

WHISTLER

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013, STARTING AT 5:30 PM**

**In the Franz Wilhelmsen Theatre at Maurice Young Millennium Place
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the Regular Council agenda of June 18, 2013.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the Regular Council minutes and Public Hearing Minutes of June 4, 2013.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Plastic Bags

A presentation by Breanna Martindale and Caitlin Hamilton, representatives of Mme. Millen's grade 6 class from Spring Creek Community School, on what the class would like to see Whistler as a community do about plastic bags in the RMOW.

Plastic Bags

A presentation by Bruce Stewart, Alliance of Grocery and Drug Stores in Whistler, and Claire Ruddy, AWARE President, regarding plastic bag use in Whistler.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Liquor License Advisory
Committee

Minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting of March 14, 2013.

Measuring Up Select
Committee

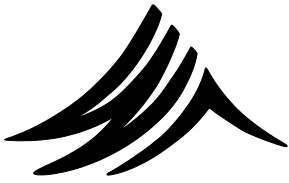
Minutes of the Measuring Up Select Committee meeting of April 3, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Fitzsimmons Dyke Access File No. 516	Correspondence from Mairi and Peter Blair, dated June 7, 2013, regarding access to the Fitzsimmons Dyke.
Community Investments File No. 3009	Correspondence from Maureen Kirkbride, Director of BC Local Government Relations for Telus Corporation, dated May 29, 2013, regarding investments in the Whistler community and expanding wireless coverage by Telus.
Sea to Sky Health Transportation Group File No. 3009	Correspondence from Karen Clarke, Community Developer for Vancouver Coastal Health, dated June 10, 2013, regarding a meeting hosted by the Sea to Sky Health Transportation Group on June 24, 2013 and requesting an RSVP.
LMLGA Resolutions File No. 2083	Correspondence from Joslyn Young, Executive and Association Services Coordinator for the Union of BC Municipalities and LMLGA (Lower Mainland Local Government Association), dated June 10, 2013, regarding the results of the resolutions session at the 2013 AGM and Conference.
2013 UBCM Community Excellence Awards File No. 2014	Correspondence from Joslyn Young, Executive and Association Services Coordinator for the Union of BC Municipalities and LMLGA (Lower Mainland Local Government Association), dated June 10, 2013, regarding the online application for UBCM Community Excellence Awards program for 2013.
Missing Children Posters File No. 3009	Correspondence from Crystal Dunahee, President of Child Find BC, dated June 3, 2013, regarding 2013 Child Find "Missing Children" posters.

ADJOURNMENT



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013, STARTING AT 5:32 PM**

**In the Franz Wilhelmssen Theatre at Maurice Young Millennium Place
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PRESENT:

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

Councillors: J. Crompton, J. Faulkner, J. Grills, D. Jackson, A. Janyk,
and R. McCarthy

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
Acting General Manager of Corporate and Community Services/
Corporate Officer, S. Story
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Paul
Acting General Manager of Resort Experience, M. Kirkegaard
Acting Director of Finance, A. Lamb
Acting Manager of Communications, M. Darou
Manager of Transportation and Solid Waste, J. Hallisey
Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, E. DalSanto
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Recording Secretary, A. Winkle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor R. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council approve of the Regular Council agenda of June 4, 2013.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council adopt the Regular Council minutes of May 21, 2013 and Public
Hearing minutes of May 7, 2013.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan community surveys are online until June 10, 2013. On May 15, the RMOW hosted an open house, which was attended by over 90 people. If you missed the open house you can still share your comments and your views. Visit whistler.ca/recmasterplan for background about the project and a link to surveys. 56 surveys have been completed to date and the surveys will be available until June 10.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she toured the village with the Times of India as part of the provincial government's sponsorship of the Times of India Bollywood Awards that was filmed in Vancouver in April. The program will be aired in India in the middle of the month and will include a segment on Whistler.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that BC Transit held its annual Workshop in Whistler from May 27-29. The workshop was attended by the Mayor, Councillor Crompton and several RMOW staff members, and she expressed that they expect to see positive changes for next winter as result of the workshop.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden congratulated the organizers and participants of the North Face Whistler Half Marathon that took place this past Saturday.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that, in response to concerns about vandalism, etc., over the May long weekend, she asked the CAO to form a task force. Several members of staff, including bylaw enforcement, and members of the local detachment of the RCMP, has had an initial meeting. This group will engage Tourism Whistler, the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, and other representatives from the hospitality industry. We anticipate that this group will report back to council in the fall. The group will consider the recommendations of the Respect Whistler Committee that was formed and made a report to Council in 2007.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the second annual National Health and Fitness Day was celebrated in Whistler on June 1. The Meadow Park Sports Centre offered deals on summer passes and 50 per cent off drop-in rates for the entire day.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Council had proclaimed June 1, 2013 as Access Awareness Day. She reported that Rick Hansen was one of the keynote speakers at FCM, and spoke about accessibility and its importance. Visit www.whistler.ca/accessibility for more information regarding the municipality's initiatives and community features that support accessibility.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she along with Councillors Janyk, Crompton, Grills and Jackson attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Annual Conference and Trade Show in Vancouver from May 31 to June 3. There were a number of keynote speakers, workshops and study tours. She attended a workshop on antenna siting and will share the

information learned at that workshop with staff. She also attended a presentation on sponsorship. She attended a workshop about communities improving customer service while reducing costs. She attended a workshop on women in municipal government, and will be proposing that staff create a family-friendly policy that would reduce barriers for young people from participating at an elected representative level. She attended a session on climate change and infrastructure for cities. She went on a tour of Vancouver's E-Comm and Emergency Operations Centre.

Councillor A. Janyk attended a workshop on innovative infrastructure building and asset management and a bicycle study tour on urbanism.

Councillor J. Crompton attended a tour of various facilities in Vancouver that have been set aside to help grow Vancouver's technology and digital media sectors.

Councillor J. Grills attended a tour of a sustainable housing project at SFU and a tour of Lower Lonsdale exploring the redevelopment of the area and how it is being repurposed from a long-time shipyard into a vibrant community center. He commented on how Whistler can prepare to host 2014 UBCM Convention and possibly host FCM again in the future.

Councillor D. Jackson reported on a workshop on building and optimizing asset management. He attended a forum on municipal finance and intergovernmental arrangements, including discussion regarding the funding of community projects. He commented on the importance of maintaining relationships with higher levels of governments. He reported that they were invited by the Councils of Banff, Jasper, and Canmore for discussion on their goals, experiences, budgets and financial tools for tourism. He reported that they met with the Councils of Tofino and Campbell River.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden commented on the importance of networking and building relationships with other communities with similar goals and issues.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that she will be visiting the Whistler Children's Centre, where she will see their recent renovations and meet with the director and board members to discuss childcare.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Whistler's Community Cultural Plan is nearing completion and an Open House will be held on Tuesday, June 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Millennium Place. The consultants who drafted the plan will present the goals, strategies and recommendations of the plan. Members of the steering committee will also be in attendance and available for questions.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Ironman is coming to Whistler on August 25. IRONMAN Canada has released a Travel Success Guide that outlines key information about traffic pattern changes and is available at www.whistler.ca/ironman. The RMOW, Tourism Whistler, Whistler Chamber of Commerce and IRONMAN Canada will be hosting an Operations and Opportunities meeting on Tuesday, June 11. The meeting is being held at two times, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Rainbow

Theatre in the Whistler Conference Centre.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that the Valley Trail public art project is ongoing and there is a competition for a new project. This competition is open to artists, craftspeople and designers, individuals and teams. Proposals are due by June 24, 2013. Visit whistler.ca/public-art for more information.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that there is one vacancy on the Board of Variance for a three-year term. The position requires a candidate with experience in construction, development, design, planning or architecture. Applicants should submit a resume as well as a brief statement regarding their interest in joining the Board of Variance to Laurie-Anne Schimek by email or fax 604-935-8109 by 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2013.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that EnviroFest 2013 is being held Saturday, June 8, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Whistler Olympic Plaza. The family-friendly event is hosted by the municipality and offers a wide range of free family-oriented activities including games, crafts, interactive displays, music, yoga, art, and more. The event is in its eleventh year.

Mayor Wilhelm-Morden reported that Fiona Famulak has announced her resignation as the CEO of the Whistler Chamber of Commerce. She has held the position for almost five years, and during her tenure some of her accomplishments include development of a strategic direction for the Chamber, development of an improved board of governance model, a new process to engage resort partners, enhanced member engagement, and enhanced existing partnerships. She has been a member of numerous committees, including the EPI Committee and the Whistler Arts Council Board.

At 6:02 p.m. a Public Hearing was held regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw (IAM1 Zone Amendments) No. 2031, 2013.

At 6:07 p.m. the Regular Meeting recommenced.

Councillor Jayson Faulkner provided an update regarding the Zhangjiajie music festival to take place in China from September 1-7, 2013. The deadline for interested parties to apply was May 31 and Councillor Faulkner reported that he had received six inquiries and three completed applications from Whistler locals: Adam Levy, John Shrier, and Laura Nedelak. The event organizers will decide if any of the artists are ones they would like to build into their program.

INFORMATION REPORTS

Tender Award – Whistler
2013 Road and Trail
Reconstruction Program
Report No. 13-055
File No. 523.1

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council receive Information Report No. 13-055 regarding the tender for the Whistler 2013 Road and Trail Reconstruction Program.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2013-2014 Annual
Operating Agreement
(AOA) – Transit
Report No. 13-054
File No. 532

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Faulkner

That Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the *2013-2014 Whistler Transit Annual Operating Agreement (AOA)* for the period April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

CARRIED

2012 Statements of
Financial Information
Report No. 13-053
File No. 4325

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Council approve the 2012 Statements of Financial Information.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Advisory Design Panel

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meeting of April 17, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

Transit Management
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That minutes of the Transit Management Advisory Committee meeting of April 18, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

Forest and Wildland
Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor J. Faulkner
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of May 8, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (IAM1 Zone
Amendments) No.
2031, 2013

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That Zoning Amendment Bylaw (IAM1 Zone Amendments) No. 2031, 2013 receive third reading.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Five-Year Financial
Plan 2013-2017
Amendment Bylaw No.
2032, 2013

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That Five-Year Financial Plan 2013-2017 Amendment Bylaw No. 2032, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Family Friendly Policy

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That staff be directed to draft a Family Friendly Policy for Council.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

May Long Weekend
File No. 8216.51

Moved by Councillor R. McCarthy
Seconded by Councillor A. Janyk

That correspondence from Wesley Menichan, dated May 20, 2013, regarding the May long weekend in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

That correspondence from Robyn Graham, dated May 20, 2013, regarding the May long weekend in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

That correspondence from Dennis Hilton, dated May 25, 2013, regarding the May long weekend and the Respect Whistler Coordinating Committee Report be received and referred to staff.

That correspondence from Greg Diamond, dated May 26, 2013, regarding the May long weekend in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Property Tax Increases
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Keith and Lindsay Lambert, dated May 27, 2013, regarding increases in municipal tax rates and property value declines in 2013 be received and referred to staff for response.

CARRIED

Completion of CWPP
Update
File No. 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Grills
Seconded by Councillor D. Jackson

That correspondence from Danyta Welch, Programs and Policy Officer for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, dated May 15, 2013, regarding the completion of the CWPP Update grant payment be received.

CARRIED

Planned Performance
Audits
File No. 9004

Moved by Councillor D. Jackson
Seconded by Councillor J. Faulkner

That correspondence from Basia Ruta, Auditor General for Local Government, regarding the planned performance audits for 2013/2014 and the first quarter of 2014/2015 be received.

CARRIED

Reducing Default
Speed Limits for
Municipal Roads
File No. 2014

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor R. McCarthy

That correspondence from Dean Fortin, Mayor of the City of Victoria, dated May 16, 2013, 2013, regarding motion regarding reducing speed limits to be discussed at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention on September 16-20, 2013 be received.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

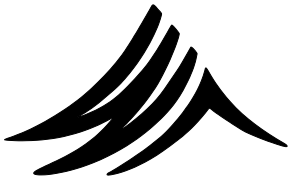
Moved by Councillor J. Crompton

That Council adjourn the June 4, 2013 Council meeting at 6:33 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR: N. Wilhelm-Morden

CORPORATE OFFICER: S. Story



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The Public Hearing is convened pursuant to Section 890 of the Local Government Act R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 to allow the public to make representations to Council respecting matters contained in "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (IAM1 Zone Amendments) No. 2031, 2013" (the "proposed Bylaw(s)").

Everyone present shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw. No one will be discouraged or prevented from making their views known. However, it is important that remarks be restricted to matters contained in the proposed Bylaw.

When speaking, please commence your remarks by clearly stating your name and address.

Members of Council may, ask questions following presentations however, the function of Council at a Public Hearing is to listen rather than to debate the merits of the proposed Bylaw.

As stated in the Notice of Public Hearing, in general terms, the purpose of the proposed Bylaw is to amend the IAM1 (Institutional Art Museum One) zone to increase the density and to remove the limitations on retail sales auxiliary to an art museum use.

Explanation	An explanation was given by Melissa Laidlaw, Senior Planner, concerning the proposed Bylaw.
Submissions	Mayor Wilhelm-Morden called three times for any submissions regarding the proposed Bylaw. No submissions were made by the public.
Correspondence	Shannon Story, Corporate Officer, indicated that no correspondence was received regarding the proposed Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further comments, the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Mayor, N. Wilhelm-Morden

Corporate Officer, S. Story

June 10, 2013
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, BC
V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Recommendation to regulate plastic bags use

We write to you today as members of the Alliance of Grocery and Drug Stores in Whistler and in response to your request that we develop a suitable plan within the sector to reduce the use of single use plastic bags.

The Alliance has convened a number of meetings with representatives from **Whistler Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Whistler, Hotel Association of Whistler, Whistler Blackcomb, AWARE and RMOW**. These meetings have been most productive with all in favour of working together to reduce the use of single use plastic bags. The following key concerns were expressed by all;

- that we do not impact on the 2.5 million visitor experiences in the resort and
- That, undue economic constraints are not placed on the general retail sector which is already impacted by the current economic climate and the change in visitor demographics.
- This is a complicated issue, finding a suitable carrying device that has the lightest ecological lifecycle footprint is not easy. It prompts more discussion and planning for the overall waste management in the Resort.

We have determined there is no reliable research that indicates cloth or paper is a suitable alternative.

The visitor obviously has very different shopping habits when compared to our resident population. As an example a small convenience/grocery store in the heart of the village has over 2,000 transactions a day in the slow season reaching to 4,000 on a Crankworks Saturday. The average purchase is less than \$15.00. These purchases are often spontaneous and of convenience in nature. Almost all customers, visitors or locals are aware and care about the environmental impact of plastic bags however there are times when customers just do not have a choice as they would not have a suitable carrying device with them. Operators are hesitant to ask the shopper to pay for a bag being aware of the perception that Whistler is Expensive. Visitors to the village are obviously not driving or doing a full household shop.

Alliance members continue to participate with AWARE in researching the most suitable and eco-friendly re-usable bags that can be offered as an alternative. Some alternatives will be presented at the Council meeting on June 18th.

Moving Forward:

The Alliance has set a goal to reduce the use of single use plastic bags in the resort community by 25% in the next year (June 2014).

Supporting the goal:

A fun in-store campaign to educate both staff and shoppers has been developed with help from Danielle Kritsmanson and her staff at Origin Design. **“Help Whistler Achieve a Plastic Bag free Future”** is the theme within a smart logo/image which will be used throughout all grocery stores and be included in media advertising, websites and other collateral. Some stores will continue to challenge their customer and fan base on Facebook to join the “cause”. It is important to note that the stores have provided reusable bag options to their customers since the mid-nineties.

Additional Support:

The resort partners, working together with the Alliance have agreed that their support will be as follows:

Whistler Blackcomb will continue their research on suitable alternatives and join with the alliance in the commitment to a 25% reduction in single use plastic over the next year.

Whistler Chamber of Commerce are committed to engage other retailers in the project and provide updates to the media as appropriate

Tourism Whistler will engage their members and look into ways to communicate to the prospective guest/visitor to the resort.

Whistler Association of Hotels will continue to work with AWARE and one property will participate in a pilot project to introduce a “Whistler Bag”

AWARE will continue their research and engaging and educating the community in best practices to protect the environment.

RMOW The Alliance has much appreciated the support, sharing of information and willingness to assist in the project. The Alliance looks forward to supporting new initiatives that come forward in the recycling program.

Measuring Success:

All stores will advise James Hallisey, RMOW of quarterly purchases of plastic bags. A base for comparison has been set through the data collected for 2012. James will monitor and report progress to the sector.

Summary:

The grocery sector is a formidable economic driver in the Resort, providing well over 400 jobs, and The 2002 *Economic Impact of the Whistler Resort* study conducted by KPMG indicates that the grocery sector in year 2000 contributed \$62 Million to the local economy. Many stores have received regional and national recognition for their excellence in business operations and are proud of their commitment to social responsibility by giving back to the community and adhering to best practice in sustainability.

The sector is committed to working with the broader community to reduce the use of plastic bags and in so doing positively influence this global issue.

Further information by the sector will be presented to Council during the Council meeting on June 18th.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the grocery and drug store sector in Whistler.

For more information you may contact.

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PLASTIC BAG
FREE
FUTURE



British Columbia Plastic Bag Reduction Initiative

Progress Report May 2012



Executive Summary

In 2008, British Columbia's plastic bag reduction initiative came into effect through a voluntary agreement between four leading retail industry associations and the Ministry of Environment. This initiative seeks to reduce the number of plastic bags distributed in British Columbia by 50 per cent by 2013. The three organizations represented in the voluntary agreement are the Retail Council of Canada (RCC), the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG), and the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores (CACDS).

A fourth organization that originally signed on to the agreement, the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors (CCGD), disbanded in 2011. Its former members are now represented by RCC and CFIG.

The goal of the partnership is to build a strong relationship among the members in order to reduce the use of plastic bags in British Columbia by focusing on the 3Rs hierarchy: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This report describes progress made in the years 2009 and 2010, as it relates to the baseline year of 2007.

It is estimated that 789,790,000 plastic bags were distributed in 2007 by grocers, retailers and pharmacies in British Columbia. To achieve the 50 per cent reduction target, British Columbians need to reduce the number of plastic bags they use by an estimated 394 million.

In 2008, an estimated 723,447,640 plastic bags were distributed by British Columbia grocers, retailers and pharmacies. In 2009, the number decreased to an estimated 592,214,637 plastic bags that were distributed and in 2010, the number of plastic bags distributed decreased even further to an estimated 518,896,637, representing a decrease of 34.3 per cent from the baseline year.

The above numbers signify that British Columbia is on track to achieving the initiative's objective of reducing the number of plastic bags distributed by 50 per cent by the year 2013.

Through the use of a number of different initiatives and incentives to change consumer behaviour, our combined retail sectors reduced the plastic bags distributed to customers annually by approximately 270,893,363 since the baseline year of 2007.

Key factors contributing to the progress towards the 50% reduction target include:

- In-store incentives encouraging reduction and recycling.
- Increased availability of reusable bags.
- Greater consumer awareness and, most importantly, consumers changing their behaviour and reducing their reliance on plastic bags.

Our three participating associations and our respective members have accomplished much since the inception of the initiative and this annual report shows significant reductions from previous years.

Overview:

The British Columbia Plastic Bag Reduction Initiative is the result of a voluntary agreement by four leading retail industry associations – Retail Council of Canada (RCC), the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers (CFIG), the Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores (CACDS), and the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors (CCGD) that dissolved in 2011 – to reduce the environmental impact of plastic bags.

The agreement was reached in September 2008, following discussions between the retail industry associations and British Columbia's Ministry of Environment. It is similar in scope and approach to agreements reached in other Canadian provinces, and aims to reduce the number of single use plastic bags distributed in British Columbia by 50 percent by the end of 2013, using 2007 as the base year. The agreement leverages the unique role of retailers as both primary distributors of plastic bags to consumers and primary influencers of consumer behaviour at point of sale.

