

MINUTES

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MEASURING UP SELECT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (MUSCC)

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012 AT 3:00 P.M.

LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM, WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
4329 MAIN ST., WHISTLER, BC V0N 1B4

IN ATTENDANCE

Members - Present

Phil Chew, Paralympic Athlete
Sue Lawther, Mature Action Committee (MAC)
Wendy Aitken, Director Guest Services, Whistler Blackcomb (WB)

Members - Absent

Chelsey Walker, Executive Director, Whistler Adaptive Sports Program
(WASP)
Chris Fudge, Visitor Experience, Tourism Whistler (TW)
Rae McDonald, Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH)
Melissa Deller, Whistler Community Services Society, SNAP Coordinator

Municipal Staff

Kevin Damaskie, Sustainability Coordinator, MUSCC Chair
Sarah Tipler, Measuring Up Coordinator, MUSCC Vice-Chair & Secretary
Kay Chow, Resort Experience Clerk & MUSCC Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Agenda

Kevin Damaskie called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Moved by Sue Lawther
Seconded by Wendy Aitken

That the MUSCC approves the meeting agenda for April 4, 2012.

CARRIED.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Phil Chew
Seconded by Wendy Aitken

That the minutes of the MUSCC meeting held on January 4, 2012 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Committee Membership

1. MUSCC Terms of Reference permits up to 13 members, however since the committee's inception the core membership has been around 8 members.
2. 4 key gaps in representation have been identified. Seek to fill those gaps with representatives from:
 - Vancouver Coastal Health
 - Representation for families who may have a family member with cognitive disabilities

- School District 48
 - Whistler Chamber of Commerce.
3. It is important for the committee to maintain focus to keep membership up.
 4. **Staff to outreach to Chamber, resend letter** to the Chamber Chair inviting either a member of the Board or a staff member to participate on the MUSCC.
 5. A less formal approach to the outreach should be given to a potential candidate to represent the gap in representation of cognitive disabilities. The **MAC representative will make contact** with a potential member's caregivers and support network prior to inviting the individual. The candidate should attend a few meetings before making any commitments to the committee. The approach should be without pressure or expectation of commitment. Present as a trial opportunity.
 6. A municipal council member has not yet been appointed. Appointment is at Council's discretion.
 7. School District 48 has not replied to date. Outreach can be done through the School Board and then through the District Parent Advisory Council. A member suggested Dallas Cristofoli as a potential candidate. **Staff will make contact with Dallas.**
 8. **What about representation from the accommodation sector? There is a Whistler Hotel Association; Staff will contact the Chair of the association.**
 9. There are no membership restrictions. There are seats available for Whistler's major partners and stakeholders.

Council Presentation

1. The MUSCC is tentatively scheduled to present to the Committee of the Whole on May 1, 2012. *(Subsequent to this meeting Staff advised that the presentation is scheduled for May 15, 2012).*
2. **Staff will prepare a presentation** which will inform municipal Council of this committee's work to date and work yet to be done.
3. The MUSCC has been a committee that exists below the radar.
4. It is important to highlight the value and contributions this committee has made to the Whistler community. Increase awareness of this committee's work.
5. Presentation topics could include:
 - History and back story of committee, why does this committee exist
 - Accessibility in general
 - Increased visitors with disabilities
 - Identify physical infrastructure
 - Roles and responsibilities of major stakeholders
 - Identify what we see happening in the community in the next 3 to 5 years
 - Social and community aspects, housing needs, aging in place
 - Accessible sport tourism opportunities
 - Identify priorities from asset mapping list
 - Use of smart phones as a tool
6. The goal was to make Whistler Village accessible for the Paralympics and beyond. A good job has been done so far but there is still room for improvement. With Council's help much more can be achieved.

7. Members were asked if they would like to participate in the presentation and speak from their perspective. WB and MAC felt there would be value to co-presenting.
8. Staff will confirm the date and time of the Committee of the Whole presentation.

Asset Mapping

1. The asset mapping list will progress after Committee of the Whole presentation has been made to Council, as there are potential work plan implications.
2. After the presentation work to prioritize actions for 2012, then 2013 to 2015. The work will be based on costs and partner demands.
3. In the interim committee members are asked to review for items missed, gaps and add those items, particularly for the next 6 to 12 months. What are the top 10 priorities? Identify short, medium and long term priorities for the May committee meeting.
4. There is a need to develop an accessibility and inclusion kit. Not sure who would lead this action.
5. A member noted that the Whistler Chamber of Commerce will be introducing a year round Spirit Program. It may be rolled out by the summer of 2013. Timing is key; the kit should be included at the start of the program.
6. Kit could be part of the Survival Guide.
7. Sue informed the committee that she will be working with the United Way to conduct a benchmark study/survey to determine needs assessment for transportation throughout the Sea to Sky Corridor. Whistler has been selected for the study with seniors being targeted, and how they're using transit within the Sea to Sky Corridor – Vancouver to Mount Currie and also including people movement to/from Vancouver as a result of a sports injury. The study will begin in late May, early June 2012.

Accessible Parking

1. Sarah has reviewed most of the public parking stock in Whistler Village. A complete list of private parking stock is still required.
2. An updated list was provided by Whistler Village Land Company (WVLC). There are a number of spaces that are not used.
3. Explore options to use the unused WVLC parking spaces. Potential opportunity to swap spaces, consider cost implications, pilot study.
4. The MUSCC statement – no net loss of accessible parking spaces in Whistler Village.
5. Work on this is moving ahead slowly but appears to be promising, in terms of the WVLC spaces. Pricing also appears to be manageable.
6. A member asked if parking in the Westin Hotel was reviewed. Yes, that was inventoried and costs reviewed.
7. There are parking issues at Springs Lane. There are potential opportunities there, review the Westin underground parking agreement, there are some gray areas.
8. There was a public hearing for the Hilton Whistler Resort hotel rezoning application; 2 accessible parking spaces have been secured; 1 space was lost, trying to regain another space. The key focus is as close to the mountain as possible. Sarah noted that are potential limits in these spaces.
9. Come up with an accessible parking strategy that is linked through websites.

10. A MUSCC member was strongly opposed to paying for accessible parking in the Village.
11. The current work plan is to complete a parking inventory. Once the inventory is complete this committee will review and prioritize.
12. Assumptions have been made that accessible parking spaces are in perpetuity – but they are not, there is no protection.
13. The inventory can be used as a tool and mechanism to formalize, protect and enhance accessible spaces so that they do not disappear.

NEW BUSINESS

Whistler Community Services Society

1. A presentation by Melissa Deller was scheduled but Melissa was unable to attend the meeting.

Other New Business

1. UBCM Funding grant has been received for the accessible community gardens as a part of Bayly Park in Cheakamus Crossing.
2. Filming for new accessible activity video has been completed. The new video will be played in Mountain Square and at the bottom of the RTown banners in hotel rooms and at various businesses throughout Whistler.
3. The MUSCC will resume monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Phil Chew

Seconded by Sue Lawther

That the MUSCC meeting be adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Kevin Damaskie, Chair

Sarah Tipler, Vice-Chair & Secretary

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