc golf • Commercial services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley Trail • Off-road recreational trails • Winter Nordic and snowshoe recreational trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakes • Rivers • Fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation facilities • Recreation programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road cycling • BMX • Rock climbing • Arts, culture and heritage
Q1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Additional swings in village parks ▶ Future of indoor tennis – early discussion; research* ▶ Refillable water stations; water installed in parks ▶ Off-leash dog area near Meadow Park/Emerald/Rainbow* ▶ Bike parking/bike valet for parks and beaches, or increased transportation ▶ Soccer field artificial turf* ▶ Turf field built* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Discuss possible solutions to capacity and overcrowding in parks and on multi-use trails to reduce conflict ▶ Improve flow of bike traffic from day lots to village – reducing car/pedestrian conflict ▶ Planning for completion of linkage Valley Trail between neighbourhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Supporting further growth of park ranger program ▶ Bylaws/enforcement for party barges ▶ Overcrowding/capacity* ▶ Capacity/increased access* 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Illegal camping strategies/municipal campground* ▶ Community planning/visioning in advance of Holborn, Renaissance and other regarding new applications* ▶ Review RLMP and refocus/adjust if necessary
Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regulating organized activities and functions in parks/lakes ▶ Reserving land for future recreation ▶ Whistler Olympic Plaza playground ▶ Smoking, drinking in parks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ E-bikes definition and policy; research ▶ Work with BC Parks towards more trails, camping, parks ▶ Explore proactive approach to sustainable use of trails/popular destinations in and around Whistler ▶ Proactive – social media – approach to garbage responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Discuss addition of wharfs on/around lakes needing more public (non-commercial) access for water recreation* ▶ Expansion of docks/party docks ▶ Water features at lakes 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Overnight camping bylaw ▶ Quantify participation in illegal camping in Whistler area
Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ongoing dog advocacy ▶ Explore development of Lost Lake arrival/guest experience (near Passive House) 				
Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Installing more refillable water bottle stations or more education or less use of plastic bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Discuss and find solution for access to Emerald trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Encourage Council to seek federal assistance with regulation of water use 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Camping – joint subcommittee (FWAC, TWG, BC Parks) ▶ Engagement with S2S communities on their recreation and development plans