



MINUTES

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
WORKSHOP
THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016, STARTING AT 1:00 p.m.**

**In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW Mayor - Chair
Andrée Janyk, RMOW Councillor
Steve Anderson, RMOW Councillor
Bill Murray, Citizen-at-Large
Janusz Sobieniak, Citizen-at-Large
Ben Smith, Citizen-at-Large
Mike Furey, RMOW – CAO
Mark Sedgwick, WB – VP Information Technology
Karen Goodwin, Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales
Matthew Boyd, BC Transit – Regional Planning Work Lead
Jesse Morwood, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) *alternate*
James Hallisey, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services
Emma DaSanto, RMOW – TDM Coordinator

GUESTS:

Richard Drudl, P. Eng. – Community Transportation Planner
Jenn Walczyk – Administrative Assistant & Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Jan Jansen, RMOW – GM of Resort Experience
Don Legault, MOTI – A/Operations Manager, Howe sound and Sunshine Coast
Val Litwin, Whistler Chamber of Commerce - CEO

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*Moved by Steve Anderson
Seconded by Andrée Janyk*

*That the Agenda of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) of June 9, 2016
be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

*Moved by Bill Murray
Seconded by Andrée Janyk*

*That the Minutes of March 8, 2016 of the Transportation Advisory Group
(TAG) be adopted with minor corrections.*

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Transportation Today Presentation

Richard Drudl, Community Transportation Planner presented a high-level overview of transportation engineering to TAG members. The presentation covered the fundamental questions and definitions:

- What is the capacity of a Road?
 - Capacity is determined by intersections
- What is congestion and how can it be measured?
 - Delay of vehicles vs. delay of people
 - Level of Service of intersections (A through F)
- How can we reduce delay?
 - Methods include: additional lanes at intersections, turn lanes, queue jumpers, signal phasing and timing, considering pedestrian movements, roundabouts, considering the entire corridor
- How can we mitigate congestion?
 - Don't expect to build your way out of congestion
 - Consider Travel Demand Management (shifting demand to other times , other modes) and Managing Local trips (reducing the number and length of trips on highway by moving trips to non-peak times, other modes, inter-neighbourhood connections)
- What can we do now?
 - Corridor Highway Analysis to analyze potential solutions and compare costs infrastructure solutions with cost TDM solutions
 - Work with partners on preferred package of solutions

RMOW staff presented a historical update of the Transportation Monitoring Program and Trigger Points data from 1997 through 2016. It was noted that many Trigger Points need to be reconsidered and updated to reflect the current infrastructure. There have been many upgrades to the transportation infrastructure since the Trigger Points were developed in 1999.

Over the winter 2015/2016, Richard Drudl was hired to update the Whistler parking inventory and utilization study done in 2004. The parking study focused on the publically accessible parking stalls in Whistler Village, Upper Village, Base 2 and Whistler Creek. Publically accessible parking is defined as any parking stall (free or pay, privately owned or owned by the RMOW) that anyone can drive to and park in without having prior access (i.e. not behind a gate). Results of the parking study were reviewed. Surveys will be conducted in the summer as well with a report back to TAG in the fall.

Transportation Tomorrow Exercise

RMOW staff presented the draft vision statement and goals for TAG based on the visioning workshop in March 2016. The group reviewed how these could be summarized in the Plan-on-a-Page format. TAG members requested that the vision statement and goals be circulated and discussed further at the next meeting.

RMOW staff introduced the format for the Community Forum on June 15, 2016. One of the six topics will be *Transportation*. TAG reviewed and commented on the materials and questions related to transportation that will be discussed at the forum. The results of the forum will be shared with TAG.

- Correspondence: *Moved by Steve Anderson
Seconded by Andrée Janyk*
- Transportation Problems in Whistler *That correspondence from Gary Smith dated January 11, 2016, regarding transportation problems in Whistler, be received and referred to staff and that Mr. Smith be invited to participate in the Community Forum on June 15, 2016.*
CARRIED
- Squamish Commute *Moved by Andrée Janyk
Seconded by Steve Anderson
That correspondence from Neil Hrankowski dated January 13, 2016 regarding the commute to Squamish, be received and referred to staff and that Mr. Hrankowski be invited to participate in the Community Forum on June 15, 2016.*
CARRIED
- Updates and Other Business RMOW and MoTI staff gave verbal updates on the following:
- The Sunshine Coast Bridge Study being conducted by the Province.
 - RMOW staff will proceed with Summer 2016 Parking Studies.
 - The Variable Speed signs on Highway 99 are now active.
 - RMOW Bylaw is developing a parking map based on the one circulated at TAG to show guests where to find parking when the Day Lots are full.
 - Highway traffic signals have been reprogrammed for summer operation prioritizing North and Southbound green time between Function to Creekside. The traffic signal at Britannia has also been moved to the maximum setting of 3 minutes cycle time.
 - Recent accidents on Highway 99 are under review including revisiting infrastructure upgrades.
- Next Meeting The next TAG meeting will be scheduled July or August 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bill Murray

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourns the June 9, 2016 regular TAG meeting at 4:00 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Nancy Wilhelm-Morden