



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 2018, STARTING AT 2:23P.M.

In the Piccolo Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, Martin Pardoe
Recreation Manager, RMOW, Roger Weetman
Member at Large, Murray Lunn
Member at Large, Dave Clark
Member at Large, Lynda Harnish
Member at Large, Chair, Josie Chuback
Member at Large, Andrew Ross – via phone
Member at Large, Diane Ziff
Councillor, Jen Ford
Tourism Whistler representative, Meredith Kunza
Recording Secretary, RMOW, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Member at Large, Kirk Paterson
Member at Large, Roger Soane
Howe Sound School District 48 representative, Ian Currie

Meeting called to order at 2:23 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Lynda Harnish
Seconded by Murray Lunn

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of September 20, 2018.

Added agenda items:

- Discuss illegal camping
- Mountain drive hiking access – portable washroom
- Invite to tennis in whistler
- Update on the community service building in Spring Creek
- Beddie development group documentation
- Emerald access to one duck lake
- Water access on Green Lake

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Diane Ziff
Second by Meredith Kunza

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of July 26, 2018

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Cardio room expansion and stretching room addition project

Update from RMOW Recreation manager – RMOW staff are meeting with the project architect this week. Meetings will be conducted with RMOW general managers. Schematic drawing will be presented to RLAC in November. Looking for project start in early Spring. There will be a closure during the upgrade.

PerfectMind

Update from RMOW Recreation manager regarding the recreation department new software system PerfectMind – The launch of the program was successful, migration of clients was well received, there are a few small glitches that are being managed in house. Staff meeting and discussing their short comings this week. Pass holders have had no issues with the reissuing of their updated pass cards. Staff anticipating there may be line ups in October / November due to pass holders getting their new cards printed upon entry.

RLAC members noted their appreciation to all RMOW staff involved in the transition.

E-Bike Policy Development

Overview of process and timeline to develop an e-bike policy. Information present by Parks Planning Manager.

The E- mobility community is rapidly growing in the Whistler and with that it is important to be proactive with having a policy and guidelines in place.

Provincial motor vehicle act states that devices that are pedal assisted (only works when you are physically pedalling) are permitted on the Valley Trail. At this time RMOW plans to follow this guideline for the Valley Trail and consideration needs to be given to off road trails in Whistler.

RMOW are considering the affects that could occur regarding such things as; access to natural areas, trail impact, human to wildlife, human to human, rider skill level, and other safety concerns. The RMOW will work with the centre of sustainability and other stakeholders for their expertise on the rapidly growing topic of e-mobility.

Committee member expressed concerns that E-bikes could impact the trails negatively. RMOW could pass a Bylaw to permit or not permit E-Bikes in any specific area.

Parks Master Planning Process

Parks Planning manager presented Lakeside, Wayside and Alpha Lake plans for review. The committee was updated and an explanation was provided on the

phases of the park analysis project. RLAC reviewed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The RMOW and consultants are currently reviewing parks, analysis to continue.

ALPHA LAKE

Discussion on potentials for the park, changes, upgrades, safety, valley trail realignment.

With neighbours close by, is there a desire to make the park bigger? Not at this time, RMOW does not feel the need to change the forest area behind the park.

Parks don't need to be expanded nor increased parking in parks as they are already very full and Whistler would prefer to encourage biking or walking to the parks.

Possibly consider realigning the Valley Trail within Alpha Lake Park.

LAKE SIDE

Committee commented on parks capacity noting that there would be very limited room for tree planting. Potential to turn the cul-de-sac in to a hammer head to limit people trying to park there. Is there potential to get more docks around the stone circle area? Where are the two floating docks? Floating docks are beneficial to the parks. Agreed with the removal of the BBQ stands. Suggested realignment of valley trail behind the concession. Could add Maze gates to slow cyclist down in that area.

WAYSIDE -

Committee members suggested removal of the parking lot as it is a dangerous turn from the highway, it was noted this may cause parking issues on the highway. Potential tree thinning to lighten the park up.

OTHER BUSINESS

Illegal camping

Member at large brought to the attention of the committee the Fitzsimmons Creek illegal campers that had to be removed, noting that RLAC and the RMOW should be very aware of this issue and have a plan prepared for people illegally camping in Whistler in vehicles or camps.

Staff to organise Bylaw Services to come and provide an update on where they are at with preparing to have policy in place for illegal camping.

Mountain drive hiking access

Council have received letters regarding the portable wash room on trail heads. The portable washroom at the trail head may be seen to people as an area to mingle, park and get together before the hike. Throughout Whistler and

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surrounding areas there is an issue occurring with people parking as close as possible to trail heads.

- Skywalk trail recently had 37 cars were parked at the top of Alpine Way on a Wednesday.

Moving forward yes this is an issue but it's a problem of success. Whistler should work together to figure out how to control these issues. Trail heads will be reviewed.

Tennis invite

Tennis invite handed out to Committee members.

Update of WCS

Recreation manager advised that the Spring Creek building is currently under review. The RMOW are hoping to rent the building to Sea to Sky Community services. When they inspected the building they were not satisfied with its current state. RMOW determining who would fund the upgrade of the building before moving forward. Recreation manager will come back with more information for the committee when possible.

Request documents on Beddie/Holborn Property

A request from a member at large for agreements, plans and rezoning information related to this property.

The only agreement from planning is a requirement if the tennis club is evicted and the developer does not seek a rezoning then the developer is required to build 4 or 6 (staff to confirm) outdoor tennis courts off site bit upon municipal property.

RMOW will request an update from the planning department and for a representative to present at RLAC when possible.

At the present the RMOW has not received a formal development permit or rezoning application. Hence there is nothing to review at this time.

Emerald access to One Duck Lake Green Lake water access

A request from a member at large for further information on the Emerald access to One Duck Lake – Advised no change from the current access at this time. Comment from a member at large – there are a number of illegal docks on green lake south of summer lane. Not legitimised with a foreshore agreement.

Illegal Docks

How far does the federal or provincial government own off the water front. RMOW only has rights from the high water point back onshore on municipal lands.

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NEXT MEETING

October 18, 2018 3 -5 p.m., November 22, 2018 4 p.m., and December 4 p.m.

Add Review TOR to agenda.

TERMINATION

Moved by Murray Lunn
Second by Lynda Harnish

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminated the September 20, 2018 Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Josie Chuback

Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry