



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE (AIC)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 01, 2022, STARTING AT 9:00 A.M.

Remote Meeting held Via Zoom

PRESENT	*Mtgs. YTD (3)
Accommodation Sector, D. Andrews	2
Member at Large, J. Moulton	3
Member at Large, S. Lawther	3
Tourism Whistler, M. Klau	3
Vail Resorts, L. Fowler	2
Whistler Adaptive Sports Program, C. Walker	3
Whistler Community Services Society, L. Coulter	2
Whistler Mature Action Community, K. White	3
Whistler Mature Action Community, S. Johnston	1
Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Manager of Planning – Policy and AIC Secretary, C. Beaubien	3
RMOW Accessibility Coordinator, S. Tipler	3
RMOW AIC Recording Secretary, M. Urbani	3
RMOW Manager of Planning – Projects, J. Chapman	
RMOW Planner, T. Napier	
RMOW Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto	
Beedie Living, B. Spencer	
Beedie Living, N. Dhaliwal	
Bromley Projects, C. Hamm	
Perry and Associates, R. Barnes	
RWA Group Architecture, C. Brenneis	
RWA Group Architecture, D. Ramsay	

REGRETS	
RMOW Councillor, J. Ford	2
Whistler Chamber of Commerce	0
Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre	0
* For organizations, the number reflects the number of meetings attended by the organization's representatives.	

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 Liíwat7úl, 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

Moved by C. Walker
Seconded by S. Johnston

That AIC adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Wednesday, June 01, 2022.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Walker
Seconded by S. Johnston

That AIC adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of May 04, 2022 as circulated.
CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

AIC Terms of
Reference
Reminders

- S. Tipler provided the following reminders:
1. AIC member organizations can send any representative to AIC meetings. The same representative does not need to attend each meeting.
 2. In light of the media attention generated by the Invictus Games being held in Whistler in 2025, AIC members were reminded not to speak to the media as representatives of the AIC or the RMOW.

4500 Northlands
Boulevard

T. Napier made a presentation that provided updates on the project planning process and timelines, and discussed the following: 1) the enhanced rezoning process; 2) a summary of the Phase 1 engagement process; 3) a summary of AIC's previous feedback; 4) the six guiding principles derived from Phase 1; 5) the purpose of Phase 2 and the planned engagement activities to seek feedback on overall site design, community amenity priorities and any gaps/needs that have not yet been identified; and 6) the purpose of Phase 3, which will involve further community feedback and input to refine the preferred concept.

D. Ramsay and C. Brenneis made a presentation that showed the alternative development concepts and discussed the following:

1. *Conceptual Planning*
 - The relatively flat site has an amenity stream flowing into a pond in the middle of the site.
 - Two site plan concepts were developed for Phase 2 of the public engagement. One is "The Village Green" and the other is "The Boulevard". The uses are the same in both concepts and both maximize the number of bed units allowed on the site.
 - There is a desire to connect the site to the Village and improve the connection to Northlands Boulevard.
 - The project is contemplating a community plaza, community amenity building, community hub, mixed-use building, employee

housing, commercial space, courtyard space and offices (medical, dental, etc.). Housing will be a mix of townhouses and apartments.

2. *Public Space and Recreation*

- The Village Green provides three public open spaces: a large central, green, open space; a dock/performance space; and a grassy knoll. This could accommodate a number of passive recreation activities, including winter play.
- The Boulevard organizes development into building enclaves defined by a central boulevard. This greatly reduces the lawn area, but increases the hardscaping in the plaza and adds a community pavilion envisioned as an all-weather, all-season, hard surface gathering space.
- Both concepts have community/daycare space that could involve programming for smaller groups.
- The community plaza is seen as an active pedestrian plaza supported by small-scale commercial uses, public seating and washrooms.

3. *Connections*

- The project is exploring connections with Northlands Boulevard, the Village Stroll and the Valley Trail to determine the best access for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.
- The project is seeking opportunities to continue the Village Stroll to the site, with a possible extension of the Cultural Connector and the development of public art.
- Grade changes, surfacing and pathway widths will consider accessibility requirements.

4. *Design Opportunities*

- The project will consider gender-neutral washrooms, accessibility and safety.
- Sense of place is important, with a layer of nature.
- In addition to diverse housing opportunities, the project is considering other opportunities like a wellness facility, social interaction, bike parking, accessible EV charging stations, site furniture, barrier-free events and spaces, and storm water management.

