



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020, STARTING AT 2 P.M.
Via Zoom**

PRESENT:

Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback
Member at Large, A. Ross
Member at Large, B. Calladine
Member at Large, C. Kaipio
Member at Large, C. MacKenzie
Member at Large, L. Harnish
Member at Large, D. Clark
Member at Large, T. Nepomuceno
Tourism Whistler representative, L. Everest
Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane
Councillor, R. Forsyth
Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, I. Currie
Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe
Parks Planner, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, A. Oja
Recording Secretary, M. Talaro

REGRETS:

Member at Large, K. Paterson

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Forsyth
Seconded by B. Calladine

New Items:
▪ N/A

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of July 16, 2020

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Forsyth

Seconded by C. Kaipio

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes as amended of March 12, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Manager of Recreation provided an update on processes to re-open recreational facilities.

Summer Camps re-opened June 29.

Fitness Centre and squash courts to re-open on August 17.

Using online booking system in PerfectMind for users to reserve time slots up to a set capacity. 75 minute sessions will be offered to start, which will include two 45 minute time slots for the vulnerable population.

There will be a strong focus on cleaning standards upon re-opening.

Pool re-opening tentative for early September.

Arena re-opened during the second week of July to private group users.

Current hours of operation are from 6 am – 8:30 pm. Will revisit in October to extend hours.

Working on budget amendment and support from Council at the next meeting. No public access at this time.

Questions:

Is there a KOTG contingency plan if schools don't go back in fall?

There will be changes to registration, along with priority registration for return users. New users will be waitlisted for registration day.

What is the plan?

Working with BCRPA reactivation plan and setting target dates based on phase/stage of plan. Looking to have community centre bookings earlier than planned. EPT may be delayed due to staffing availability.

How will people book sessions?

Through PerfectMind and will have to be an existing client. There will be no fee and payment will be taken at time of arrival. Challenges may arise from no shows. May need to discuss whether to implement a stand-by option.

Is it live now?

The booking system is currently in test phase. Looking to implement a 72 hour booking window.

Are passes active?

All passes have been suspended until Aug. 17.

Online booking, same system as a few years ago?

Using PerfectMind now and will have a larger conversation with outdoor booking team going forward.

Review of pre final draft was shared by Annie Oja.

High priority projects:

- Rainbow Park – parking lot area, concept plans for existing area and the washroom connection to permanent sanitary services. Initiative of drainage and irrigation of large lawn area. Developing budget numbers to advance projects in 2021
- Meadow Park - Engaged a hydrological engineer to determine ways to more efficiently source and utilize spray park and irrigation water. RFP for a civil engineer and landscape architect slated for 2021.

Committee Questions and Discussion: Overall, were there any surprises from a staff perspective? Are the majority of these identified in the capital budget? Could this be distributed to Council?

Staff Comments: No public engagement surprises. No further engagement required. The intent is to prepare a final draft of this report, have further RLAC review, forward to Council for adoption, and include projects with the annual Five Year Financial Plan budget process.

Park specific comments

Meadow Park:

Committee Questions and Discussion: Three options: good, better, best priority. How determine way forward? Option 3 is less desirable, as sanctioned dog area will create more damage to grass and safety concerns will arise. There are concerns of slow pitch being played there if the fence is removed as it will leave it more prone to exposure to injury. Can a larger diamond be put in there?

Staff Comments: Final design may be a mix of all three, will require further public and in particular neighbourhood engagement and design development. This will occur sometime in the future, and after Parks Master Plan adopted by Council.

Parkhurst Park:

Committee Questions and Discussion: Parking is/will be a challenge. A Sea to Sky trail connection would be least cost way to access the heritage sites portion of the area. Still requires crossing the railway tracks and Green River. Feel there is greater need for a grade separated pedestrian crossing of the Highway at Emerald Estates to connect neighbourhood to Valley Trail than a grade separated crossing of the Highway to provide access to Parkhurst.

Staff Comments: apart from Sea to Sky Trail connection improving access is costly due to challenges with railway and river crossings, and parking issues off the highway.

