



**REGULAR MEETING OF
Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)**

WORKSHOP #29 MINUTES

Thursday, January 4, 2023, 10 a.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

		Mtgs: YTD(1)
PRESENT:	(V)Chair, Mayor, J. Crompton	1
	(V)Councilor, A. De Jong	1
	(V)RMOW Chief Administrative Officer, V. Cullen	1
	(V)Whistler Blackcomb, H. McLean (alternate)	1
	(V)Whistler Chamber of Commerce, L. Walker	1
	(V)Citizen at Large, T. DeMarco	1
	(V)Citizen at Large, F. Savage	1
	(V)Citizen at Large, A. Jenkins	1
	(V)Citizen at Large, J. Sobieniak	1
	(NV)BC Transit, B. Bullivant	1
	(NV)RMOW Acting GM Infrastructure Services, A. Tucker	1
	(NV)RMOW Trans. Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto	1
	(NV)RMOW Recording Secretary, A. Bois	
REGRETS:	(V)Councilor, J. Ford	0
	(V)Tourism Whistler, T. Kargl	0
	(NV)RMOW GM Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey	
	(NV)RMOW GM CAPD, D. Mikkelsen	0
	(NV)Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, Operations Manager, M. Braun	0
GUESTS:	(NV)BC Transit, R. Ringma (alternate)	1
	(NV)RMOW Sr. Communications Officer, E. Marriner	1
	(NV)RMOW Climate Action and Environment Manager, L. Burhenne	1

* Where (V) = voting member and (NV) = non-voting member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair, Councilor A. De Jong, 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 Citizen at Large, F. Savage
Seconded By RMOW Trans. Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of January 4, 2024.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved By RMOW Climate Action and Environment Manager, L. Burhenne
Seconded By Whistler Chamber of Commerce, L. Walker

That Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of October 23, 2023.

CARRIED

J. Crompton arrived at 10:08am and assumed the Chair.

4. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

4.1 **Committees of Council Program Review**

RMOW Sr Communications Officer, E. Marriner presents the results of the Committee of Council Review Project. E. Marriner explains the purpose of the presentation is to share the review's implications on TAG and to solicit feedback from the committee regarding the draft mandate and membership of the new Climate Action and Environment Select Committee of Council. A review of the Committees of Council program was recommended by both the previous Council, and the 2019-2020 Community Engagement Review. E. Marriner notes that given the significant amount of time used by Committees of Council (RMOW staff, Council, partner organizations, and community members), there is a need to ensure committee topics are relevant and that resource commitments are in alignment with current municipal priorities that serve the community, the RMOW, and Council decision making. Furthermore, the engagement landscape has changed significantly in the past 15 years since our committees were last reviewed. There is a desire to ensure how the RMOW engages, and collaborates, with the community evolves with the changing landscape.

E. Marriner explained that members of the Committees of Council were surveyed and a staff person from each committee was interviewed to understand the committee-specific context. These surveys, and interviews, indicated that committee topics need review. Specifically, committee topics must realign with Council's priorities (for example, Climate Action and Housing are not topics). E. Marriner shared the New Committee Program Structure, endorsed by Council in September 2023. The three Committees will be: 1) Housing & Strategy; 2) Smart Tourism and 3) Climate Action and Environment. The new committees will move away from operational discussions and focus on strategic policies and direction. Transportation Advisory Group (TAG), along with Forest Wildland Advisory Committee (FWAC), will amalgamate into the new Climate Action and Environment Select Committee. Council will accept applications for the Climate Action and Environment Select Committee once the Terms of Reference are endorsed.

Committee adjourned at 10:28am to deal with a technical presentation issue and resumed at 10:31am.

E. Marriner shares Climate Action and Environment Committee's draft mandate and membership. E. Mariner also notes that there is a diversity and inclusion strategy currently being developed, as recommended by Council, so the membership proposal may change (from what is being presented).

Feedback shared:

- It is noted that the TAG, and Forest Wildland Advisory Committee (FWAC), amalgamation is an appropriate fit, within the *Climate Action and Environment Committee*, to address wildfire mitigation and community evacuation plans.
- Concern that transportation and the Active Transportation Committee (a sub-committee of TAG) may be lost in the shuffle and there may be no common ground between the Active Transportation Committee and FWAC.
 - It is advised that Active Transportation Committee mandate is brought into the *Climate Action and Environment Committee*.
- TAG expresses a sense of value in reevaluating the Committee of Council Program, and a value in a committee focused on Climate.
- There is also a sense of value in the effort to diversify membership of committees (specifically the youth and indigenous representation).
- The TAG expressed concern that the proposed Climate Committee mandate is very broad and membership list is unlikely to support the expertise required to address Climate Action and Environment issues (subject areas: biodiversity, ecosystems, decarbonizing buildings and transportation, wildfire mitigation, evacuation, adaptation, and mitigation).
 - that there should be more community representatives than are on the proposed membership list to ensure an adequate balance between staff and subject matter experts.
- TAG expresses concern over the lack of community interest groups in the proposed membership list (for example, AWARE, Whistler Blackcomb, the Whistler Chamber of Commerce are missing on proposed membership list).
 - Perhaps this can be dealt with by inviting subject matter experts to meetings based on agenda topics.
- Given how broad the proposed mandate is, the Climate Action and Environment Committee should meet more regularly than TAG did (suggestion of meeting monthly).
- Other items raised by TAG:
 - need for regional transportation (Squamish to Mount Currie),
 - Road Safety as a topic which currently is not on the Climate Action and Environment Committee mandate.
 - concern that the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee's mandate may not get enough attention in the new Climate Committee.
 - Discussion regarding General policies and integration/implementation packages of policies/actions that create behavior change such as parking, transit, carpooling and active transportation.
- TAG sees future opportunities for collaboration between the new committees as they will have subject matter that overlaps such as transportation option for visitors (Smart Tourism and Climate and Environment) and regional transportation options for residents of the corridor

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By Citizen at Large, F. Savage
Seconded By Whistler Chamber of Commerce, L. Walker

That the Transportation Advisory Group terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of January 4, 2024.

CARRIED



Chair, J. Crompton



Councilor, A. De Jong



Councilor, J. Ford



RMOW CAO, V. Cullen



Whistler Blackcomb, H. McLean
(Alternate)



Tourism Whistler, T. Kargl



Whistler Chamber of Commerce, L.
Walker



Citizen at Large, T. De Marco

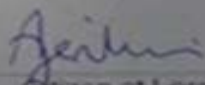
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