Information on the existing three industry associations leading this plastic bag reduction initiative is provided below:

Retail Council of Canada is a not-for-profit, industry-funded association representing more than 45,000 store fronts of all retail formats across Canada, including department, specialty, discount, and independent stores, and online merchants. In British Columbia, the retail industry created nearly \$56.6 billion in sales in 2008 and was the province's largest employer, providing employment for more than 275,000 citizens.

The **Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers** is a not-for-profit trade association representing over 4,000 grocery retailers from every part of Canada. CFIG serves as a strong and united voice for independent grocers, providing programs for operational excellence, facilitating educational and training programs and fostering relationships among retailers and suppliers.

The **Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores** is a national association representing community pharmacies across Canada, including traditional chain and banner drug stores, grocery chains and mass merchandisers with pharmacies. Together, CACDS members operate more than 6,500 pharmacies that dispense almost 80 percent of the nation's prescriptions each year. They employ over half a million Canadians including 80 percent of the pharmacists in Canada practicing in community pharmacies.

Commitment and Core Principles:

In accordance with the 2008 agreement, the three retail industry associations and their members have collectively committed to achieving a 50 per cent reduction in the number of plastic bags distributed in British Columbia by the end of 2013, using 2007 as the base year.

The associations have further committed to reducing the environmental impact of single use plastic bags where they continue to be distributed.

These commitments reflect the retail sector's broader commitment to environmental stewardship and waste management and are supported by the following core principles:

- The pursuit of stewardship goals in accordance with the '3Rs' hierarchy (i.e., Reduce, Re-use, Recycle);
- The commitment to work together to achieve common goals on a voluntary basis;
- The deployment of a multi-pronged approach to plastic bag reduction and to continuous improvement in all areas (such that efforts are not concentrated in one area only, and do not stop once specific objectives have been achieved);
- A willingness to work in partnership with others, including local and provincial governments, to extend the reach of the plastic bag reduction initiative, and
- A willingness to innovate and adopt best practices from other jurisdictions where it makes sense to do so.

What We Have Achieved So Far:

The goal of reducing plastic bags by 50 per cent by 2013 is on the right track with a 34.3 per cent reduction in the use of plastic bags compared to the baseline year of 2007. The initiative has shown significant progress commensurate with the expansion of proven practices at the store level and growing consumer awareness and understanding of actions shoppers can take to reduce the environmental impacts of single use plastic bags.

Gross Reduction:

The key performance indicator under the initiative is the number of single use plastic bags distributed to consumers at point of sale. Using the same self-reporting methodology used to establish baseline numbers for 2007, the gross reduction numbers for 2009 and 2010 are as follows:

	2007 (base)	2008	2009	2010
Units (bags) distributed	789,790,000	723,447,640	592,214,637	518,816,637
% change vs. previous year	-	(8.4)	(18.1)	(12.4)

% change vs. base year	-	(8.4)	(25)	(34.3)
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The results indicate a significant decrease of 34.3 per cent in the distribution of plastic bags from the baseline year of 2007 to 2010. This is due to in-store incentives encouraging reduction and recycling, increased availability of reusable bags, greater consumer awareness and, most importantly, consumers changing their behaviour and reducing their reliance on plastic bags.

Reusable Bags:

What has become evident, not only in British Columbia but elsewhere, is that consumers switching to reusable bags are a key factor in reducing the overall impact of single use plastic bags. Over the past few years, retailers have aggressively promoted reusable bags with their customers, as indicated the following table, which represents reusable bags distributed by grocers, retailers and pharmacies:

	2007 (base)	2008	2009	2010
Reusable bags distributed	447,373	703,278	2,720,149	2,915,306
% change vs. previous year	-	57.2	286.8	7.2
% change vs. base year	-	57.2	508	551.6

The distribution of reusable bags in has risen dramatically over the past three years with a 551.6 per cent increase since the base year of 2007. This is an important component of the overall reduction strategy as once a reusable bag is used four times it becomes a preferable environmental alternative to single-use bags.¹

Reuse:

Reuse plays an important role in supporting the initiative's goal to reduce the number of plastic bags distributed in British Columbia, as plastic bags are often used more than once before they are discarded to landfill. Most people use them as garbage bags in kitchens (kitchen catchers), lunch bags or general purpose carry bags. A Decima Research study shows that over 90% of British Columbians use their shopping bags at least twice before discarding them. Reuse of plastic shopping bags can eliminate the need to purchase other plastic bag products.

Deployment of Best Practices:

Retailers continue to increase their commitments to in-store practices that mitigate the distribution of single-use plastic bags to consumers. At an industry-wide level, many organizations have embraced best practices

¹ <http://www.carrefour.com/cdc/responsible-commerce/our-commitment-to-the-environment/reducing-stores-impact/?com.carrefour.cdc.print.page.content=true>

based on experience in other jurisdictions, both nationally and internationally.

At the store level, practices vary depending upon merchandise mix and store format, but through the retail industry associations, best practices are shared and refined. In keeping with the voluntary nature of the initiative, best practices are promoted but not prescribed by the associations.

Best practices now in *common* use include:

- Signage and other forms of in-store communications encouraging own-bag usage
- Asking customers at checkout whether they need bags before providing them
- Training staff in efficient bagging techniques to reduce usage
- Offering customers the opportunity to obtain (through purchase or promotion) reusable bags at point of sale.

Best practices in *widespread* use include:

- Utilizing stickers, tape or other 'paid purchase' identifiers in lieu of plastic bags for large items
- Integrating branded reusable bags with store- or chain-wide environmental programs

Best practices in *growing* use, subject to business constraints, include:

- Providing incentives for consumers to bring their own bags or purchase reusable bags in the store. Typical incentives currently offered in the marketplace include the application of an environmental fee on single use bags and providing rebates or loyalty points to consumers who use their own bags or reusable bags.
- Promoting re-use through programs promoting the retailer's support for charitable causes or linking reusable bag purchases to environmental campaigns, etc.
- Offering recycled cardboard boxes or plastic bins as a carry-out option

Increasing Opportunities to Recycle Used Plastic Bags:

Being able to recycle used plastic bags reduces the burden on local landfills, provides valuable feedstock for plastic material recyclers and raises awareness among consumers of the environmental impacts of single use plastic bags.

Many retail outlets provide convenient in-store collection bins for plastic bag recycling. However, insufficient data was provided for this section

and the amount of plastic bags collected for recycling cannot be provided.

Benchmarking Best Practices:

The effectiveness of these practices is evident in British Columbia and elsewhere. However, because of the voluntary nature of the agreement and the competitive nature of the industry, the systematic tracking of best practices has not occurred so far.

Consumer Education & Awareness Opportunities

For the first two years of this initiative, the Retail Industry Associations have concentrated on promoting plastic bag reduction amongst their members through their existing communications infrastructures (web sites, newsletters, conferences, etc.) and to broader stakeholder interests through outreach activities such as speaking engagements, public consultation and private meetings. The objectives of this approach have been to (a) equip retailers to promote plastic bag reduction with their customers at the store level, and (b) build awareness and understanding of the initiative's existence, purpose and activities among 'influencers' in government and in local communities.

The associations understand that, while they control one of the most effective communications channels to BC consumers, it is still only one channel. Greater progress can be made by expanding Consumer Education and Awareness activities beyond the store.

Conclusion:

The performance results summarized in this Progress Report suggest that significant progress has been made since the inception of the voluntary agreement. The use of plastic bags has decreased 34.3 per cent from the baseline year and grocers, retailers and pharmacies in British Columbia are on track to achieving the agreement's objective of reducing plastic bags distributed by 50 per cent by the year 2013.

Retailers will continue implementing their strategies that impact consumer behavior. The signatories to this agreement will continue its drive to reduce the number of plastic bags, increase recycling and promote the use of reusable bags. Priorities include continuing to phase out the use of plastic bags at stores, optimizing the use of reusable bags and continue to educate and ultimately change consumer behaviour.

The Retail Industry Associations are encouraged by the interest and support they have received from local governments and look forward to continuing working closely with them.

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment (AWARE) we would like to provide the following information for your observation and consideration in advance of the next council meeting on June 18th. Since this issue last came up at council AWARE has been supporting the grocery store Alliance in their evaluation of manufacturing materials for both their single use and re-usable bag options. This work built upon the existing relationships we have developed with many Whistler businesses since starting work on the plastic bag issue in 2007.

In order to offer a more comprehensive background to AWARE's previous work on this issue and to provide some statistics specific to our Whistler visitors the following pages include an excerpt from a summary of our public survey work thus far. We have also included a one-page concept piece that was submitted to and successfully selected by the Whistler Centre for Sustainability as part of their 'Big Idea' project. Although just one page this application gives a brief and succinct overview of the Whistler Bag Project which we will touch on during our presentation with the Alliance.

We look forward to presenting to you,

Claire Ruddy

On behalf of the AWARE Board.

Plastic Bags & Whistler

Public Surveys Conducted 2007-2012

Summary Report



Report Completed by Claire Ruddy on behalf of AWARE
(Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment)



Brief Background:

In 1989 AWARE was created to start recycling in Whistler. The issue of waste reduction and management has therefore remained a focus of AWARE since its inception. In 2007 AWARE started a public survey to engage the community on whether Whistler should become a plastic bag free resort. This report seeks to summarize the work that has continued since 2007 and highlight why this is an important issue for Whistler.

Why Focus on Plastic Bags?

- Plastic bags are just one of many single-use items that are stockpiling in landfills worldwide. What about disposable coffee mugs, plastic cutlery, straws, pop bottles.... the list goes on. AWARE sees plastic bags as a starting point. If we use a reusable bag for shopping maybe we will soon all be using cloth bags for our produce, reusable mugs or asking for no straw. Plastic bags can act as a first step to a culture change, not just for Whistler residents but also for our guests who we can seek to inspire through our actions.
- Plastic recycling is challenging. Glass and metals are melted down so impurities float to the top and form a scum layer, which can be removed. Plastic recycling relies on chemical processes that are hugely impacted by contaminants. If plastics aren't correctly sorted and clean when recycled then the integrity of the end product is jeopardized. There are few municipalities who still accept plastic film because it is frequently contaminated and much harder to clean through industrial processes than rigid plastic containers, such as produce clamshells or milk cartons.
- Plastic bags can be made up of numerous types of plastic mixed together at varying ratios. Even within products from one supplier the mix of polymers will change dependent on what is available at the time and at the best price. This makes it virtually impossible for stores to identify the chemical mix of their plastic bags and consumers will have an even harder time.
- Recently there has been more confusion created as bags are labeled as biodegradable or compostable. Compostable bags are normally made of a plant based product such as corn starch, which when put into the environment will eventually break down to organic compounds. Biodegradable bags also break down but they never become organic matter they just continue to exist as tiny pieces of plastic so miniscule the naked eye cannot see. These tiny pieces of plastic remain forever and are so small that we don't notice them enter our on and off shore food cycles. Biodegradable and compostable bags are not recyclable and act as a contaminant if they enter the plastics recycling. It becomes difficult for consumers to identify which category their bag falls into but at the commercial scale it becomes economically non-feasible or physically impossible to separate, identify and process.



The First Steps (Winter 2007 – 08):

The first phase of AWARE's research and education work included the following:

A public survey conducted between November 2007 and February 2008 found:

- 76% of respondents were in favour of Whistler becoming plastic shopping bag free, 8% were not and 16% were not sure.
- The majority of those who were not in favour cited their reason being "plastic bags are useful for other things", with plastic bags being used to line their garbage bins. The second most common 'use' was recycling and the third use was picking up dog poop.
- If reusable bags had to be purchased, the majority of people would agree to pay \$2 each, prefer canvas bags over other materials, and require 3 - 5 of them. Respondents in 2007 owned about three.
- Of the sample surveyed, 19% were visitors. Of the visitors, only .025% said they would shop elsewhere if Whistler was plastic shopping bag - free. Bringing their own reusable shopping bag was the most popular alternative, followed by "pay for biodegradable bags" and "bring your own plastic bag."

In addition to the survey the following was achieved:

- An education and reusable bag¹ giveaway was made possible with grants from the Community Foundation of Whistler and the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation. In total 1500 reusable bags were distributed in elementary and high schools, at bus stops, at Nesters Market when they ran out of their own reusable bags, through WAG, and more. Even five years on these bags can still be seen around Whistler due to their being extremely washable and durable.
- All reusable bag recipients received a quarter page hand-out with information about plastic bags, alternatives, and making informed choices.
- Signatures were collected at events and during the bag giveaway period. 96% signed in support of the elimination and eventual ban of plastic bags in Whistler.
- Among others the project worked with youth at Whistler Secondary, Myrtle Philips and the Whistler Youth Centre as well as LUNA events, Millennium Place, Municipal Hall, WAG, Nesters Market & Pharmacy and the Chamber of Commerce.
- Over 300 volunteer hours were dedicated to the completion of this work under the guidance of Kiran Pal-Pross an AWARE BOD at the time.

Opportunities were identified for public education surrounding reuse of bags, gradual implementation phases, and business training and cost saving research. Other ideas for the future included making bags from Whistlers old street banners (which the municipality has since undertaken) and options for a 'loaner Whistler bag' scheme involving local businesses and accommodations.

In spring 2008 the public survey and outreach results were presented to council with the request that they consider a ban on plastic bags and build upon some of the identified opportunities. Council referred the request to municipal staff and asked AWARE to continue their community consultation.

The success of this engagement work continued beyond the project timeline as more local stores started to stock reusable bag, train staff to ask whether customers needed a bag rather than just packing a plastic bag and some local food outlets even started to take donations for their plastic bags².

¹ The bags, were of the highest environmental integrity, sourced in North America, made from 80% EcotexTM (a blended cotton yarn produced from the excess fabric of newly made clothing) and 20% from recycled pop bottles. The unique manufacturing process saves land, energy and water.

² Samari Sushi accepts a 15 cent donation if you take a plastic bag. Donations have been passed on to local non-profits including AWARE. All proceeds directed to AWARE go specifically to the ongoing work to reduce plastic bag use.

Fall 2010 – Summer 2011:

Carneys announced they would no longer be collecting film plastics for recycling – which of course included plastic bags. This was in line with steps taken in many other communities due to the low market value of this product and the challenges (frequent contamination, identification difficulties, etc) and costs associated with recycling.

AWARE's President and Vice President met with Mayor Melamed and Councillors Thomson and Quinlan to discuss what information AWARE might be able to provide to strengthen the case for a plastic bag free Whistler. Discussions were focused around the impacts on Whistler visitors (with AWARE's previous survey only having 19% visitor representation) and the impact on Whistler businesses in tough economic times. AWARE committed to another public survey and more business consultation.

Winter 2010-11 Public Survey Results:

Surveys were completed on the village stroll, at events and online (through a survey monkey questionnaire). There were 251 respondents falling into the range of classifications but with 51% being first time or repeat visitors to Whistler.

Fig.1: (To Right) Respondents broken down into resident / visitor categories.

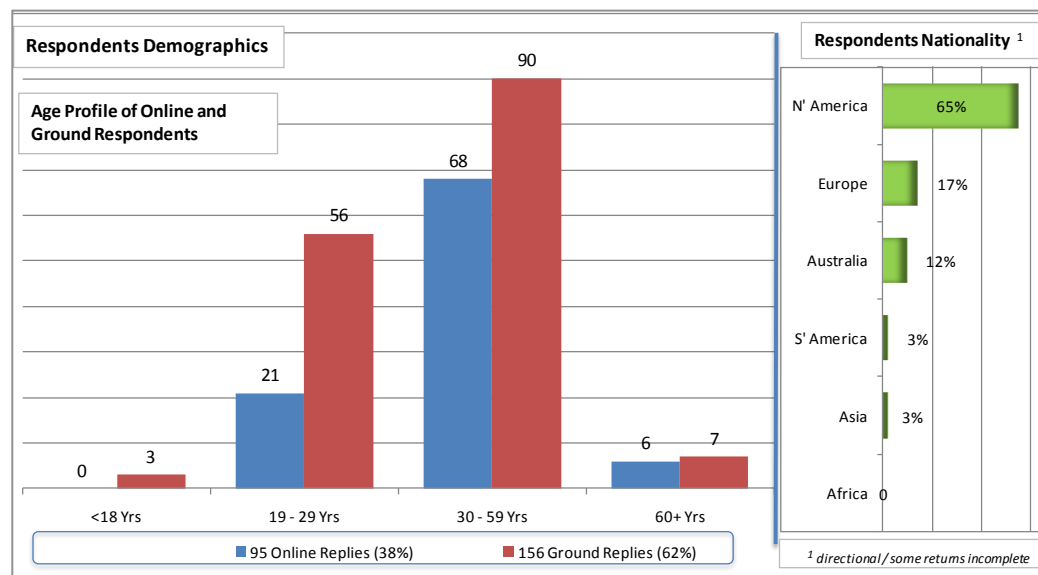
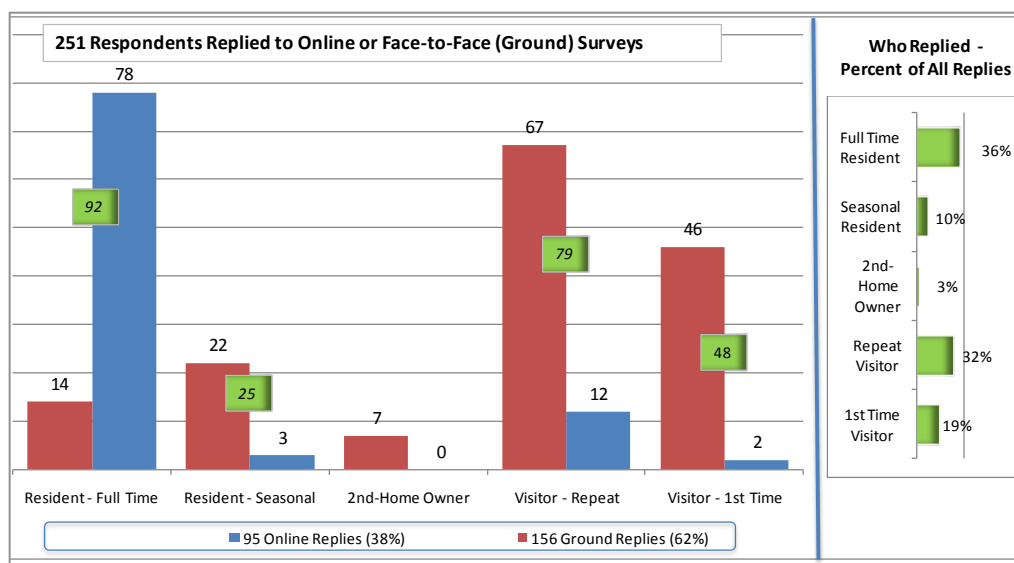


Fig 2. (To Left) Respondent demographics broken down to show age profile and country of origin.

The majority of respondents lived in or had travelled from elsewhere in North America (65%). 17% of respondents were from Europe and 12% from Australia.

Respondents were also asked to classify how important environmental issues were to them personally and highlight how interested they would be

in making lifestyle changes to benefit the environment. Over 90% of respondents' highlighted that these thing were of moderate or extreme importance to them as individuals. Other questions asked respondents to gauge the importance of shopping at stores with environmentally friendly practices, vacationing at green destinations, views on Whistler and concerns about plastics in general.

Figure 3. (Overleaf) Highlights the level of importance respondents associated with various personal perception questions relating to the environment.

	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT		SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT		MODERATELY IMPORTANT		EXTREMELEY IMPORTANT	
	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
How important are environmental issues to you?	1	0.4%	14	5.7%	90	36.6%	141	57.3%
How willing are you to make lifestyle changes that would help the environment?	2	0.8%	14	5.5%	131	51.4%	108	42.4%
Rate your interest in shopping at stores with environmentally friendly practices	11	4.4%	29	11.5%	115	45.6%	97	38.5%
How important is it to view Whistler as an environmentally conscious resort?	10	4.2%	49	20.8%	127	53.8%	50	21.2%
How important are green efforts in selecting a holiday destination?	55	21.8%	80	31.7%	85	33.7%	32	12.7%
Rate your concern about the impacts and longevity of plastics in the environment?	9	3.6%	16	6.4%	97	38.8%	128	51.2%

Having asked questions exploring respondents environmental values, we continued the survey by asking questions more specifically relating to plastic and reusable bag use.

