



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE RECREATION LEISURE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2017, STARTING AT 3:30 PM.  
Whistler Public Library  
4329 Main St, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

### **PRESENT:**

Murray Lunn, Chair  
John Konig, Member at Large  
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative  
Roger Weetman, Manager, Recreation, RMOW  
Josie Chuback, Member at Large  
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large  
Dave Clark, Member at Large  
Councillor, Jen Ford  
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

### **REGRETS:**

Stephanie Sloan, Member at Large  
Bob Calladine, Member at Large  
Roger Soane, Member at Large  
Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative  
Eric Wight, Member at Large  
Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large  
Martin Pardoe, Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Included new business; Chair notice to step down, Volleyball courts conditions at Bayly Park, Whistler Racquet Club Update, Emerald Estates Crossing, Illegal camping.

Removed from the Agenda; Bylaw and Park Ranger - presentation from staff regarding summer 2017 activities

Moved by Josie Chuback  
Seconded by Chris Kaipio

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of Thursday September 14, 2017

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Chris Kaipio  
Seconded by Murray Lunn

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Closed Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee closed minutes of April 20, 2017

CARRIED

Moved by John Konig  
Seconded by Murray Lunn

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee Regular minutes of April 20, 2017

CARRIED

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Notice from current RLAC Chair.

Notice from the current RLAC Chair. Chair will be stepping down to allow another member to take on the role. Murray will still remain on as a member at large.

Focus of Committee Meetings

An open discussion about meeting content and efficiencies.

Discussion was held within the Committee related to the large five month gap between meetings. Members were advised that during spring and summer staff are often inundated with operational projects that need to be completed under a strict deadline.

Staff suggest that meetings should be for advisory pieces where members have the ability to provide advice on topics. Staff suggest meetings every 2 months, as per the Terms of Reference would be preferable.

Questions, comments and further discussion:

Member at large suggested, the Committee have a brainstorming session at the beginning of the year. Drafting agenda for staff and members to prepare for the meetings.

Council appointee informed the Committee that now it is a great time to prepare recommendation with the upcoming Council retreat. Also the October meeting can set the frame work for an upcoming community forum (forum allows many people to come forward with their topics that may be closely related to RLAC)

*Dave Clark entered meeting 3:47 pm*

It was suggested to be to have a planning meetings in October and for members to get to know each other in order to be a successful Committee. Having regular meetings are valuable to allow members to share their thoughts and have their input.

Requested that Bylaw attend the RLAC planning meeting as they are a big part of the planning.

A Committee member requested to hear from the Trails Planning Working Group to see what their plans are for the year ahead.

Moved by Meredith Kunza  
Second by John Konig

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support making the October meeting the annual planning meeting for the Committee.

CARRIED

Recreation Department  
Update

A presentation from staff regarding completed and upcoming topics in recreation. Presented by the Recreation Manager:

- There was a large number of a responses from parents wanting to secure after school care for their children.
- Vally Trail extension in front of Meadow Park Sports Centre was completed on August 2, 2017. Parking lot signage is almost complete. Phase 2 planning is currently under way for new landscaping and also a covered bike shelter as well as potential parking lot configuration.
  - Committee members reviewed pictures of the final extension.
- Brief update for the squash courts at MPSC.
- Spring hockey tournaments; MPSC will no longer host the tournaments.

Staff working on a more formal sport field maintenance agreement between RMOW and SD48. It is in progress. A draft copy can be provided to the RLAC for information and review purposes at a future meeting.

Summer 2017 Recreation Department Update. Appendix A.

Project Update - Artificial  
Turf Field

A brief update was provided to the committee. RMOW staff provided an update from Parks Planning Manager in their absence. The RMOW are still waiting for a geotechnical report confirming the feasibility of the Bayly Park site. Staff hope to provide more information as soon as possible.

Draft RMOW 2018  
Budget Timelines /  
Discussion

Top 2017 budget priorities from November 2016:

*Recreation:* To continue construction at Meadow Park Sports Centre, small projects rather than big plans for 2017

*Parks Planning:* Wayfinding parks and trails, Artificial turf field, and other projects unrelated to RLAC.

*Members:* land acquisition (outlined in RLMP), off leash dog park in the north area of Whistler (project to revamp Meadow Park or Spruce Grove in years to come), long term vision for recreation in Whistler, artificial turf, parks and signage.

*Council:* land acquisition, wildfire (fire proving the whistler community), housing, transit.

Food Trucks – Staff are collating statistics from the season. A public survey is being developed. Following survey completion a summary will be provided to the RLAC.

Members suggested it would be best to prepare for this topic and revisit at the planning meeting. Committee members to advise their suggestions for important budget items.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Emerald estate crossing      Committee member would like to bring to the attention of the committee and would like a recommendation regarding a pedestrian crossing of Highway 99 at Autumn Drive (Emerald Estates South). The member has been in contact with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI).

There has been a large increase in all aspects of intersection movements, including vehicles, pedestrian, families and cyclists. Many of the non-vehicular uses are accessing the Valley Trail network. Suggest that at minimum a pedestrian activated crosswalk with flashing lights to warn drivers of the pedestrians be installed at this location.

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee recommend committee and staff explore the best solution to improve safety at Emerald Estates South crossing for safer access to the Valley Trail.

Meredith Kunza  
Josie Chuback

CARRIED

Whistler Raquet Club      A brief update from a Committee member. The Raquet Club located on the lands known as the Holbourn lands has been sold to the Beedie Development Group. The group are known for and pride themselves as community and corporate supporters. They plan to take time to get a feel for the community.

Council Appointee advised the Committee that an OCP amendment is require to do anything on that property. Suggested the Committee still put forward their visions for that location for when the time comes.

A Committee member would like to see the Committee support the facility remaining as primarily a tennis facility.

Bayly Park Volleyball  
Court

A Committee member reported a safety concerns regarding the sand volleyball courts at Bayly Park in Cheakamus Crossing. The courts are reported to be in a dangerous conditions. There are wooden barriers around the courts which are a hazed to players especially in their bare feet.

Murray Lunn  
Dave Clark

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the initiative to review the safety of the wooden perimeter and quality of sand at the Bayly Park volleyball courts

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Illegal Camping

A brief discussion was held within the Committee. A member of the Committee's family member was injured on a trail from a homemade clothes line. Committee supports and strongly agrees the issue of illegal camping needs to be addressed.

Recreation Manager advised; RMOW staff are having a meeting in October o discuss such matters as illegal camping.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Josie Chuback

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the September 14, 2017 Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5:07 pm

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CHAIR: Murray Lunn