



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019, STARTING AT 3 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback
Member at Large, A. Ross (via phone)
Member at Large, D. Clark
Member at Large, L. Harnish
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane
Member at Large, M. Lunn
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe
Tourism Whistler representative, L. Everest
Recording Secretary, M. Talaro

REGRETS:

Member at Large, D. Ziff
Member at Large, K. Paterson
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie
Councillor, R. Forsyth
Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, A. Oja

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Lunn
Seconded by R. Soane

No additions to the agenda. Request to move Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges to the beginning of the meeting, moved. Request to remove Recreational Trail Strategy, moved.

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of November 14, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Soane
Second by D. Clark

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of June 6, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges

Request to amend previously presented Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw. R. Weetman shared an analysis on comparative rates with BC Nordic Ski areas, which resulted in the amendments requested. Adult, Youth and Child Nordic day rates and season pass prices discussed. Appendix B of Bylaw 2243 to be shared with the group.

Questions:

Do we guarantee snow days?

Our policy is to guarantee 70 snow days per ski season.

Moved by R. Soane

Second by D. Clark

That RLAC support the "Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges" bylaw in its amended state.

Moved by R. Soane

Second by D. Clark

CARRIED

RLAC meeting schedule

Discussed reverting the meetings back to Thursday's once a month. Discussed changing the date due to problems with Quorum. Dec. 12 will serve as a shortened meeting and social gathering at the Brewhouse. The first meeting in the new year is scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2020. S. Perry to send confirmation of meeting days and times to all members. Further discussion to occur once new members are appointed.

RLAC Member End of Term

M. Pardoe reminded the group that all current members seeking an additional term will need to re-apply. Once the intake is open, members will be notified sometime in January 2020. The maximum allowance for members to serve is a two year term, for not more than two consecutive years (4). Even if you serve four years, an exceptional circumstance extension may be given. Names and resumes will be forwarded to Council, who will select candidates at a closed meeting.

Civic Service Award

J. Chuback received a Civic Service award from Council this month. Josie thanked the Committee for their support.

E-Mobility Device Policy

After the draft policy was adopted by Council in July 2019, the monitoring program was initiated. Tourism Whistler set up a user experience survey of the Valley Trail and Recreational Trails. One of the biggest concerns received from feedback was speed on the Valley Trail. Reports were collected from the

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Alpine Ranger program, which surveyed the Sproatt trail network seven days a week and nine hours a day during the active season. Village Host and Bylaw Services also participated. Collection data was also taken from VCH, WSR, RSTBC. Discussed public feedback. Will make results public and amend relevant bylaws in order to take to Council in the new year. Considerations on the level of monitoring in the future to be looked at.

Growing e-bike adoption in 2019: BC provincial parks - policy similar to RSTBC; pilot project in Kananaskis region (Alberta). Locally no new issues identified, twenty-six e-bike encounters on Sproatt, but Alpine Rangers were not authorized to issue tickets.

Observations from Committee:

- Electric bikes going slower than regular bikes
- Incidents around town, were there collisions, was it animals off leash, pedestrians or cars?
- Biggest complaint from pedestrians is bikers coming from behind and not using a bell or voice to alert their presence.
- Adamant individuals voicing their concern that e-bikes should not be on trails or if they should be allowed on all trails, any feedback? Personal objective shouldn't trump species at risk. Take a precautionary approach and see what happens.
- During the summer the main Valley Trail issue is the number of users (rider volume), regardless if it were regular bikes or e-bikes. Commuters using e-bikes usually on the roads.
- Meadow Park to Rainbow Park is a busy area because of speeds around blind corners and volume. Is it sightline issues or do we install gates? To not alter the experience of users, suggest posting a recommended speed limit to encourage responsible use.
- Suggest installing signage for high volume areas, as a precaution. Suggestion of using markings on the pavement especially near Lorimer Road where the River of Golden Dreams users are.
- Speed limit signs gives an expectation that they will be enforced, but resources are limited and most bikes do not have a speedometer. Instead, the recommend approach is to educate and encourage responsible use.
- More of a problem with regular bikes on a downhill vs e-bikes. Support for markings on pavement.
- Suggested increasing the width of the center line in select locations and use of directional arrows. Use iconography, international symbols or universal signs indicating keep right and whom yields to who.
- Use of pylons to distinguish valley trail from roads.

