



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

#### PRESENT:

Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, Martin Pardoe  
Recreation Manager, RMOW, Roger Weetman  
Member at Large, Diane Ziff  
Member at Large, Chair, Josie Chuback  
Member at Large, Kirk Paterson  
Member at Large, Roger Soane  
Member at Large, Lynda Harnish  
Councillor, Jen Ford  
Howe Sound School District 48 representative, Ian Currie  
Recording Secretary, RMOW, Shannon Perry

#### REGRETS:

Member at Large, Andrew Ross  
Member at Large, Murray Lunn  
Member at Large, Dave Clark  
Tourism Whistler representative, Meredith Kunza

Meeting called to order at 3:01 p.m.

Round table introduction from the committee.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Added BCRPA symposium 2019

Moved by Jen Ford

Seconded by Lynda Harnish

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of May 3, 2018

CARRIED

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Jen Ford  
Seconded by Lynda Harnish

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of March 8, 2018.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Update by SD48  
representative

An update to the committee by School District 48 (SD48) Director of Operations Ian Currie regarding the Whistler Area Long Term Facilities Planning

Full presentation package on the SD48 website – [www.sd48seatosky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Whistler-Area-Long-Term-Facilities-Planning-Information-Package.pdf](http://www.sd48seatosky.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Whistler-Area-Long-Term-Facilities-Planning-Information-Package.pdf)

Ian provided a brief overview of the presentation related to growth, challenges and potential outcomes for the Whistler community.

Three scenarios for Whistler – these were available for community and staff input:

- 1- Primary and intermediate model – Spring Creek grades K – 3, Myrtle Phillip grades 4 -8, Whistler Secondary grades 9 – 12.
- 2- Large expansion at the Whistler high school – Grade 6 – 12.
- 3- A new middle school build – with a new build Spring Creek would be grades K-5, Middle 6-8, Whistler Secondary 9-12.

Pros and cons of each outlined in the presentation.

The SD48 have 35 acres above Myrtle Philip Community Elementary School. The land is held in trust for school expansion. If a school was committed to on this site it would likely use approximately 7 acres of the available land. Consideration would need to be given to the remaining lands – retained by the SD48 for future needs, sold off for development or some other use. Potentially the SD48 could work with the RMOW to preserve the remaining acreage.

Feedback from the community was positive but it should be noted the SD48 were hearing a lot about the need for housing – the community's response build the school as well as housing.

Next steps -

SD48 will make a recommendation to the ministry of education board that they support the middle school model in Whistler. If it is approved the project will be entered into the 5 year capital plan. Typically a new school is developed on a five year feasibility, planning, design and construction schedule.

Further to this presentation and discussion the committee was in full support of the SD48 and their plans to adapt to the growing Whistler community.

Moved by Jen Ford  
Second by Diane Ziff

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee are interested in collaborating with the SD48 on moving forward with initiatives and looking at opportunities to enhance community space through the school.

CARRIED

Joint school use agreements.

A brief overview from RMOW Recreation Manager regarding joint school agreements.

- Whistler holds one of British Columbia's first joint use agreements.
- Myrtle Phillip Elementary School just celebrated 25 years operating as a school and community centre in Whistler.
- Spring Creek and Myrtle Phillip are approximately an \$80K cost per year plus annual capital costs.
- Spring Creek has a small amount of community space, in the 2000's the community rooms were not used that much. SD93 (La Ecole Paserelle) now has an exclusive use to the community rooms based on a separate agreement with the RMOW.
- Whistler high school – the RMOW was more involved on a capital level purchasing items such as the gym the bleachers.
- The High School agreement has a proportional use agreement vs the elementary schools that have fixed use agreements.

### Questions & Answers:

If a community group wanted to use the facility do they come to the school district or RMOW? The RMOW generally handle bookings of the facility.

If Waldorf closed would the kids fit into the school? No – the schools are currently at capacity. Demographers do review birth rates, adults of age who might have children, marital status, ages of people in homes etc.

Is Pemberton an option for students? – Declining enrolment in Pemberton secondary for two years in a row. Whistler students could be transported to Pemberton for schooling if they needed to.

Does the international program effect the fullness – Whistler only has 50 international students who fill classes from grades K – 5. International students help with school revenues.

Presentation and discussion regarding school field use agreements. Overview provided from RMOW Parks Planning Manager.

School field use agreements

- The RMOW currently have an agreement for 4 fields at Myrtle Phillip, baseball diamonds and tennis courts, the 2 fields at the high school and the 1 at spring creek.
- The RMOW would like to formalize agreements with SD48.
- An MOU (appendix B) has been drafted and well received by the SD48.

Moved by Diane Ziff  
Second by Roger Soane

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support continued ongoing communication to formalise the joint use agreements for the fields and continue in cooperation with the school use agreements.

CARRIED

Artificial Turf Field Project

An update by staff regarding the status of the Artificial Turf Field (AFT) Project.

Staff briefly provided highlights on the project including an overview of the reasoning behind the requirement for an ATF. <https://www.whistler.ca/culture-recreation/parks-trails/parks/artificial-turf-field-project>

- An explanation of the AFT was presented by staff - Appendix A
- Note that the budget is now at \$2.8m which includes the field, lights, fencing and a small maintenance building for storage.
- Intend to present to council June 5, 2018
- Since the RMOW is handling the facility, how to do determine priority? RMOW has a bylaw outlining priority - local youth 1<sup>st</sup>, and local adult second, 3<sup>rd</sup> youth out to town, 4<sup>th</sup> adult out of town.
- Estimated date of completion – Autumn 2018
- All groups are aware of the need for and expects to pay user fees to access the facility.

Discussion – EPA - Environmental protection agency have been working on a study. Vancouver Health Statement <https://www.whistler.ca/culture-recreation/parks-trails/parks/artificial-turf-field-project>

Moved by Roger Soane  
Moved Lynda Harnish

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee support the completion of the artificial turf field in Bayly Park in 2018. The Committee is in support of making

the facility the most environmentally friendly artificial turf facility that we can, considering all materials and location and, to mediate any of the adverse effect for drainage that might occur.

CARRIED

Cardio Room  
Expansion Project

An update on the Cardio Room Expansion Project, Recreation Manager advised – MPSC was approached by a private donor with \$400K to upgrade the cardio room. The RMOW accepted and will be working on planning in 2018 and 2019 to the expansion. At the moment RFP is being prepared to go out to the public. That will provide more understanding of costing.

**Question and Answer:**

Was this his or her specific request for the donation? Yes.

Is the cardio room at capacity more often than not? Yes, the goal is giving more space in the room for cardio and stretching. There will likely be commemoration plaque installed for the foundation making the donation to this project.

Lynda Harnish left the meeting 4:21 pm

OCP update

A presentation by staff regarding the OCP update, specifically the recreation and leisure chapter.

Reviewed draft recreation and leisure section of the OCP – staff pointed out the high level changes, toning down from world class and leading edge towards more emphasis on being outside in an incredible environment that Whistler has to offer.

Next steps – staff meeting next week to discuss moving forward and where the OCP is at.

Committee to provide more feedback to Parks Planning Manager.

RLAC Terms of  
Reference

A discussion regarding draft amendments to the RLAC Terms of Reference (TOR). Parks Planning Manager presented on the changes to the TOR – last October it was suggested to have a vision statement, which overall covers what Whistler provides in recreation and leisure. The committee would like to have the TOR and the OCP reflective of each other's vision.

Changes:

1.0 Add a vision statement. To be coordinated with new vision document to replace retired Whistler 2020 Vision document.

3.2 Meetings may include topics that do not require RLAC feedback.

3.3 Add reference to goals and vision in this section.

4.0 Change “Core Values” to “Goals”.

5.1a No change to “*Representatives of the youth/young adult and ageing populations in the community.*” Members had previously suggested having more youth and young adults on the Committee. In response staff used Facebook to advertise call for membership applications, however there were no responses from youth and young adult.

5.1b Add Whistler Sports Legacies as a permanent partner member equal to that of Tourism Whistler and SD48.

Committee members to take a final look of the draft amended TOR once the OCP is complete to ensure alignment and consistency between the two documents. Finalizing the Terms of Reference requires Council approval.

#### Trails Planning Working Group

An update by staff regarding the Trails Planning Working Group (TPWG). Staff provided background information on TPWG.

The public asked for clarity on the coordinated trail planning – Parks Planning Manager reviewed the trail approval process which is a 4 – 6 month process.

Trail information signs and maps are being developed. These will be posted on the RMOW website, at trailheads, and printed for guest information programs (Tourism Whistler, Village Host)

#### Update on various park programs

An update by staff on various park programs including food trucks, park and trail rangers, and geese management.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the food truck program – 2018 the RMOW has 10 different vendors this summer for Lost Lake, Rainbow and Lakeside Parks. More info at [www.whistler.ca/culture-recreation/parks-trails/foodtrucks](http://www.whistler.ca/culture-recreation/parks-trails/foodtrucks)
- Park ranger program and a Valley Trail ranger program –budget is higher with the intent to include more rangers hours this summer. Targeting weekends and statutory holidays. Also have a Trail Ranger for trails within municipal watershed (Rainbow Lake Trail) and new trails on Mt Sproatt.

- Geese management contractors are coming back to keep geese away. More monitor and communication coming in 2018. There has been a significant reducing in geese waste. Fences were also replaced. More info at [www.whistler.ca/services/environmental-stewardship/geese](http://www.whistler.ca/services/environmental-stewardship/geese)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

BCRPA symposium      BCRPA symposium is coming to Whistler May 1-3, 2019  
  
All members qualify to get membership – Roger to send out the information.  
  
Call for volunteers.

Curling in Whistler      Next Agenda

#### **NEXT MEETING**

June 14, 2018 3 p.m.

#### **TERMINATION**

Moved by Diane Ziff  
Second by Roger Soane

**That** Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminated the May 3, 2018  
Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair, Josie Chuback

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Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry