



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020, STARTING AT 4 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
Member at Large, K. Paterson
Member at Large, B. Calladine
Member at Large, C. Kaipio
Member at Large, Craig MacKenzie
Member at Large, L. Harnish
Councillor, R. Forsyth
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe
Recording Secretary, M. Talaro

REGRETS:

Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, A. Oja
Member at Large, D. Clark
Tourism Whistler representative, L. Everest

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. Ross
Seconded by R. Forsyth

New Items:

- Move Parks Master plan
- Emerald Estate One Duck access
- Pickle ball
- Tennis committee
- Pool HVAC Update
- New members before the election of the Chair
- Updates from the minutes

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of March 12, 2020

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Soane
Seconded by A. Ross

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of February 13, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

M. Pardoe – RMOW representative since 2012 with knowledge of planning and policy for parks and outdoor recreation.

R. Soane – Whistler Sports Legacy representative for the last 7 years.

A. Ross – Active with the Tennis association, serving on 2nd term with RLAC.

B. Calladine – 6 years on RLAC with experience in developing the Parks and Rec Masterplan.

J. Chuback – 4 years on RLAC, currently serving as the Chair.

C. Kaipio – 2 years on RLAC.

K. Patterson – 2 years on RLAC.

R. Forsyth – Current Council representative.

T. Nepomuceno – 1st term on RLAC.

I. Currie – School District 48 representative for the last 4 years.

Committee to elect a chair and co-chair to serve for a two year term.

Roger moved that J. Chuback serve as chair for another term.

Seconded by A. Ross

CARRIED

New member
Introductions

Election of the Chair and
Co-Chair

R. Forsyth moved that R. Soane serve as co-chair for another term.

Seconded by B. Calladine

CARRIED

Municipal Park Use
Bylaw Update

A brief overview of a work in progress and how it relates to the draft e-mobility device policy. The last update was in 2002. A discussion was held which included reviewing the new e-bike policy, recommendation to amend the bylaw to recognize e-bikes and seeking to include drone use and slack lining. The amendments will be brought to Council in the first few months of 2020 and will be reviewed for the next RLAC meeting.

BC Trails Survey

Review of Survey, which closed in Feb 2020. Last update was in 2013 that included the development of trail strategy by BC Trails. Recreation trail strategy to be rolled out in the next month.

Questions and comments:

What involvement does the RMOW have in the BC Trails Survey?
The RMOW will complete the survey but is otherwise not involved.
The trail planning working group will be meeting in April.

Who makes up the trail planning working group?
The group includes WORCA, ACC-W, AWARE, RSTBC, Trials99, WB, along with land manager agencies invited as required. No specific RLAC member is involved, however the meeting notes and newsletters are shared with RLAC along with staff updates.

Discussion on major resort parks and aging infrastructure. The three phases involved in this project include inventory, imagining 'Outside Voice' (what if's) and design (concept plan). Focus on high level costs to help prioritize. High priority items include to increase use levels, off leash dog parks and water play parks.

Questions and comments:

Parks Master plan
update

How far along is MPSC ready for projects?
The waterpark was anticipated to be constructed in 2020, but only study's and planning are being done for now. Construction has been moved into the 2021 budget.
How is the RMOW prioritizing projects?
Four valley trail projects are slated for 2020. They are all out to tender and will be reviewed once received.
Where is Burt's Alley?
Trail construction to occur on a portion of the cross country trails at Lost Lake.

OTHER BUSINESS

Emerald Estates One
Duck Lake Access

Discussion on purchased property in Emerald, where the land backs on to First Nations land. There is potential for recreational trail access to lands beyond. The intent is to retain existing house and provide for Employee Housing. Council will decide landlord procedure. There is no intent to rezone the property. The trail to lands beyond is not owned by the RMOW and will not proceed until First Nations land exchange is complete.

Questions and comments:

Neighbourhood concerns for converting the current house as staff housing for a business?
Intent is to build a connecting trail to the existing trail with a trailhead. A letter has been received by a Councillor regarding these concerns. Further updates will be provided at a future date.

Update on OCP?

The RMOW is waiting on a sign-off from the Province with a completion date before the end of the year.

Pickleball Update

The new community organization, Whistler Pickleball Association, formed at the end of last year and includes forty-five members. The league plays out of the racket club. Organized play started in June of 2018 with mostly drop-in play and growth has been exponential. The goal is to keep it affordable and develop to meet the community's demands. The association is seeing challenges with facility space. Discussed looking at the potential to amend the Park Use Bylaw to include tennis courts with pickleball lines as an outdoor booking facility. There is a desire to share designs of maximizing spaces in tennis courts for multiple pickleball courts.

Questions and comments:

What is pickleball?

It's the fastest growing sport in North America. The playing surface is the size of a badminton court. Giant ping pong-like paddles are used along with a whiffle ball. Games are fifteen minutes in length and 95% of games are played as doubles.

Why is it called pickleball?

Named after a dog who fetched the ball.

Could we implement an informal booking system?

Eg. Signing up for cardio equipment at the gym on a white board. The RMOW will consider the suggestion moving forward.

How do you move temporary nets?

The poles have plastic on the bottom, which causes less damage to the surface.

Are the four courts at Myrtle Philip Community Centre in the upcoming budget?

Schedule a meeting with the tennis and pickleball associations to discuss 2020 court improvement projects (Myrtle Philip and Taluswood). There are close to 30 public courts, most of which are underutilized.

Tennis follow-up

Informal discussion to form a committee for the tennis club to provide direction and plan. Suggestion to create a survey of tennis people. The Whistler Racket Centre will provide a presentation not to become a committee member. Establish a document of what the community needs in terms of tennis and programming mix.

Questions and comments:

What are the squash needs in the community?

Creating the usage is challenging if there is no secondary reason eg. Bar in facility to socialize.

Need a coordinated strategy vs masterplan.

Pickleball tourism is expanding. Hospitality industry could survey people as it could be a talking point to recommend to tourists.

What is the percentage of tennis vs pickleball users?
There are 700 members in tennis vs 50 pickleball members.

Booking process? Do we have those mechanisms? Using an app to book?

Pool Dehumidifier
HVAC and Recreation
Update

The unit was delivered on site to MPSC. It uses exhaust heat from the pool to feed into the geosystem. Will need a one to two week shutdown period to install the new unit. The tentative install date is scheduled for June 8. The lifetime for this type of unit is approximately twelve years.

Questions and comments:

Will it change the wind tunnel in change room?
No, but it has been much better in the last few years.

If shutdown occurs earlier due to Covid-19 can it happen?
Will be meeting with contractors to discuss an early installation date and will update the group after the discussion.

Is there a cost adjustment in heating arrangement?
There is a minimal cost adjustment projected.

How is the cardio expansion?
MPSC has received positive feedback with one user saying it is the best use of tax payer money.

The Whistler Soccer Club will be forming an adult co-ed soccer league to play Monday nights. The league will mirror the softball league model.

School District 48 – Extra cleaning of the facility and busses has been scheduled as a proactive measure, but not suggested by Vancouver Coastal Health. Discussion on facility bookings and cancellation process during this time was held.

With the addition of washrooms at the Passivhaus, will they be big enough for a liquor licence?
With the addition of a 3 stall washroom, the Passivhaus will meet the requirements for liquor licencing.

NEXT MEETING
April 16, 2020 4 pm

Send agenda items to RMOW staff

TERMINATION

Moved by R. Soane
Seconded by A. Ross

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminated the March 12, 2020
Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 5:50.

CARRIED

Chair, J. Chuback

Recording Secretary, M.Talaro