Council had asked for information indicating whether people were accustomed to using reusable bags at home. From the 251 respondents 88% highlighted that they used re-usable while in their home community.

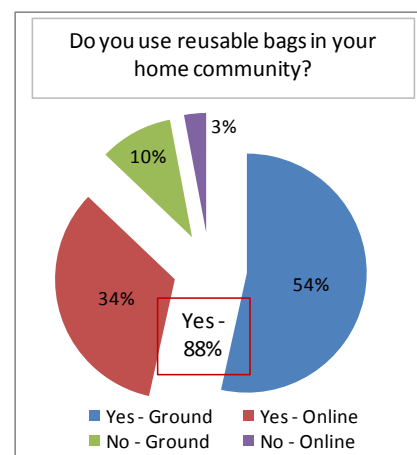
Figure 4. (To Right) Responses to the question: Do you use reusable bags in your home community?

Respondents were then asked the question 'If you do you plastic bags how many do you estimate you receive per week?'.

Figure 5. (Below) shows the number of plastic bags respondents estimated they received per week.

# Plastic bags used per week	TOTAL	%
0	46	19%
1 - 5	175	71%
6 - 12	23	9%
12 +	1	0%

Respondents were asked what they did with the majority of bags they received after they had used them to take their shopping home.



The main secondary 'uses' of plastic bags included: being recycled (22%); being reused (28%); or being used as garbage liners (22%). Some respondents also highlighted that they simply threw bags away (10%) or used them to pick up dog poo (3%). AWARE committed to using a small team of volunteers to collect survey responses to ensure surveyors were fully briefed on local options available for plastic bags. Upon completion of many surveys (and not before completion to remove possibility to bias responses) surveyors were able to add value by discussing responses. For example, letting respondents who threw bags away know of local facilities for recycling or explaining the possibility of having linerless garbage in if you compost, etc. Many of the points covered in these discussions have been included in the Frequently Raised Points section of this report.

Figure 6. (Right) Highlights the ways respondents deal with plastic bags after leaving stores.

How plastic bags are used:	TOTAL	%
Not Applicable As I Avoid Plastic Bags	29	9%
Drop Off At Recycling Facility	70	22%
Return Plastic Bags To Grocery Store	15	5%
Throw Them In The Garbage	31	10%
Reuse	88	28%
Garbage Bag Liners	68	22%
Dog Bags	11	3%
Lunch Bags	4	1%

Figure 7. (Right) Shows the percentage of respondents who would be willing to pay for a reusable bag at stores.

Eighty-two percent of respondents highlighted that they would be happy to pay for reusable bags at stores and of these 64% would be willing to pay over a dollar per bag.

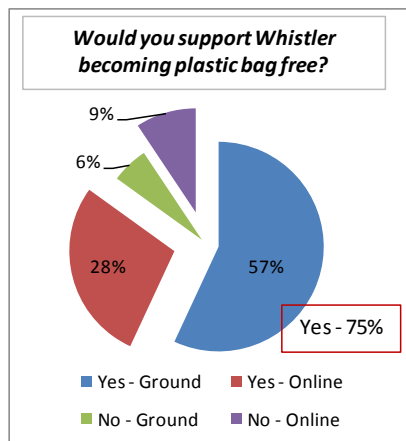
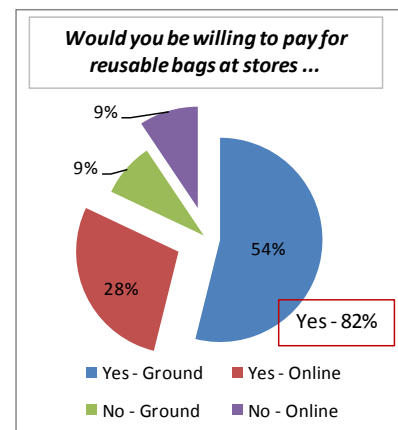


Figure 8. (Left) Shows the percentage of respondents for and against Whistler becoming plastic bag free.

Respondents were asked whether they would support Whistler becoming a plastic bag free community. 75% of all respondents highlighted they would support this. Following release of the survey results to council and businesses it became clear that it would also be useful to understand the percentage of first time and repeat visitors to Whistler who would support the resort being plastic bag free. This statistic would provide an indicator for council and businesses to understand the needs of our visitors in tough economic climates and as a key demographic of our community, for which they were very concerned.



Having returned to the original surveys and filtered the responses into visitor and non-visitor (i.e permanent resident, second home owner, seasonal worker) we were able to quantify the number of visitors that were in support of Whistler becoming plastic bag free. This showed that:

86% of visitors were in support of Whistler becoming plastic bag free

12% were not supportive and 2% were of no opinion



To: The Whistler Centre for Sustainability

Re: Our Big Idea!

Basic Concept:

To reduce dependency of our community on plastic by creating a fun and engaging story centred around the use of reusable bags made to the highest environmental standards – The Whistler Bag!

Brief Background:

Whistler community has been discussing its plastic bag future for over five years. The re-usable Whistler Bag is intended to engage Whistler visitors, businesses and locals, demonstrating how eliminating plastic bags can be an easy and celebrated step to reduced environmental impacts. Through consideration of the full life-cycle of the Whistler Bags we hope to create a great local story that individuals and businesses can get behind.

The Essence of the Big Idea!

The intention would be to present the Whistler Re-usable Bag in four distinct (but rapidly sequential) stages:

1. Whistler Bags available in grocery and retail stores through out the resort available for tourists and locals to buy at a retail rate (envisioning \$10-12).
2. Whistler Bags start to be available in Whistler hotels in two ways:
 - a. As a new bag in each guest room, with a short note: eg. 'Welcome to Whistler we are a plastic bag free resort. Please feel free to use this bag while you are enjoying your stay with us. Should you like to keep it as a souvenir a \$x will be applied to your room charges'. Same as if a guest leaves with a bath robe or drinks from the minibar.
 - b. Lightly used but washed bags are available from front desk / concierge / bell staff.
3. Collection of used bags for cleaning and redistribution as 'previously loved' bags. This aspect would be included to prevent the build up bags in people's closets but also to increase the affordability and access to the Whistler Bags as an alternative to plastic. An installation similar to a newspaper stand could be used, allowing people to enter a dollar and they can open the door to take a bag while the bottom half of the stand would be a collection point for used bags. These 'stands' would be available at key points where bags are either in demand or where people would remember to drop off excess bags (eg. Outside grocery stores, the food bank, re-use it centre, library, WB staff housing and at some points on the village stroll).
4. Whistler's reusable bags enter the afterlife..... and become area rugs!! Once bags deposited in the collection bins become too tatty to be circulated through the 'previously loved' cycle they are shredded into thick strands and woven into area rugs that can be sold through local stores (eg. Patina in Function Junction or the Kitchen Store in Marketplace). The Whistler Bag rugs would be thick and durable and still entirely washable. It is anticipated that people will also put excess non-whistler reusable bags in the collection bins, perhaps made of vinyl or other non-degradable materials. An afterlife would also be found for these either through re-use or up-cycling into a new product.

Key Deliverables:

- A physical product that provides an accessible alternative to plastic and can be tracked for outputs (potential to track number of times bag recirculates or how many washed bags are used, thus eliminating the need to purchase a new bag).
- Endless opportunities to share 'the story' (eg. fun education on return bins, new bag tags, hotel info tags)
- Promotion of Whistler as a green destination, as the bags are used again outside the resort. Whistler bags could be seen on the streets of Hong Kong or anywhere else in the world!
- Partnership opportunities with Tourism Whistler, Whistler Blackcomb, the grocery stores, hotels and local artists. Also options for businesses to brand the Whistler bag with their own logos.
- In the end the bags break down to nothing!

The Support Requested:

Form the Centre for Sustainability we would be requesting support in development of a costed business plan for the scheme. Researching the costs, pros and cons of sourcing materials and producing bags locally in comparison to using existing manufacturers based in Vancouver. Completion of a draft business plan will allow evaluation of potential funding profiles to get the scheme rolling.

MINUTES

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2013

LOCATION: Meeting Room Flute, Municipal Hall

TIME: 8:45 A.M.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Varrin, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, Chair
Ian Lowe, Accommodation Sector Representative, Vice Chair
Davin Moore, Healthy Communities Committee Representative
Edward Dangerfield, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Restaurants
Jeff Cockle, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs
Holly Glenn, LCLB Inspector

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sheila Kirkwood, Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative
Steve LeClair, Public Safety Representative RCMP
Rob Knapton, Public Safety Representative RCMP
John Grills, Councilor

MUNICIPAL STAFF:

Frank Savage, Planner, LLAC Secretary
Wanda Bradbury, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Round table introductions for new LLAC member, Edward Dangerfield

ELECTION OF LLAC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Motion by Frank Savage
Seconded by Davin Moore

That Mike Varrin, Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars, be elected as Chair for the Liquor License Advisory Committee

CARRIED



Motion by Frank Savage

Seconded by Davin Moore

That Ian Lowe, Accommodation Sector Representative, be elected as Vice Chair for the Liquor License Advisory Committee

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Frank Savage

Seconded by Edward Dangerfield

That the agenda for the Liquor License Advisory Committee Meeting of March 14, 2013 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Ian Lowe

Seconded by Davin Moore

That the minutes of the Liquor License Advisory Committee (LLAC) Meeting of October 11, 2012 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

A member suggested that it would be valuable to have a councillor attend every meeting and inquired if there is an option to have a substitute councillor when Councillor Grills is unavailable to attend. In reply it was noted that the Council representative on the LLAC is appointed, and currently a backup councillor has not been appointed.

PRESENTATIONS

CATERING LIQUOR LICENSE ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENDORSEMENTS

Staff presented a report describing the catering license category, summarizing the terms and conditions of catering licenses, and seeking to clarify the appropriate municipal approvals for catered events. As background, in 2011 Council asked for a review of liquor licensing decisions regarding Special Occasion Licensed (SOL) events. A working group was formed to report to Council on recommended solutions. Council subsequently supported a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM), supporting changes to allow licensing of caterers and to allow, in certain conditions, for minors to be present within the licensed area of public SOL events. The Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) recently introduced the policies regulating the licensing of caterers and approval of catered events with liquor service.