Rainbow Park

Committee Questions and Discussion: Potential conflicts of the docks. Support prioritization process and wait for staff review.

Staff Comments: Currently advancing design work so as to include construction in 2021 in the Five Year Financial Plan. Elements include park (lawn area) and lakefront, connecting washroom to municipal sanitary sewer, Valley Trail access to Alta Lake Road and parking improvements.

Wedge Park:

Committee Discussion: Noted that no parking provided by trailhead, proposed boardwalk provides access to an area of bird habitat particularly valuable at certain times of the year. Is there a potential conflict between motorized boating and birds? In and out trail will double quantity of people accessing, may lead to Covid concerns. Support of a boardwalk that provides access to the High School for outdoor learning opportunities.

Staff Comments: Intend is to not provide parking but provide neighbourhood water access. Acknowledge that any potential improvements require further environmental consideration and are likely a long ways off given other priorities.

MPSC Pool HVAC
Replacement

Manager of Recreation provided an update on the project. The rooftop unit is now installed and will be commissioned by the end of the month.

Tennis/Pickleball

Reached out to the Whistler Tennis Association and Whistler Pickleball Association in May for feedback. Myrtle Phillip courts resurfaced with four tennis courts and two pickleball courts. For information purposes Martin shared a document that was forwarded to the Associations.

Stanley Park tennis courts use no formal booking system, instead a courtesy system. Pickleball wanted certainty to teach.

Myrtle Philip Tennis
And Pickleball Courts
Resurfacing

Both pickleball and tennis players will use the same nets, although the height of the nets are quite different. Was it brought up as an issue? They asked if they could have adjustable nets, left crank out but it bends poles and leads to repairs. Suggested two pickleball courts if they were willing to provide durable movable nets.

As game progresses, municipality may need to advance constructing more dedicated pickleball courts. Huge conflict between both sports, as pickleball gains momentum, and will need to come up with another solution. This may need more engagement with the community.

Trail Topics

Recreation Trails Strategy:

Once Parks Master Plan is completed, focus will switch to Recreation Trail Strategies project. Will need to manage project schedule expectations due to Covid.

One Duck Lake/No Flow Zone Emerald Estates Access:
Purchased January 2020, property to convert to employee housing and build trail across the property to the lands beyond, which are currently First Nations lands. Process of First Nations/RMOW land exchange under approval of OCP. Review history of access. Land exchange anticipated completion September 2020.

One Duck Lake/No Flow Zone non-motorized/ motorized trials bike use:
Take the question to trail planning group and be considered as part of the Recreation Trails Strategy.

Wedgeview Place unsanctioned recreational trail:
Located in Alpine Meadows. Being built on Crown land, over which the RMOW has no authority. Unsanctioned trails occur all over BC and are very hard to prevent and eradicate, often a part of the mountain bike culture. Potentially impacts to neighbourhood and environment. Need to be more proactive. Meeting with residents to start dialogue.

Questions and comments:

Lost Lake tree fueling done?
Status unknown, Martin to follow-up.

No flow zone, can bikes access?
Non-motorized trail, trial riders accessing.

Will Martin be representing RLAC at the Trail Planning Working Group?
Yes, there is currently no dedicated Committee of Council positions on the TPWG.

No permission sought or granted from WORCA committee. If a presence is needed we can address that at a later time.

As a community as a whole, where do motorized bikes fit into the RMOW plans?
Refer to the OCP online, then the Recreation Trails Strategy.

Series of trails in that area that are unsanctioned;

The meeting is to describe situation and feelings?
Opportunity for them to be heard and any actions that the RMOW can do.

Does TrailForks/WORCA show unsanctioned trails?
RMOW requests problematic unsanctioned trails be excluded from TrailForks. WORCA refers to TrailForks for all mapping. WORCA has editing access to TrailForks but not Strava.

Thank you to staff that have worked through this time during unusual times.

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

TBD in August

Send agenda items to RMOW staff

TERMINATION

Moved by B. Calladine
Seconded by D. Clark

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminated the July 16, 2020
Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee meeting at 4:04 pm.

CARRIED

Chair, J. Chuback

Recording Secretary, M.Talaro