



WHISTLER

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TUESDAY JAN 31, STARTING AT 11:00 AM

Via Zoom meeting

PRESENT:

RMOW Councilor (Acting Chair): Jen Ford
RMOW Manager of Protective Services: Lindsay DeBou
RMOW Emergency Program Coordinator: Bob Manson
RMOW Emergency Social Services Coordinator: Kerry Hannah
RMOW General Manager of Infrastructure Services: James Hallisey
RMOW General Manager of Corporate and Community Services: Ted Battiston
RMOW Fire Chief: Thomas Doherty
RMOW Manager of Resort Operations: Derek Jazic
School District #48: Ian Currie
Vancouver Coastal Health: Dr. Molihi Khaketla
BC Ambulance Service: Laurence Darlington / Ryan Larkin
Blackcomb Helicopters: Dale Marcoux
RCMP Staff Sergeant: Sascha Banks
RCMP Acting Operations NCO: Nathan Miller
RMOW Recording Secretary: Charlotte Burford

REGRETS:

Mayor (chair) : RMOW Jack Crompton
General Manager of Resort Experience: RMOW Jessie Gresley-Jones
Chief Administrative Officer: RMOW Virginia Cullen
BC Transit: Craig Selfridge
Whistler Search and Rescue Society: Tony DeIBosco

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Emergency Planning Committee agenda of January 31, 2023.

Moved by T. Doherty, Second L. DeBou All in favour

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the Regular Emergency Planning Committee minutes of March 21, 2022.

Moved by J. Hallisey, Second N. Miller All in favour

CARRIED

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PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

**Round Table Introduction of Committee Member and Introduction of Bob Manson the new
Emergency Management Coordinator**

Presentation on Evacuations

A presentation on evacuations was shared by B. Manson. Key notes included:

- Why evacuate?
- Initiating an evacuation
- How does a strategic evacuation start
- Evacuation challenges
- Evacuation zone maps
- Is the evacuation route viable
- Evacuation compliance
- Strategies for optimizing evacuations
- Intrusive alert systems
- Use of Handouts during evacuations
- Questions:
 - ❖ T. Battiston asked if the new tools for zoning and maps will be used and if the issues of evacuation coaches and traffic will be addressed
B. Manson confirmed that clearer signage will be implemented for residents and visitors. A review of the traffic modeling looked into issues with stop signs and traffic lights that could slow down an evacuation.
J. Hallisey confirmed that this should also include a review of transit with RMOW Infrastructure.
 - ❖ J. Ford queried if the school system can also tap into the alert system provided
I. Currie confirmed they are working on a messaging system
 - ❖ J. Ford stated SLRD should also be informed of this discussion as they may fall into our evacuation plan too.

Presentation on Updating Emergency Plans

A presentation on updating the emergency plans was shared by B. Manson. Key notes included:

- Guiding National Standard Document
 - Legislation
 - BCEMS Response Priorities
- EOC organizational chart
- Document Revision Objectives
- Simplify Plan
- Proposed form of annexes
- Exercises
 - Functional
 - Tabletop
- Training Plan

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- Updates
 - Fitz Exercise
 - Evacuation Plan
 - Working Groups
 - Training Program
 - Updates to Share Point
- Long Term Projects
 - 2 week ready
 - Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness
 - Build Resilience
 - Personal + Family disaster preparedness for staff and residents
- Questions:
 - ❖ T. Battiston ask if other organizations will be included or have their own training
 - R. Larkin said BC Ambulance are currently organized on a provincial level but they are working on those in leadership roles to have training
 - S. Banks said RCMP all watch supervisors are going through in house training
 - I. Currie said there is a network internally for a multi response plan, but would like to work with the RMOW to add in a link for further communications
 - ❖ J. Ford asked if there would be a practice run of the emergency alert
 - B. Manson confirmed there will be a test of the system in May 2023.

Presentation on Emergency Weather Plan

A presentation on updating the emergency plans was shared by K. Hannah. Key notes included:

- EWR Program Framework (Winter conditions)
- Background 21/22 activation
- Background 22/23 activation
- Whistler Extreme Weather Response Plan
- Activation Criteria + Shelter details
- Alternate Resources for extreme cold weather in Whistler
- Rational for Whistler EWR Approach

DEFERRED/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- T. Doherty would like to see the Sea to Sky Multi-Modal Plan reviewed
- S. Banks would like to extend an invitation to wild fire experts from other areas of BC who have experiences with an evacuation to come and speak to the committee
- T. Battiston would like to invite POC to come and talk to committee

Motion to adjourn. All in favour.

CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED 12:20 PM



Acting Chair Councilor, J. Ford



Recording Secretary, C. Burford