R. Weetman left the meeting at 4:49 pm

Lost Lake Trails
Wayfinding and Nordic
Signs

Reviewed proposed wayfinding and Nordic trail signs for Lost Lake XC Trails, as well as several proposed trail name changes.

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Staff presented a project overview to improve summer and winter wayfinding along a “core route” in Lost Lake Park and on all Nordic ski trails. The core route connects the PassivHaus to Lost Lake, travels around the lake and continues out to Mons on Old Mill Road.

Along the core route new wayfinding signs would be installed similar to the recent Valley Trail wayfinding signs, and reference destinations within and immediately adjacent to the Park. This signage would be relevant for all summer and winter users.

A separate Nordic wayfinding sign would be installed elsewhere on the same pole, and while targeting xc ski users it would also be helpful for summer trail users. Four different Nordic sign options were presented for feedback. Intent is to install signs in summer of 2020. Maps and other information will require updates to reflect changes.

Committee members made a number of suggestions including: signs should have a degree of reflectivity for night time safety; include distance or estimated time to destinations; delete the “Nordic Trails” reference, as it implies a skilled activity and adds little value; and ensure high contrast in text for legibility.

Staff also presented a number of proposed trail name changes for improved wayfinding logic and clarity: Staff also presented a number of proposed trail name changes to improve wayfinding logic and clarity. These include: Renaming portion of trail from PassivHaus to Lost Lake Beach from “Lost Lake Loop” to Lost Lake Trail”

- Change portion of trail from PassivHaus to Lost Lake beach from “Lost Lake Loop” and “Cedar Way” to “Lost Lake Trail”
- Change “Beach Cut” to “Lost Lake Loop” and link with remainder of “Lost Lake Loop” around the entirety of the lake
- Break “Lower Panorama” into two distinct parts: “Middle Panorama” and “Lower Panorama”
- Break “Upper Fairway” into two distinct parts “Upper Fairway” and “Middle Fairway”
- Break Poler’s Road into three distinct parts “Poler’s Climb, Poler’s Traverse” and Poler’s Descent”.
- Change “Black Loop to “Crowman’s Challenge”

Committee members were in general support of the wayfinding upgrades and proposed trail name changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meadow Park Sports Centre Tour

Date confirmed is for Tuesday, November 19 at 3:30 pm. A separate tour for any members who are unable to attend can be scheduled in the future.

Parks Master Plan - Outside Voice

Committee members asked a number of questions about this project:

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- At Meadow Park, where has the design landed – one baseball diamond or two? If one which one? Answer – one, western one shifted further away from water park. Phase three will explore these ideas in more detail.
- What specific re-imagined done have been suggested for the Lost Lake warming hut? Answer – none specifically. Future phases of the project will explore in more detail.

Village Washrooms Project:

Committee members asked a number of questions about the project:

- Why did the project not proceed into construction in 2020? The project was publically tendered and came in over the available budget.
- Will it be re-tendered? What is happening now? A number of design and contractual changes are being implemented and the project is targeting re-tender date in January 2020.
- Committee members discussed providing a recommendation regarding the need for washrooms at the PassivHaus: , we should offer a statement of importance to Council and stress that all three should be completed.

Moved by R. Soane

Second by L. Harnish

That RLAC supports the construction of all three washroom facilities, and should less than three washroom building be initiated that the PassivHaus facility remain part of the scope of work.

CARRIED

Future of Tennis in Whistler

There will be a change in management as of Jan 1, 2020, which is unexpected. Contract has not been awarded. Continue to offer tennis and pickle ball. To be added to the December agenda or pushed to January for further discussion.

NEXT MEETING

Starting at 4 pm December 12, 2019

TERMINATION

Moved by R. Soane

Second by D. Clark

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminated the November 14, 2019 Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5:26 pm

CARRIED

Chair, J. Chuback

Recording Secretary, M. Talaro