Terms and conditions of a catered event:

- Catering companies that satisfy LCLB requirements (including a full commercial kitchen) can now apply for a permanent catering liquor license. Existing food primary and liquor primary licensed establishments that satisfy LCLB requirements may apply for a catering endorsement.
- The primary focus of an event must be on food, as supported by the ratio of food to liquor receipts.
- Hours of service permitted; 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for indoor events and between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for outdoor events
- Entertainment is permitted..
- Minors may be present unless adult entertainment or gambling is offered
- Catered events can be on the same property as a licensed establishment, but must remain separate from the licensed area of the existing establishment.
- Caterer is legally responsible for compliance with the liquor laws.
- Caterers may not operate a series of events for the same host if it appears the caterer is operating an ongoing business for the host.
- Caterers are subject to full enforcement actions, including suspension of license.
- Caterers cannot host events their own premises, except for infrequent customer or staff appreciation events.
- Occupant load of the venue must be determined by Whistler Fire Services.

Approval/authorization for various types of catered events:

1. Residential events (invitation only events held at a residence)
 - Licensed caterers may serve liquor at a residential event without obtaining approval from the LCLB or providing notice to the RCMP.
2. “Low risk” events (family, corporate, or other indoor event for fewer than 500 people)
 - Caterer must request authorization from the LCLB at least 10 days prior to the event.
 - RCMP will receive notice of the event, but RCMP approval not required.
3. Other events (family, corporate or indoor event with more than 500 people)
 - Caterer must request approval from liquor inspector at least 21 days prior to the event.
 - The liquor inspector may require a detailed security plan and may require the caterer to provide evidence that the RCMP, fire department or local government support the event.
4. Community events (public festivals or sporting events, concerts)
 - Caterer must request approval from liquor inspector at least 21 days prior to the event.
 - A detailed security plan will be required.
 - The caterer must provide evidence that the RCMP, fire department or local government support the event.

Member Comments:

Accommodation Sector Representative

- Q: What about multiple caterers at one event?
- A: Everyone would have to go through the process



Resort Experience Staff Representative

- As a municipality we need to decide what review process and approval level that is appropriate for the larger events and the community events (event categories 3 and 4).
- LCLB policy permits indoor catered events to serve liquor until 2:00 a.m., whereas Whistler policy is for food primary establishments (restaurants) to serve until 1:00 a.m.
- Each application will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

REGULATIONS CHANGE FOR BREWERS AND DISTILLERS

A recent policy directive from LCLB stated that Brewers and Distillers can now apply for a lounge area at their manufacturing site where patrons may consume liquor manufactured under the license. The RMOW must ensure that the liquor licensing policy G-17 and the fee bylaw are appropriate to process a brewery lounge application.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW LCLB TEMPORARY CHANGE POLICY

The LCLB has recently issued a new policy directive that places restrictions on the number of times (4-6 per year) that each licensed establishment may apply for a temporary change (extension of hours, extension of licensed area, etc.) to their license.

Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs/Bars

- Whistler Blackcomb has over 10 requests per year, so the temporary change restriction is challenging for their business.
- Would prefer to have 2:00 a.m. closures 7 days a week. If that is not possible, then the Pubs & Bars Sector would be satisfied with 2:00 a.m. closures on Fridays and Saturdays. Long weekends should include 2:00 a.m. closures on the Sunday.
- LCLB permits 4:00 a.m. closures. Whistler's policy is 1:00 a.m. for bars and pubs, except as permitted by the temporary extension of closing hours policy.
- Q: Could we look at a blanket extension of hours of service for major festivals in Whistler, similar to the New Year's Eve policy whereby all establishments can serve to 3:00 a.m.?
- A: Each establishment would have to apply individually for a temporary or permanent change in closing hours. New Year's Eve is a special province-wide policy.

LCLB Inspector

- Whistler Blackcomb could approach local government to permanently change their license to a 2:00 a.m. closure

Accommodation Sector Representative

- The accommodation sector is concerned about any permanent changes to closing hours for licensed establishments. Would the extra hour really make a difference as an added draw to Whistler?



Restaurant Sector Representative

- Q: Is it possible to have a license that closes at 1:00 a.m. Sunday – Thursday and to 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday?
- A: Yes. Liquor license hours of service are specified for each day of the week. Therefore, weekend closing hours can be different than weekday hours.

Resort Experience Staff Representative

- The staggering of closing times (restaurants/bars/pubs 1:00 a.m., nightclubs 2:00 a.m.) has been built into the RMOW policies. Any change in policy would require consultation with all sectors and a change in the Council policy.
- Closing hours for patios are generally the same as the license for interior areas, unless local government has regulations on patio hours. In Whistler Village, some patios on municipal lands are required to close earlier.

Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs

- The nightclub sector supports all events and experiences for residents and guests.
- If the bars were granted a permanent extension to 2:00 a.m., the nightclubs would be seeking a 3:00 a.m. closure.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mike Varrin

Seconded by Davin Moore

That the Liquor License Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2013

CERTIFIED CORRECT

MIKE VARRIN, LLAC-CHAIR

FRANK SAVAGE, PLANNER, RESORT EXPERIENCE

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WHISTLER

MINUTES

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MEASURING UP SELECT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (MUSCC) WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013, AT 3:00 P.M.

**At Whistler Public Library – Community Room
4329 Main St., Whistler, British Columbia V0N 1B4**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members - Present

Chelsey Walker, Executive Director, Whistler Adaptive Sports Program
Mary Ann Collishaw, Manager Member Relations, Tourism Whistler
Melissa Deller, Whistler Community Services Society, SNAP Coordinator
Phil Chew, Paralympic Athlete
Sarah Johnston, Service Coordinator, Whistler Chamber of Commerce

Regrets

Wendy Aitken, Director Guest Services, Whistler

Members - Absent

Sue Lawther, Mature Action Committee

Municipal Staff

Kevin Damaskie, Sustainability Coordinator & MUSCC Chair
Sarah Tipler, Measuring Up Coordinator, & MUSCC Vice-Chair & Secretary
Kay Chow, Resort Experience Clerk & MUSCC Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Kevin Damaskie called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Chelsey Walker
Seconded by Sarah Tipler

That the MUSCC approves the meeting agenda for April 3, 2013.

CARRIED.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Mary Ann Collishaw
Seconded by Sarah Tipler

That the minutes of MUSCC meeting held on February 6, 2013 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Access Statement & Website

1. Staff is working with the Communications Dept. to refine and organize the Access Statement which will include a detailed map.
2. The Access Statement will be distributed to the committee prior to release. Target release in the coming months
3. A member inquired if the website is modeled after other websites. Sarah advised that she has a few examples; it will be based mainly on the BBC standard.
4. Communications Dept. have been given a list of the top desired accessibility features.
5. Testing and assessments to be done. Presently, images and photos do not have adequate descriptors; forms are not accessible.
6. What can www.whistler.ca website host? The site can host links - product links to a product offering page, not point of sale. Link to whistler.com more than to external websites.
7. Ensure the integrity of the sites is maintained.
8. Users need an escape route, plan B or a number to call if they need additional information. What about an email option? Plan B needs to be further resolved.

9. What is the process flow for technical communication? Invite Gianna Inglese, RMOW Communications Officer to the next Measuring Up meeting; similarly the web teams from Tourism Whistler and Whistler-Blackcomb.
10. Target launch mid-summer 2013.

Access Whistler

1. Kevin has met with Stephanie Matches, publisher of Whistler Question newspaper, seeking permission to name the www.whistler.ca accessibility web landing page "Access Whistler".
2. The newspaper has produced an annual guide for the last 3 years called "Access Whistler".
3. Stephanie felt it was a great idea to keep everything under the same title / term.
4. Accessibility initiatives and communications within Whistler will be called "Access Whistler". Connected to this is the www.whistler.ca landing and resource page, annual publication of the guide by Whistler Question, and the accessibility map.
5. "All Access Whistler".

Updates

Committee members provided general updates.

1. Continued improvements to tables and curb cuts are underway at Whistler's parks.
2. The curb cut at the helipad will be improved as part of the repaving at that area next year. A member also noted that improved snow clearing in this area is needed.
3. A request has been submitted for paving of day parking lot 5.
4. The skating surface at Whistler Olympic Plaza will be included in the updated Accessibility map, as well as linking the Upper Village with Whistler Village.
5. A universally accessible trail loop will be built and completed summer 2013 in the wetlands across from Montebello development along Blackcomb Way. Potential for designated parking for drop off.
6. Sarah Tipler participated in a cultural tourism video shoot featuring Julia Murray. The video will be released in the next month and played on the screens in Mountain Plaza.
7. Funding has been received for the summer 2013 Cheakamus Community Garden project in Bayly Park.
8. Kevin Damaskie advised that there is space for profile of a suitable project in the April 11 issue of Whistler Today e-newsletter. Committee members made suggestions and felt that a story about the community garden would promote Whistler as a place that everyone could come to.
9. Sarah Johnston asked committee members if they had criteria recommendations and guidelines for an accessibility icon that the Chamber of Commerce could provide their members.
10. SPARC BC guidelines could be used as a development base.
11. Committee members to collaborate to develop 5 high level accessibility criteria.
12. A member expressed extreme dissatisfaction regarding the loss of the accessible parking spots at Springs Lane (adjacent to Westin hotel) and the relocation of them to Sundial Crescent. The member felt that we have gone backwards, become less accessible, not more accessible. The term "no net loss" does not apply in this circumstance. Unfortunately the Springs Lane parking spots were located on Whistler/Blackcomb private property and not under the control of the RMOW. Subsequent to the meeting, a member provided clarification and background information. The changes are an outcome of the elimination of accessible spaces in Springs Lane which were

an issue for the Fire Department and the required fire lane through that area and into the Village.

13. Chelsey Walker advised that Whistler Adaptive Sports have received great feedback from their guest follow up survey. There was only 1 unsatisfactory for built environment; others were excellent or very satisfied. Chelsey to distribute the survey results to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Phil Chew

Seconded by Chelsey Walker

That the MUSCC meeting be adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

CARRIED.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Kevin Damaskie, Chair

Sarah Tipler, Vice-Chair and Secretary

cc: 8320.01

From: Mairi Blair [<mailto:blair8873@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 1:27 PM
To: Donna Wango
Subject: Fitzsimmons Dyke Access

Dear Mayor and Council

As a resident on the dyke we are facing deja vu all over again. We went through this debate in the past year with presentation to council and it was decided that the dyke should not be open to the public and my understanding was that it was put to rest once and for all. I was astounded when I realized it had been put on a survey without the residents being notified.