The AIC discussed the following:

1. The community hub is important as it can address community needs like a seniors centre, daycare and employee housing.
2. Both options are designs that are accessible for seniors.
3. It is important to think about 'accessibility for all' for the community facilities and open spaces.
 - It is key to have a variety of surfaces in the open spaces so programming opportunities are not just for ambulatory people.
 - Consideration should be given to the visually impaired crossing the wide-open space, as there does not seem to be guiding cues.
 - Regarding people with behavioral and sensory issues, consideration should be given to creating quieter nodes for smaller group activities. Consideration should also be given to individuals who are not comfortable having the eyes of the entire neighbourhood on them.

- It is important to create a variety of opportunities for children to play. Consideration should be given to creating forest nodes, which promote forest play and physical literacy. More information was requested on the location of formalized play areas in more structured environments (e.g., logs, poured surfaces with ramps, mazes, mounds and pockets to explore).
 - For the open spaces, more information was requested whether there will be rental opportunities for community organizations and sporting groups.
4. Proposed connections to the Village are important.
 5. Safety aspects of the site planning are important. The site could consider space for needle disposal for medical needs and harm reduction. More information was requested on the safety of the knoll area for children and seniors with regard to tripping hazards. Also, more details were requested on whether the roadway will be one or two way traffic with regard to safety considerations.
 6. More details were requested on housing. For instance, it is currently unclear if the housing will be employee-restricted and if it is for organizations or those most in need in the community. The idea of intergenerational employee housing is important.
 7. More details were requested on parking. For instance, it is unclear how people driving to the site can access the spaces. Consideration should also be given to over-height vehicles requiring accessible parking.
 8. Consideration should be given to charging for e-bikes, especially in the area identified as bike storage.
 9. More details were requested on relocating recreation opportunities like the pickleball and tennis courts. Seniors, in particular, benefit from racket sport opportunities and it is hoped that these activities will be allocated within the development. More details were also requested on the design's wellness component.
 10. As there is an area in Whistler called The Village Green, the title for Option 1 could create confusion.

Transportation Updates

- E. DalSanto made a presentation regarding transportation updates. The AIC and
- E. DalSanto discussed the following:
1. *Village Gate Bus Shelter*
 - The accessibility addition is underway and should be completed mid-June.
 - It is zero elevation grade and provides weather protection.
 2. *Signage Font on Schedules*
 - The font for transit information boards is too small.
 - Consideration was given to font size and sign placement.
 - These schedules are being incrementally replaced.
 3. *Transit Future Action Plan*
 - This was presented to Council and circulated to various committees.
 - This was affected by the transit worker job action.
 - Plan changes were made relating to servicing improvements, infrastructure updates and reduced mode share targets.

- There will be no expansion this year and the schedule was adjusted accordingly.
 - Next steps include: 1) BC Transit system optimization review; 2) rapid transit network study; and 3) electronic fare collection system implementation.
4. *Digital-on-Demand Transit Feasibility Study*
 - This uses technology to dynamically dispatch a vehicle to a location dictated by the rider.
 - This is being considered for routes 6 and 32, and Alta Lake Road.
 5. *Accessible Shuttles to Lakes*
 - Sprinter vans will not be used as the accessible shuttles.
 - The RMOW is considering contracting shuttles for accessing Lost Lake and Rainbow Park. Lost Lake will have an accessible shuttle and Rainbow Park will have two vehicles serving as the shuttle (one accessible and one not accessible).
 - There were suggestions to add the accessible icon to the accessible vehicles and for live tracking of the accessible shuttles.
 - It is important to message that all vehicular access to Lost Lake is closed during the toad migration season.
 6. *Active Transportation Plan*
 - This includes Valley Trail upgrades and new portions as well as new crossings and crossing upgrades. These improvements will consider “walking” and “wheeling”.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Walker discussed the following:

1. Various AIC members received a visitor letter conveying negative feedback about accessing the Peak 2 Peak Gondola and obtaining a companion ticket. There needs to be consistent messaging about companion tickets on the Tourism Whistler, Vail Resorts and RMOW websites. Whistler Adaptive will provide language about how to apply for a companion ticket through the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program.
2. On June 20, Invictus Games organizers will visit the Village and various sites. There will be a presentation to Council on the Invictus Games on June 21.

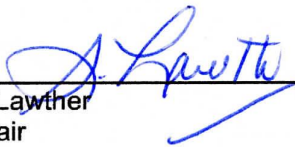
K. White discussed the following:

1. The Real Estate Association of Whistler provided funds to purchase a pedal wheelchair. MAC is creating a waiver and will rent the pedal wheelchair free of charge to people with dementia and mobility issues. The vendor is coming to Whistler in June for a demonstration.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Walker
Seconded by D. Andrews

That the AIC meeting of Wednesday, June 01, 2022 be terminated at 11:02 a.m.
CARRIED



S. Lawther
Chair

C. Beaubien

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Secretary