



**REGULAR MEETING OF
AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Flute Meeting Room, Municipal Hall

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

	Mtgs: YTD (2)
PRESENT:	
Chair, Councillor Ralph Forsyth	1
Councillor Jeff Murl	2
Chief Administrative Officer, Virginia Cullen	2
General Manager, Climate Action, Planning and Development, Dale Mikkelsen	1
General Manager, Community Engagement and Cultural Services, Karen Elliott	1
General Manager, Corporate Services and Public Safety, Ted Battiston	2
Director of Finance, Carlee Price	2
Manager of Financial Services, Ashley Palmer	2
Recording Secretary, Jed Ridgway	2
ABSENT:	
Councillor Jen Ford	1
General Manager, Infrastructure Services, James Hallisey	1

STAFF
PRESENT:

OTHERS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor R. Forsyth recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, 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 Councillor J. Murl

Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

That the Audit and Finance Committee adopt the Committee Meeting agenda of Tuesday, June 15, 2023.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

3.1 Engagement of External Auditors

BDO presented Finding in preceding meeting.

- Hopeful to engage for subsequent audits, based on previous work and means of supporting local business.
- RFP usually given every fifth year.
- Worth considering putting to competition as good business practice.

Recommendation

Moved by Councillor J. Murl

Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

Score BDO for upcoming financial year and assess taking to competition next year.

CARRIED

3.2 2024 Budget Planning

A discussion regarding the upcoming 2024 process and planning was held.

- Early engagement with community should be a focus, allows for enhanced feedback.
- Changes have been made internally to make things smoother. SMT has lots of work prior, so hoping to backload.
- Open to seeing if things could be done differently.
- Project components needs to be communicated more effectively.
 - Improves community engagement.
 - Increased ease of understanding to external stakeholders
 - Should resonate with public as worthwhile work with a valid link to value projects.
 - Quantitative demonstration of benefits
 - Emphasis on Climate Action and Accessibility projects

Can be difficult to quantify these projects and needs to be done in a better way. Look at giving those details as an estimate. Accessibility has a far-reaching impact across divisions, could be looked at as a proxy.

Recommendation

Moved by Councillor J. Murl

Seconded by Councillor R. Forsyth

Explore projects that align with big move strategy and what the community has wanted to see taken on past. 2

CARRIED

4. RESOLUTIONS TO CONDUCT THE COMMITTEE MEETING ‘CLOSED’

Moved by Councillor, J. Murl

Seconded by Councillor, R. Forsyth

That the remainder of this Meeting is to be closed; and,

That Committee conduct the Meeting closed to the public in accordance with the *Community Charter* sections: 90(1)(l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures, and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].

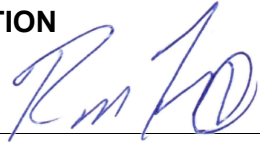
CARRIED

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

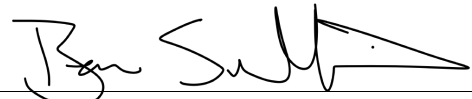
6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. TERMINATION



Chair, Councillor R. Forsyth



Signed on behalf of Recording Secretary,
J. Ridgway