The reasons for last years decision were many 1. Loss of privacy and property value 2. Because of the traffic and late night noise on Fitzsimmons families have designed their homes with living areas facing the dyke. Now we would be faced with noise and lack of privacy on both sides.

3. Wild life. We get bears and coyotes on the dyke. We are safe as we have our homes to go in to but anyone on the dyke would have to trespass to avoid any encounters. plus this is the access used for the bears to get to water.

4. The bank is steep and the river dangerous. I would expect that for safety reasons a fence would be necessary - again interfering with wildlife habitat.

If the Municipality is serious about pedestrian / bike access in this area I would suggest speed bumps and a dedicated bike lane along the street.

Please review all the discussion from last time around.

Sincerely Mairi and Peter Blair
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Director – BC Local Government Relations

May 29, 2013

Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and Members of Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
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Dear Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Members of Council:

On behalf of the 6 team members based in Whistler, I am delighted to write that TELUS will be investing more than **\$1.5 million** in your municipality this year to extend the reach and speed of our advanced wireline and wireless broadband services. This significant investment will enable us to provide local businesses, residents and travellers with access to innovative services like 4G LTE wireless – the fastest wireless technology in the world – and extend Optik TV to even more homes.

This investment is part of a \$3 billion program to upgrade infrastructure across British Columbia through 2014, building upon the \$29 billion TELUS has already invested in operations and technology throughout the province since 2000. By the end of this year, TELUS will have invested \$7 million in new technology and infrastructure in Whistler since 2009. A news release with further details of our 2013 program is attached for your information.

Community Engagement

We at TELUS are proud of our long-standing relationship with Whistler and our deep roots in the community. I would like to share with you some of the many ways in which we are part of your community and illustrate how we are bringing our corporate philosophy – “we give where we live” – to life.

Inspiring youth

TELUS is partnering with Free the Children to inspire young people to create change in their communities and around the world. Our new five-year partnership includes sponsorship of We Day in Vancouver and across the country, as well as development of educational curriculum – now launched in 40 BC schools – to engage youth in the importance of giving back. We anticipate that 150,000 youth across Canada will be involved in this program by 2016.

TV for Good

We launched our *TV for Good* campaign in your community in late 2011. For every new Optik TV customer in Whistler, TELUS donated \$100 to the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program. Thanks to our customers, we were able to contribute \$75,000 in support of winter sports for the disabled.

In addition, we recently announced that TELUS will contribute \$25 on behalf of every new Optik TV customer in Whistler to support Zero Ceiling, a local adventure-based program that empowers at-risk youth and young adults to develop life skills and achieve personal growth.

TELUS Sea to Sky Community Action Team

Since its inception in 2009, the TELUS Sea to Sky Community Action Team has donated more than \$190,000 in support of 47 local charitable projects. Recent recipients in your community include:

- Whistler Arts Council – Performance Series 2012
- Community Foundation of Whistler – Kathy Barnett Leadership Luncheon (for the Kathy Barnett Endowment Fund)
- Whistler Community Services Society – Youth Outreach

The Team will allocate an additional \$30,000 to local grassroots charities in 2013.

Team TELUS Charitable Giving

Since 2000, TELUS, our team members and retirees have contributed more than \$4,000 through Team TELUS Charitable Giving to Whistler area charities and community organizations including the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society and Whistler Gymnastics Club.

Volunteering

In addition to providing funding for not-for-profit associations, TELUS team members and retirees play a very active role in the community. Since 2000, they have donated more than 1,000 volunteer hours to a number of Whistler-based charities.

Sponsorships

TELUS is proud to sponsor a wide variety of events and organizations that contribute to making Whistler the vibrant resort municipality it is. Our sponsorships include:

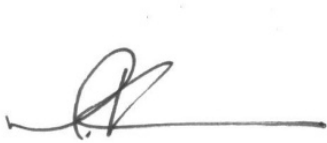
- TELUS Winter Classic
- TELUS Gold Classic
- Whistler Blackcomb Ski Resort
- Whistler Blackcomb Foundation

Jobs and taxes

You may also be interested to know that TELUS contributes significantly to the Resort Municipality's tax base: in 2012, we paid in excess of \$216,000 in municipal and business taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you some of the ways in which TELUS is part of your city. I would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience to discuss our company's strong presence in Whistler and encourage you to contact me directly at either 604 697-8060 or maureen.kirkbride@telus.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Maureen', followed by a long horizontal line.

Maureen Kirkbride

- c. Mike Furey, Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa LaMothe, General Manager, TELUS



Media Release

May 29, 2013

TELUS investing \$1.5 million in Whistler in 2013

TELUS expanding wireless service to meet growing demand

Whistler, B.C. – TELUS is investing \$1.5 million in Whistler this year to expand wireless coverage for area residents and travellers. In response to the increasing demand for advanced communications technology, TELUS is expanding its wireless capacity and will bring the world's fastest wireless technology, called 4G LTE, to Whistler this year – the same technology deployed in downtown Vancouver just last year.

"TELUS' \$1.5 million investment means people and businesses right here in Whistler will have more access to Internet and enhanced wireless services," said Lisa LaMothe, TELUS general manager for the region. "We are making a significant investment to bring in the world's most advanced and fastest wireless technology, called 4G LTE, to Whistler this year, continuing the expansion of our wireless and wired Internet services. The demand for advanced communications services is exploding in Whistler, and TELUS is committed to bringing the latest technology, both wired and wireless, to the community."

This significant investment is part of a \$3 billion, three-year commitment to invest in B.C. made last year and builds upon the \$29 billion TELUS has already invested in operations and technology throughout the province since 2000. By the end of this year, TELUS will have invested \$7 million in new technology and infrastructure in Whistler since 2009.

TELUS' investment in communities extends past providing customers with world-class technology. As members of every community TELUS services, TELUS, our team members and retirees give where we live, supporting grassroots and community organizations across B.C.

"At TELUS we truly see ourselves as members of each community where we operate across B.C., and we recognize our investment in local organizations is as important as our investment in technology and infrastructure," continued Lisa LaMothe. "Our simple philosophy, We Give Where We Live, has encouraged our TELUS family of 25,000 employees and retirees in B.C. to donate over \$100 million and, more importantly, volunteered 2.66 million hours to community and charitable organizations since 2000. Right here in Whistler our team has contributed more than \$1.2 million and volunteered 1,000 hours to local charities and community groups in that time."

The capital investment disclosed in this release is consistent with TELUS' overall capital expenditure guidance for 2013.

What is LTE?

The world's fastest wireless technology, called 4G LTE, offers Internet speeds two to three times faster than past technology, offering TELUS customers connections as fast as their home Internet on their smartphones, tablets and Internet keys. In the last year, TELUS rolled out LTE to almost 90 per cent of British Columbians, and will connect even more by the end of 2013.

What is We Give Where We Live?

At TELUS, we give where we live. Whether through our locally focused Community Boards, charitable partnerships or employee and customer engagement programs, we are committed to building stronger and healthier communities.

Just this past weekend 13,000 TELUS team members, retirees and family members participated in the eighth annual TELUS Day of Giving, volunteering their time at more than 500 local activities nationwide. They helped out at children's hospitals, fed homeless citizens, sorted thousands of pounds of food bank donations, pulled invasive plants out of cherished parks, and helped clean up and maintain the buildings and grounds of dozens of charities.

There are 11 TELUS Community Boards in Canada that provide funding to grassroots organizations in major centres where TELUS operates. In British Columbia, there are Community Boards in Vancouver, Victoria and the Thompson Okanagan. Since their inception in 2005, the Community Boards in British Columbia have contributed over \$7.6 million to local grassroots charitable organizations in support of 680 community projects.

About TELUS

TELUS (TSX: T, NYSE: TU) is a leading national telecommunications company in Canada, with \$11 billion of annual revenue and 13.2 million customer connections, including 7.7 million wireless subscribers, 3.4 million wireline network access lines, 1.4 million Internet subscribers and 712,000 TELUS TV customers. Led since 2000 by President and CEO, Darren Entwistle, TELUS provides a wide range of communications products and services, including wireless, data, Internet protocol (IP), voice, television, entertainment and video.

For more information about TELUS, please visit telus.com.

In support of our philosophy to give where we live, TELUS, our team members and retirees have contributed more than \$300 million to charitable and not-for-profit organizations and volunteered 4.8 million hours of service to local communities since 2000. Fourteen TELUS Community Boards lead TELUS' local philanthropic initiatives. TELUS was honoured to be named the most outstanding philanthropic corporation globally for 2010 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, becoming the first Canadian company to receive this prestigious international recognition.

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Forward looking statement:

This news release contains statements about expected future events of TELUS that are forward-looking. By their nature, forward-looking statements require the Company to make assumptions and predictions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that the forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future events to differ materially from that expressed in the forward-looking statements. Except as required by law, TELUS disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements.

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From: Clarke, Karen [STS] [<mailto:Karen.Clarke@vch.ca>]

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 12:55 PM

To: Duane Jackson; John Grills; Andrée Janyk; Jayson Faulkner; Jack Crompton; Roger McCarthy; Donna Wango

Subject: Health Transportation Meeting June 24th

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Sea to Sky Health Transportation Group is hosting its third meeting on **Monday, June 24th from 1:00pm to 4:30pm** at the **Whistler Chamber of Commerce**, 201 - 4230 Gateway Dr. in the Gateway Room. The Sea to Sky Health Transportation Group is a network of non-profit organizations, service providers and concerned individuals interested in addressing the need for health transportation services throughout the Corridor. Margaret Forbes will be presenting her findings and recommendations from the recent Sea to Sky Health Transportation Survey. The report will be sent out closer to the meeting date. The agenda is as follows:

1. Introductions
2. Review of November 2012 meeting minutes
3. Presentation of Report and Recommendations
5. Working Groups
 - Group work will focus around a structured worksheet based on the categories of recommendations
6. Groups report back
7. Next Steps/Summary

It would be great to have you attend. Please RSVP to karen.clarke@vch.ca

Thank you and see you on the 24th.

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From: Joslyn Young [jyoung@ubcm.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 12:03 PM
Subject: 2013 LMLGA RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

Please deliver to:
MAYOR/ CHAIR
COUNCIL/ BOARD

Dear LMLGA member local government:

Please see the attached document outlining the results of the resolutions session at the 2013 AGM and Conference.

The attached document can also be found online at: <http://www.lmlga.ca/pages/links-policies-resources/resolutions.php>

The resolutions that were supported by the membership have been forwarded to UBCM for consideration for debate at the September conference.

Joslyn Young

Executive & Association Services Coordinator
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2013 RESOLUTIONS DISPOSITION

RR1 Personal Information of Elected Officials

New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend s. 73(7) of the *Local Government Act* to exempt, when special circumstances are presented, the public release of an elected official's home address.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RR2 Smoking Laws

New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government addresses the matter of smoking laws to ensure that any regulations be imposed, and enforced by the provincial government, and done so with the intent to provide clarity.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

RR3 Use of Electronic Mail

Surrey

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government enact legislation that allows local governments to electronically mail statutorily prescribed notices and other communications and documents.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

RR4 Tethering of Dogs

Surrey

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Government of British Columbia amend the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 372 (the "Act") to specifically reference "tethering of dogs" and to permit enforcement actions under the Act in situations where tethering causes a dog(s) to be "in distress" within the meaning of the Act.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R1 PST Legislation Impacts to Alexandra District Energy Utility

Richmond

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Finance reinstate the PST in an equitable manner that will (i) provide exemption or reimbursement of PST charges on energy purchased for the purpose of generating energy for resale, (ii) introduce former exemptions on Production Machinery and Equipment for equipment purchased by district energy systems, and (iii) maintain, as per the former PST regulations, the PST exemption on the sale of heat to residential district energy consumers.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R2 Riparian Areas Regulation

SLRD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government review the watercourses designated under RAR to ensure that they have significance to fish and habitat health;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provincial government appropriately enforce the RAR and provide adequate funds for said enforcement.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R3 Aboriginal Affairs Committee

SLRD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM enhance the Aboriginal Affairs Committee with the mandate and adequate resources to monitor and analyze emerging issues and legislation, both federal and provincial, to ensure that BC local governments are properly represented on these important matters.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4a Forest Stewardship Plan Renewals

SLRD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when applying for a Forest Stewardship Plan extension the licensee should be legally required to notify the public of the renewal application and the public should have the right to have any concerns noted and addressed.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R4b Resource Industry Activity

SLRD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that forest companies be required to establish and maintain a publicly available project website to ensure public awareness of ongoing activities and construction schedules making all monitoring reports prepared during operations available to the public on the project website.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R5 IAFF Negotiations

Squamish

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call on the provincial government to amend the *Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act* to provide direction to arbitrators to more fairly represent and consider the individual interest and abilities of local government.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R6 DERELICT VESSELS

Bowen Island

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM again petition the provincial and federal governments to increase their efforts to work together to create a permanent solution to the issue of abandoned and derelict vessels that includes sustainable funding sources.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R7 Mental Health Patient Intake Procedures & Facilities

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to invest in resources to create an efficient process of mental health patient intake, including the provision of secure holding facilities and security personnel trained to guard patients in order to reduce the use of police resources in this capacity.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R8 Provincially Funded Support Programs

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to consult with municipalities to ensure that new or relocating support facilities which are receiving provincial funding are in compliance with local zoning and other municipal bylaws.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R9 Coordinated Environmental Review Process

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to initiate discussions with the federal government and local government regarding the reinstatement of an independent agency to coordinate environmental review processes for in-stream and shoreline works.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R10 Early Intervention Centres for Mental Health & Addiction

Delta

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be requested to work with the federal government and local governments to establish early intervention centres where a person suffering mental health issues or substance and drug abuse can be housed or assigned, when a doctor feels that a person may do harm to himself/herself or others.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R11 Green Jobs Plan for BC

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities joins the call for the Province to create and support a bold Green Jobs Plan for British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R12 Support for Raise the Rates Coalition

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities support the Raise the Rates Coalition in urging the provincial government to:

- remove arbitrary barriers that prevent people in need from receiving provincial income assistance such as the 2-year independence test and 3-week work search;
- end claw-backs that prevent people from supplementing their welfare with paid work and single parents receiving support from the absent parent up to the Market Basket Measure; and
- increase provincial income assistance rates to the Market Basket Measure, the minimum monthly cost required for food, shelter and transportation.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R13 Request to Amend the SAFER Program

Vancouver

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of British Columbia adjust the maximum monthly rent levels under the SAFER program to reflect the actual prevailing cost of housing for seniors across ~~Metro Vancouver~~ the Province and eliminate the requirement of annual re-application.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R14 PST Rebate Request Harrison Hot Springs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government introduce legislation to provide municipalities the same level of PST rebate that is available under the HST program.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO THE LMLGA EXECUTIVE

R15 Drinking Water Approval Process

Harrison Hot Springs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any borrowing made necessary by an order issued by a ministry official or health authority be exempt from a public approval process.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R16 Social Housing

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the federal government, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to assess, examine, and renew the subsidy, rent supplements, or other supports for operating agreements set to expire;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the federal government, through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other avenues as appropriate, to collaborate with provincial, territorial and municipal governments, and non-profit housing providers and other housing stakeholders to ensure the viability and sustainability of all social housing stock through a national action plan on housing for Canada.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R17 Reduced Liability for Local Governments in Conducting Building Inspections

Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider changes to appropriate legislation to further protect local governments from liability exposure in conducting building inspections when field reviews are carried out by professional engineers or architects registered in British Columbia.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R18 Hydraulic Fracturing Burnaby

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM requests a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until all orders of government give full consideration to the potential human and environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing, and undertake a comprehensive public consultation process.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R19 Medical Marihuana Land Use Assessment & Taxation

Chilliwack

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities request that the provincial government amend the *Assessment Act* so that land and uses cannot be classified as a farm for assessment and tax purposes, if the land is used for the production and distribution of marihuana for medical purposes.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that farmland in BC not be used for the growth of medical marihuana.

ON MOTION, as amended, was ENDORSED

R20 Independence of the Office of the Seniors Advocate

Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA respectfully request that the provincial government amend the *Seniors Advocate Act* to identify the Office of the Seniors Advocate as an independent office of the Legislature, reporting to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, rather than to the Minister of Health.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R21 Reinstating Riverview

Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government immediately begin to undertake all necessary action, including funding, to reinstate Riverview as a modern centre of excellence for mental health care and support.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R22 Support for BC Association of Agricultural Fairs & Exhibitions

Maple Ridge

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LMLGA request that the provincial government negotiate a viable funding envelope with the BC Association of Agricultural Fairs and Exhibitions to be included in the Ministry of Agriculture budget, in order to preserve the existence of agriculture fairs and exhibitions across the province.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R23 Hoarding & its Impacts on Municipalities

New Westminster

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the health authorities work with local government to address the increasing prevalence of hoarding by allocating appropriate resources and staff and by providing care and support to hoarders to enable them to manage and reduce risks associated with their psychological condition.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R24 Rename UBCM

Mission

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the “Union of British Columbia Municipalities” (UBCM) be renamed the “British Columbia Local Government Association” (BCLGA).

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R25 Federal Medicinal Grow Licenses

Mission

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) petition the federal government to ensure each and every medicinal marijuana licence issued is required to notify their local governments before operating and further that federal resources are used to perform physical inspections of the premises.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

R26 BC's *Insurance Act* to Ensure Working Smoke Alarms

Pitt Meadows

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in an effort to reduce fire fatalities and losses in our province, the LMLGA call for changes to BC's *Insurance Act* to make the purchase or renewal of home or contents insurance contingent on a declaration by the policy applicant that there is a working smoke alarm in the home.

ON MOTION, was NOT ENDORSED

R27 *Assessment Act* – Farm Class Business Amendment

Kent

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Assessment Authority be granted legislation to work with municipalities to reclassify farm land and buildings when required to up to 50% as business or commercial use if the farm operation has breached or exceeded the municipal zoning regulations on “home occupation” for secondary business use.

ON MOTION, was REFERRED TO LMLGA EXECUTIVE

Resolution off the floor/Assembly agreed to include for debate:

R28 *Regional Integrated Approach to Flood Management*

Chilliwack

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM support a regional integrated approach to flood management in the Province and lobby for dedicated multi-year senior government flood protection funding for associated studies and capital works that result from the program.

ON MOTION, was ENDORSED

From: Joslyn Young [jyoung@ubcm.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 2:26 PM
Cc: Joslyn Young
Subject: 2013 UBCM Community Excellence Awards - now online!

Please distribute to:
MAYOR/ CHAIR
COUNCIL/ BOARD
SENIOR STAFF

Dear LMLGA member:

The UBCM Community Excellence Awards program for 2013 is now online. Don't miss your chance to win an award! The application process is simple and streamlined.

Check it out here...

<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/services/15021/community-excellence-awards-application.html>

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exploited children."*

*A Missing Child is
Everyone's
Responsibility*



Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Enclosed are your 2013 Child Find "Missing Children" posters.

We would be greatly appreciate it if you would distribute and post these posters of missing children throughout your community, near areas of high traffic, where people gather, and always with high visibility in mind. (ie. community centres, recreation facilities and municipal offices). **If you require additional posters please contact our offices and we would be happy to send these to you.**

Many thanks for being a part of the search for missing children. Your participation by ensuring these posters are distributed and posted at your municipal offices and at visible locations throughout your community provides tremendous assistance to families suffering such a great loss. Your help "Keeps the Hope Alive" for these missing children..

Remember, May is "**Green Ribbon of Hope**" month. Have a look at our web page at www.childfindbc.com to find out how you can raise awareness and plan events in your community throughout the year.

Yours truly and with much thanks,

Crystal Dunahee
President Child Find BC

If you or your organization would like to host an "All About Me" ID clinic, have an idea for an event in your community or would like literature and information on becoming a member and supporter of Child Find BC, please call us at 1-888-689-3463.