



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE (AIC)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 06, 2022, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.

Remote Meeting held Via Zoom

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (1)
Accommodation Sector, D. Andrews	1
Member at Large, J. Moulton	1
Member at Large, S. Lawther	1
Tourism Whistler, M. Klau	1
Vail Resorts, S. Feldhaus	1
Whistler Adaptive Sports Program, C. Walker	1
Whistler Mature Action Community, P. Dagg	1
Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Councillor, J. Ford	1
RMOW Manager of Planning – Policy and AIC Secretary, C. Beaubien	1
RMOW Accessibility Coordinator, S. Tipler	1
RMOW AIC Recording Secretary, V. Quach	1
Whistler Centre for Sustainability, S. Gordon	

REGRETS	
Whistler Chamber of Commerce	0
Whistler Community Services Society	0
Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre	0

CALL TO ORDER

AIC recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Liłwat7úl, 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.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR

Moved by P. Dagg
Seconded by D. Andrews

That AIC select S. Lawther as Chair and C. Walker as Co-chair.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by P. Dagg
Seconded by C. Walker

That AIC adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Wednesday, April 06, 2022.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Andrews
Seconded by M. Klau

That AIC adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of Wednesday, December 01, 2021 as circulated.
CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor J. Ford discussed the following:

1. The new washrooms at Whistler Olympic Park and the Gateway Loop are open and in use. There is still interest in seeing future washrooms being built in the day lots, however there is significant expense to bring servicing to these areas.
2. There is currently no backup generator for most areas in the Village when there is a power outage. This impacts the safety and usability of the washrooms and pedestrian crossings, particularly for those with disabilities. This will be brought forward as an issue.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Draft Accessibility
Action Plan (AAP)

S. Tipler and S. Gordon introduced the session's objectives and agenda:

1. The AAP is under development.
2. The presentation will provide background information related to the development of the AAP.
3. The presentation will identify key elements of the AAP structure.
4. The purpose of today is to hear action ideas from everyone. The ideas will be fed into the AAP development process.

S. Tipler discussed the background to the AAP:

1. The process is guided by the Official Community Plan (OCP) vision characteristic to be inclusive.
2. The actions will also assist the RMOW in meeting OCP policies related to accessibility, including Universal Design (UD).
3. The following key concepts related to the AAP approach were presented to Council on February 4, 2020: a) UD (products usable to all people without adaptation); b) BC Building Code; c) Rick Hansen Accessibility Certification Program (rating system measuring accessibility of buildings and sites); and *Accessible Canada Act* (ACA) seven focus areas.
4. The ACA's seven focus areas will be used in the AAP. They have been adapted as priorities as follows in the draft AAP: a) Improve Inclusive

Service Design and Delivery; b) Enhance Built Environment Accessibility; c) Continue Equitable Employment Practices; d) Improve Information and Communications Technologies Accessibility; e) Foster Accessible Communications and Engagement; f) Reduce Transportation Barriers; and g) Support Accessible Procurement.

AIC noted that Stephanie Cadieux was announced as Canada's first Chief Accessibility Officer.

S. Gordon presented a shared worksheet document to AIC and asked members to identify all action ideas on the worksheet. The identified action ideas related to the following topics for each of the seven priority areas:

1. Improve Inclusive Service Design and Delivery
 - Additional services needed to serve people with disabilities
 - Service improvements needed
 - Feedback on services
 - Other
2. Enhance Built Environment Accessibility
 - New municipal facilities and spaces
 - Employee restricted housing
 - Trails
 - Other
3. Continue Equitable Employment Practices
 - Job postings
 - Staff orientation
 - Employee engagement
 - Other
4. Improve Information and Communications Technologies Accessibility
 - Video conferencing
 - Self-guided tours
 - Accessibility mapping
 - Other
5. Foster Accessible Communications and Engagement
 - Staff resources needed to increase awareness about accessibility needs
 - Information channels
 - Information formats used
 - Community engagement opportunities
 - Other
6. Reduce Transportation Barriers
 - Accessible door-to-door service
 - Taxi service
 - Transit service
 - Snow management
 - Access to the mountain bases
 - Other
7. Support Accessible Procurement
 - Products needed at municipal facilities
 - Procurement policy updates
 - Other

OTHER BUSINESS

Moved by D. Andrews
Seconded by P. Dagg

That AIC receive correspondence from J. Moulton regarding accessibility in Whistler.

CARRIED

J. Moulton presented his letter on accessible parking and mountain access:

1. It is very challenging for a wheelchair user to get from a vehicle to the lifts in a snowy environment while transporting sit-ski equipment.
2. Accessible parking stalls are not adequate around the Village, nor close enough to lifts.
3. The ideal accessible parking location is next to the Village Gondola. Unfortunately, these accessible parking stalls were removed because of fire trucks not being able to get access. The remaining parking is used for Vail maintenance.

AIC discussed the following:

1. Accessible parking is an issue if people use it to drop off children.
2. There needs to be consideration of the transporting/storage of equipment for independent sit-skiers. There also needs to be a better system to get onto the mountains and to access the Peak 2 Peak Gondola for those with sit-skis.
3. A full accessibility audit of the Whistler Bike Park by Whistler Adaptive is scheduled for this year.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Walker
Seconded by J. Moulton

That the AIC meeting of Wednesday, April 06, 2022 be terminated at 11:11 a.m.

CARRIED

S. Lawther
Chair

V. Quach
Recording Secretary