



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2014, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M**  
**In the Flute Room**  
**4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

### PRESENT:

Meetings to Date: 8

Gordon McKeever, Chair	7
Ken Melamed, WORCA	7
Candace Rose-Taylor, M-A-L	6
Rob Davis, M-A-L	6
Bob Brett, M-A-L	2
Johnny Mikes, M-A-L	1
Kurt Mueller, M-A-L	3

### REGRETS:

John Hammons, M-A-L	6
Peter Ackhurst, M-A-L	6
Councillor Jayson Faulkner	3
Bryce Leigh, AWARE	6
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	8

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Rob Davis  
Seconded by Candace Rose-Taylor

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda of September 10, 2014.

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Rob Davis  
Seconded by Candace Rose-Taylor

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes of July 9, 2014.

CARRIED

### VERBAL REPORTS

#### 3. Updates

#### Council:

- N/A

**AWARE:**

- N/A

**WORCA:**

- Sproatt descent trail work continues
- AGM September 18
- Note that WB assumed responsibility for a rogue trail built on Blackcomb. More bike trails coming to south side of Whistler.

**RMOW:**

- Wildfire Management:
  - Horstman Thinning – work resuming September 14 through October
  - Callaghan FSR fuel management project scheduled for October

**Cheakamus Community Forest:**

- OGMA maps and draft plan submitted to Frank DeGagne, MOF.
- Integrated Mapping project: draft EBM reserves identified; next step is to use constraints/opportunities identified to develop a longer range harvesting plan for the CCF.
- Carbon project moving forward. Verifiers in Whistler October 1 – 3. Anticipate completion in autumn.
- Harvesting to continue in Brew, Wedge and Callaghan through autumn.

**4. CCF OGMA & EBM  
Reserve Mapping  
Project**

Presentation and discussion led by Jeff Fisher, CCF Chair.

Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA): proposed OGMA map submitted to MOF, now waiting on review and referral process. OGMA meet MOF's requirement for 19% set aside.

EBM plan calls for 40% of the CCF to be protected in the long term. Current proposed EBM Reserves add additional 11% for a total of 30% at this time. EBM reserves are voluntary, and only protected from CCF activities. Other users (hydro, mining, commercial rec) could cut trees but this designation will provide opportunity for more discussion during government referral process.

Draft map reviewed at FWAC meeting, next iteration will be shown at CCF open house scheduled for September 18, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Whistler public library.

EBM Reserves have different categories and management strategies:

- Ecological
- Recreation
- First Nations cultural sites
- Commercial recreation/tourism

Tourism zones are not counted as EBM reserves and are placeholders that will be fine-tuned in discussion with operators.

First Nations' cultural site polygons are Lil'wat areas that have a known site, and if harvesting proposed, CCF will discuss with them to finalize activities. Squamish have not identified any further areas for this exercise.

All proposed areas should be on Crown land. No private land in CCF. Double check ownership of the proposed areas above Rainbow/Emerald and around One Duck Lake.

Discussions:

- FWAC contends that OGMA should not be in places that won't ever be harvested. Request CCF report out on what is in the CCF and what is in the Whistler LU as a whole.
- Fuel management – Need to resolve if fuel management can be done in an EBM Reserve area.
- Map needs to be clarified. Suggest keeping ecological themes separate from cultural/recreation. Green & purple polygons will become just green. Make the OGMA polygons stand out more. EBM (ecological) zones more clearly pronounced.
- FWAC recommended that when moving from the 19% identified through the OGMA process, the next 11% identified as EBM reserves should be chosen for ecological values, particularly large or contiguous old growth areas. EBM Reserves identified for other reasons such as cultural, commercial tourism or recreation should be above and beyond the 30% protection target. Brandywine/Metal Dome, Callaghan and Jane lakes should be priority areas for leaving large and/or contiguous old growth forests.
  - Jeff Fisher agreed it may be possible, and will discuss with CCF Board.
- Wildlife use of the area – most areas of grizzly bear use are above CCF operations. Note that deer are using habitat closer to the Whistler heli-pad than the ungulate winter range polygon indicates.
- Commercial recreation operators' role in CCF decisions – CCF shares the land base with commercial rec tenures. Can be a contentious issue, but as a land manager, the CCF needs to acknowledge the legally granted tenures, and find cooperative ways to share the land. CCF not trying to work for or against commercial rec operators. Trying to find balance, make agreements.
- Recreation polygons – the isolated recreation polygons seem disconnected. Consider a more systematic way to choose recreation polygons. Initial focus was on protecting areas around lakes that

have recreation but no other protection besides Forest Stewardship Plan. Some have old growth as well.

MOTION: FWAC recommends that Council and the CCF Board agree that the EBM Reserves prioritize areas of relatively large or contiguous old growth, plus other ecological values. Areas chosen for cultural or recreational values should be secondary, and above and beyond the 30%.

Moved by Bob Brett  
Seconded by Ken Melamed

CARRIED

Candace Rose-Taylor and Jeff Fisher left at 4:35 p.m.

## **5. CCF Annual Report**

Presentation by Gordon McKeever.

FWAC reviewed the draft CCF Annual report prepared by G. McKeever. Information drawn from October 2013 and June 2014 field trip reports.

Comments/Edits:

- Replace RichPly with logging contractor when referring to action taking place in future.
- Replace references to "Tom" with Richmond Plywood
- Change phrase "disturbance level assessment" to "inform FWAC on schedule to assess level of soil disturbance"
- Suggestion that report should answer the five key factors identified at start of report based on the observations of the field trips

Heather and Gordon will continue working on report before bringing back at October meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Heather to send out Doodle poll to find a date for October field trip.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

- CCF Annual Report (October)
- Spotted Owl General Wildlife Measures information session (October)
- Field Trip (October)
- Spearhead Hut Project (November)
- Alpine Trail Program (November)
- Get Bear Smart Society (January)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Ken Melamed  
Seconded by Johnny Mikes

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the September 10, 2014 meeting at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: Gordon McKeever