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REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2013, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Meetings to Date: 8

Chair, Gordon McKeever	8
AWARE, Bryce Leigh	8
CCF, Peter Ackhurst	6
John Hammons	6
Bob Brett	5
Candace Rose-Taylor (May)	3
Councilor Jayson Faulkner	5

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	8
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REGRETS:

Kurt Mueller	5
Johnny Mikes	5
Rob Davis	4
WORCA, Ken Melamed	6

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by P. Ackhurst

Seconded by J. Hammons

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda of September 11, 2013.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by P. Ackhurst

Seconded by J. Hammons

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes of July 10, 2013.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

3. Updates

AWARE: Claire Ruddy hired as part time executive director. Concern over ongoing dumping on Callaghan Road (pictures provided).

WORCA: N/A

RMOW:

- Trail Planning Working Group update meeting on Sept. 17.
- Infrastructure Services is preparing the 21 Mile Watershed management plan RFP.
- Recreation and Leisure Master Plan "What We've Heard" document prepared which will inform draft RLMP directions and recommendations. Martin Pardoe will present to FWAC at October 9 meeting.
- *Draft Additions to Reserve/Reserve Creation Policy*
- Gordon away October 9. FWAC decided to hold meeting on October 9 and do field trip after October 11. HB will send out Doodle poll to determine best date. 3 hours for field trip.

Council:

- Councilor Faulkner attended Rec Sites & Trails BC's meeting on September 4 re: 21 Mile alpine non-motorized activity. Ideas presented to control motorized incursions into 21 Mile watershed. Council has zero tolerance for incursions and will be monitoring success. Province/RCMP will be doing more enforcement this winter.
- Off Road Vehicle Licensing program progressing.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Logging continues. Approximately 10,000 m3 complete to date, aiming for 15,000 m3.
- Carbon project continues. Pre-assessment determined that the project would pass the test. Agreement with LCI & CCF extended.
- Forest Stewardship Council – Ecotrust received \$25,000 from Bullitt Foundation to help CCF become certified.
- Firesmart – Work to commence in autumn. B.A. Blackwell to do landscape fuel management fire model to identify risk/priorities. Use results to get UBCM funding.
- CCF Open House scheduled for October 16, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Myrtle Philip school.
- Old Forest Focus Plan public engagement meeting tentatively scheduled for October 24.

4. Old Forest Focus Plan

A presentation by Peter Ackhurst was given regarding the Old Forest Focus Plan and a discussion was held.

CFOW grant of \$20,000 received in 2013. Project will determine what will be protected. Will also satisfy MOF requirement to identify Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs). Blackwell has completed a draft map. CCF currently well above minimum MOF old growth targets. Need to discuss with MOF.

Bob Brett's tree coring data was added. Thirteen units identified. Will hold public engagement session in the fall to gain input on locations, and possibility of building trails to sites.

Request from B. Brett to recognize ancient forests (>400 years). Prioritize contiguous forests. Need to determine how to protect ancient forests that

are not in OGMAs.

Cultural Management Areas: CCF is building road toward Callaghan CMA. Squamish Nation has developed a draft map identifying sensitive areas, and has approved road and 1 block.

Firesmart: RichPly proposing blocks for 2014. Cheakamus 02 and west of Highway 99.

Loggers Lake Road – MOF approved signs and dust control behind Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood due to safety/nuisance concerns.

CCF developing a 10-year plan for Cheakamus Valley. Retention will be interspersed, blocks <2 hectares. Visit a high retention site on October field trip (Powerline Hill).

Discussion re: CCF's ability to stay out of unroaded areas such as Callaghan old growth.

5. FWAC Annual Report to CCF

A presentation by Gordon McKeever was given regarding the FWAC Annual Report to the CCF and a discussion was held.

FWAC reviewed the draft report and made revisions.

Discussion re: moving beyond commenting on aesthetics, and conveying technical ecological information to the wider audience. E.g. Coarse woody debris looks messy on the ground but is good for the ecology.

Add CWD to page 3 perspectives. Also add Firesmart and road management to the list. General Notes section revised to include purpose of report, need to recognize unique challenges and balance priorities.

J. Faulkner left at 4:55 p.m.

Report not complete. Gordon will distribute by email for further comment.

6. Other Business

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Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Next meeting October 9. A date will be selected for the field trip (after October 11) through email communication.
- Recreation & Leisure Master Plan Update – October
- Tree Coring Project – November

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. McKeever

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the September 11, 2013 meeting at 5:04 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Gordon McKeever

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