



**REGULAR MEETING OF
RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 09, 2023, 4:00 pm
In person, Flute Room, Municipal Hall

		Mtgs: YTD (1)
PRESENT:	Councillor, R. Forsyth	1
	Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	1
	Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	1
	Member at Large, Paul Street	1
	Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	1
	Member at Large, D. Titus	1
	Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	1
	Member at Large, L. Scroggins	1
ABSENT:	Member at Large, A. Ross	0
	Tourism Whistler representative, Karen Goodwin	0
	Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, Cynthia Higgins	0
STAFF	Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	1
PRESENT:		
	Parks Planner, RMOW, A. Oja	1
	Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	1
	Recording Secretary, RMOW, O. Carroll	1

1. CALL TO ORDER –

Chair J.Chuback recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lilwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member at Large, C. Mackenzie
Seconded By Councilor, R. Forsyth

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of Thursday, February 9, 2023

CARRIED

4. VERBAL REPORTS

1.1 Council Update

Council R. Forsyth provided the following update:

- Council adopted the Non-exclusive Use Permit (NEUP) which included RLAC's resolution.
- Council adopted the E-Bike Share Program. A Request for Proposal has now been posted to seek a proponent to provide an e-bike share program to provide a viable, cost-effective bike option for Whistler residents and visitors.
- Council endorsed the Whistler 2020 Development Corporation (WDC) Lot 2 Project Plan, a proposed two-building rental development.
- The Whistler Sessions are being reviewed and will be presented later with an introduction that puts them in context. They are available online at whistler.ca.

1.2 Meadow Park Update

A. Oja provided an update on the Meadow Park project following the public engagement series. Staff organized a series of three pop-up engagement pieces conducted at Whistler Public Library and Meadow Park Sports Centre where they collected direct feedback from over 100 people. With the addition of the online survey, there were 379 engaged visitors. Staff considered the engagement series a success, but also collected some feedback and lessons learned such as greater choice for time options of these pop-up events.

R. Weetman entered at 4:20 pm.

Public engagement results ordered the park upgrade priorities as open space, spray park, playground, and dog park. Staff and consultant will be reviewing all feedback and preparing a summary report, which will then be used to update the Master plan. Community will have another opportunity to review master plan, focusing in on Phase 1 as the priority. After Council's approval of the Masterplan, Phase 1 will advance into detailed design followed by the tendering process to secure a contractor for the end of 2023 with a target construction start date of Phase 1 in April 2024; dates are subject to change.

A discussion was had by Committee with a general support of the master plan. There was a question regarding a potential indoor tennis facility at Meadow Park. Staff highlighted that direction will be determined independently of this project through the 4500 Northlands Boulevard development. Committee looks forward to upcoming summary reports from staff on Meadow Park RePlay, acknowledge that Phase 1 will focus on spray park/playground upgrades, and that there will be further opportunity to provide feedback on future phases.

1.3 Rainbow Park Update

M. Pardoe provided an update on the Rainbow Park Upgrade – Phase 2. The budget for the entire project is \$4.7 million, which is 100% RMI funded. The current expenditure, which includes all professional fees, design work and Phase 1 completion is \$850,000. Public engagement for the project occurred through the 2018

and 2019 Outside Voice engagement process for the Parks Master Plan project. This consisted of over 800 people responding to two online surveys along with 100 people attending the initial open house, and 50 people attending the second open house.

Since the staff report to Council on January 24, 2023 on the concept plan for Rainbow Park Phase 2, staff has received more feedback. The Rainbow Park plans project population growth in the community and visitors, creating a greater demand for our parks. Great feedback has come from the additional public engagement. The most consistent piece of negative feedback surrounded the plan for the walkway between the beach and grass. Staff are reconsidering the walkway section of the Valley Trail behind the beach area; however, access to the docks and lake for people with mobility impairments, such as wheelchair users, will stay a priority. Staff are also reviewing the food truck plaza and looking to better balance greenspace with hardscape.

Committee wanted to make sure the public knew these pieces were being reconsidered. Staff responded that a communications piece is being created by the Communications Department which should be released soon.

Committee asked staff on closure specifics of the park for summer 2023. Staff plans to tender Phase 2 in late February. Part of the tender process will look at various options and scenarios for park closures and from here staff will be able to assess the specific closure impacts for 2023.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference per request of the Governance and Ethics Standing Committee. A discussion was then initiated about the committee review being conducted by staff and the impact this may have on RLAC. The Committee questioned whether their input is valuable and relevant to staff. Councilor R. Forsyth noted that committees are the number one public engagement vehicle for Council. Staff noted that committee input is valued, but there is a lack of diversity in committee members' demographics, weakening the degree of engagement.

6. TERMINATION –

Moved By Member at Large, B. Goldsmid
Seconded By Councilor, R. Forsyth

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 9, 2023.

CARRIED

Chair, J. Chuback

Recording Secretary, O. Carroll