



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019, STARTING AT 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Name	Meetings to Date: 8
Present:	
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Chair	8
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	8
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	7
Member at Large, John Hammons	8
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	6
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	4
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif	7
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	3
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	8
Regrets:	
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	2
WORCA, Matt Cooper/Seb Kemp	2

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by M. Tardif

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of September 11, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by K. Bridge

Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of July 10, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Updates

Council:

- UBCM Conference September 23 – 27 in Vancouver.

- Council approved moving the Whistler Blackcomb staff housing proposal forward

M. Lowry arrived at 3:05 p.m.

- Whistler Blackcomb had a very busy summer, no smoke helped
- First Spearhead Hut official opening is September 21

AWARE:

- Nature camps, zero waste events, WB Epic Promise volunteer day replaced greenhouse site
- Hillman property rezoning being reviewed – AWARE concerned about cumulative effects of developing around the lake
- Whistler Secondary School – working with students to identify CECAP actions they can take action on
- Mountain Bike Symposium in Whistler early October. Dr. Ciarniello speaking to delegates, and AWARE is organizing a public grizzly bear talk.

WORCA:

- N/A

RMOW:

- Developed 10 year wildfire mitigation plan with Blackwell & Associates
- Wildfire thinning project in Kadenwood close to completion
- Released a 3-year RFP in July for interface fuel thinning projects.
- Alpine trails and grizzly bears – vegetation mapping project commences September 16; comments received from province re: conflict mitigation plan
- E-Bike policy rolled out

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Fuel thinning on Cheakamus Lake Road will continue over winter 2019/20.
- No other harvesting taking place in 2019
- CCF recruiting for a new forest manager to replace Tom Cole.

Trail Planning Work Group:

- Meeting scheduled for late October. Will review grizzly bear plans.

Annual FWAC Report to CCF A presentation by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was held regarding the draft FWAC Annual Report to the CCF and a discussion was held.

- Format reorganized using same content.
- Edits: add request to post on CCF website; add recommendation to revise AAC when province does next Timber Supply Review; complete Table 2; revise carbon section

ACTION: email next draft to FWAC and finalize at October meeting.

Wildfire Fuel
Management Plan

A presentation by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was held regarding the Wildfire Fuel Management Plan 2019-2027 plan and a discussion was held.

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- Blackwell & Associates identified priority wildland urban interface areas for treatment. The high priority areas total 57 hectares and were included in the 3-year Request for Proposal released in July.
- How much is Whistler reducing its risk with this work?
- Discussion regarding changes to provincial funding and potential for alternative funding sources or alternative risk reduction actions such as funding sprinkler systems to protect homes.

OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDAS

- BC Parks representative being organized for October meeting to discuss plans.
- David Powe and Kathi Bridge resigned their positions. Advertise all new positions after October meeting.
- Fall field trip – determine date and locations (suggestions: WIF spacing trials, original CCF harvesting sites, CCF5)
- Request Parks Master Plan draft be reviewed at upcoming FWAC meeting.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Rankin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of September 11, 2019 be terminated at 5:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Claire Ruddy

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford