



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 2013, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Meetings to Date: 9

John Hammons	7
Kurt Mueller	6
Johnny Mikes	6
Rob Davis	5

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	9
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REGRETS:

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

R. Davis chosen as Chair for meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Mikes

Seconded by J. Hammons

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda of October 9, 2013.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Davis

Seconded by K. Mueller

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

3. Updates

AWARE: Claire Ruddy hired as part time executive director. AWARE focusing on four program areas including Alpha/Miller Creek wetlands, backcountry recreation and CCF.

WORCA: N/A

RMOW:

- B.A. Blackwell and Associates hired to complete a wildfire model for the CCF. Will be used to direct harvesting related to wildfire management.
- FWAC resolutions: RMOW requests that FWAC choose resolution wording that recommends RMOW staff review a topic and provide direction to Council, rather than recommending that Council take direct action.
- RMOW has hired Doug Konkin, retired MOF Deputy Minister, to act as forestry advisor.
- CCF Open House scheduled for Wednesday, October 16 from 3:00 to 6:00 at Myrtle Philip School.

Council: N/A

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Jeff Fisher elected as new Chair.
- Carbon auditors chosen and will begin soon.
- Logging continues.

4. Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Project

A presentation by Johnny Mikes was given regarding the Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear initiative and a discussion was held.

<http://cpawsbc.org/campaigns/grizzlybears>

C2C grizzly bear initiative launched on September 24 by 9 environmental groups. Purpose is to see threatened populations return to thriving state. Asking government to complete recovery plans. Group will make presentations to various communities, First Nations and agencies in the new year. Broad suite of tools recommended to achieve goals.

5. RMOW Recreation & Leisure Master Plan Update

A presentation by Martin Pardoe was given regarding the RMOW Recreation & Leisure Master Plan and a discussion was held

RLMP will provide high level guiding direction in a 10 year plan.

Goals are to maintain & enhance; plan for new assets; and provide a transparent process for decision making.

"What We've Heard" document prepared from public input and posted on-line.

For FWAC's specific consideration:

Whistler Recreation Experience – "polishing the gems." RLMP wants to identify the gems in the broader Whistler area, e.g. Ancient Cedars, and encourage improved operations and maintenance.

Off Road Non-Motorized Trails – TPWG still the lead forum for trail planning outside WUDCA.

Lakes – manage increased use at Logger's Lake. Inventory and update WIF signs.

Rivers – work with province and potential IPPs to protect whitewater opps on Lower Callaghan Creek.

Next steps:

Draft direction document posted on-line next week.

RLAC review next week.

Adjustments after comments received.

Council adoption in November/December.

FWAC Discussion:

What is the process for establishing trails with the province? Establishing a trail through Rec Sites & Trails BC process requires a group/agency take long term responsibility for maintenance. WORCA developing a master trail list which will be reviewed and updated periodically.

Environmental Concerns: good to see erosion included, but need to also include habitat considerations. Grizzly use report due in spring 2014 and should be included in trail planning.

Private Land Easements – RMOW will need to address where it occurs.

Gates – gates cut off public access to public lands. Topic included in RLMP access management plan.

Encouraging to see RLMP expanding focus beyond RMOW boundary.

RMOW and RMI need metrics to determine current use levels and make impact comparisons in future.

IPPs – Consider prioritizing and rating kayaking opportunities and difficulty levels. Goal is to retain a spectrum of levels. Compare to IPP applications.

6. Other Business

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Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Tree Coring Project – November
- FWAC Annual Report finalized – November
- CCF Draft 2014 harvesting plans - November
- Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Project – Jan/Feb.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by R. Davis

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the October 9, 2013 meeting at 4:47 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Robert Davis