



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

Thursday, October 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Flute Room, Municipal Hall

		Mtgs: YTD (5)
PRESENT:	Member at Large, Chair, J. Chuback	4
	Whistler Sports Legacies representative, Co-Chair, R. Soane	5
	Member at Large, A. Ross	4
	Member at Large, B. Goldsmid	4
	Member at Large, C. MacKenzie	4
	Member at Large, P. Street	4
ABSENT:	Tourism Whistler Representative, M. Klau	2
	Councilor, R. Forsyth	4
	Sea to Sky School District 48 representative, C. Higgins	2
	Member at Large, D. Titus	4
STAFF PRESENT:	Member at Large, L. Scroggins	4
	Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	
	Recreation Manager, RMOW, R. Weetman	
	Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair. J. Chuback called the meeting to order and read the land acknowledgement. The Chair, recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Liíwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwx̱ wú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By C. MacKenzie

Seconded By B. Goldsmid

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda, of Thursday, October 12, 2023.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By C. MacKenzie

Seconded By R. Soane

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes, as corrected, of Thursday, September 14, 2023.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Council Update

Councillor R. Forsyth was not present to provide updates.

4.2 Recreation Trail Strategy Update

Manager of Parks Planning, M. Pardoe introduced the agenda item to the committee as a progress update of the Recreational Trail Strategy (RTS) Project. The project purpose and scope were highlighted to committee as a guide to the future management and development decisions related to trails and their supporting infrastructure. Staff reiterated the distinction between the RTS and a future Trails Master Plan, which would identify specific gaps/needs and prioritize improvements. The project is currently in Phase 3 Engagement which is focused on the suitability/unsuitability and recommendations for 11 trail networks areas.

A. Ross entered meeting at 3:17 PM.

M. Pardoe introduced T. Hellinga of Cascade Environmental Resource Group who has been contracted by RMOW to draft a guiding document for the RTS. Prior to the meeting, the committee was provided a copy of the draft core content for the Whistler RTS, which consists of a suitability analysis and recommendations on 11 different trail network areas. This 118 page draft document can be found on whistler.ca/rts.

T. Hellinga introduced the document and its contents and intent, and then reviewed several of the 11 key trail areas and recommendations throughout the document. Emphasis was given to trail areas located within the Whistler Urban Development Containment Area (WUDCA) and higher profile trail areas. The committee were asked to provide comments throughout the document review, as well as to contact staff directly following the meeting with any additional input; and lastly encouraged to participate in the additional public engagement opportunities taking place the week of October 16th via pop-up sessions and an online information forum.

Committee Comments:

- In Cheakamus section, recommend including the information on the accessible mountain bike trails into the initial summary section as it seems to get lost in the details.
- Consider if it would be useful to have a metered category or a weighting system to prioritize the recommendations.
- Would like to include a recommendation for Emerald Forest that there be some negotiation with the covenant holder to address some of the degrading trails in both the interest of trail sustainability, but also to lessen the environmental impact in the area from degradation of trails.
- Suggest 'Emerald Forest' and 'River Runs Through It' be included in the 'Valley bottom' trail area – it gets lost in the Sproatt alpine discussion.
- Consider a Section 13 that addresses 'interconnectivity' of the entire system, not just the interconnectivity of each system. It would be helpful to see a map of the entire network through this lens.

- Appears very mountain bike-centered. Ensure there has been an adequate inventory and representation of walking and hiking trails.
- Less than 50km out of 600km are green. Are we servicing the client/young family/seniors that want to go mountain biking? Do we have enough resources available for this user group? Perhaps needs to be more inclusive and take the pressure off Lost Lake Park as the sole option for these users. Consider trail network that are also accessible to village for these users, like Lost Lake trails.

T. Hellinga left meeting at 4:15 PM.

4.3 Parks and Recreation Fees and Charges Update Part 2

Manager of Recreation, R. Weetman provided an update made to the draft *Council Policy I-06 and Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2243 Amendments* in *Section 7.3 Facility Rental Priority*. There used to be three categories, now there are five with the addition of youth categories, which means the fees would likely be separated into five different categories as well. Hoping to have the fee schedule updated by the end of next week with the intention of the draft policy to be viewed by Council at the November 7th Council meeting. Staff wanted to keep the committee informed with the change to the draft policy they provided a recommendation for in the previous September RLAC meeting.

4.4 Pool Operations and Air Quality Improvement Project Update

R. Weetman provided an update on the improvements to the ventilation in Meadow Park pool area that were addressed during the annual operational pool shut down. A system was installed to suck air out of the pool deck to mitigate the trichloramine in the air, which is the main irritant. Currently waiting for the fans on order, which won't be ready until the early new year. Doing best to improve air quality, but not 100% there yet with the trichloramine system.

R. Weetman informed Committee of the Sunday operational changes going into effect from October 22nd. The entire pool deck will be closed to public for exclusive swim lesson use from 9am-12pm from October 22 – December 10, 2023. This is the first time the pool has ever been fully closed to the community, and staff recognize it is a significant change, but it will allow for as many lessons as possible which the community needs. It also means there will be no swim lessons to take place on Saturdays.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

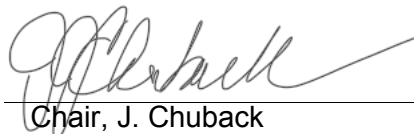
6. TERMINATION

Moved By C. Mackenzie

Seconded By B. Goldsmid

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 12, 2023.

CARRIED


Chair, J. Chuback
Signed on behalf of Recording Secretary,
A. Bois