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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, June 11, 2014, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Meetings to Date: 6

Rob Davis, M-A-L	5
Gordon McKeever, Chair	5
John Hammons, M-A-L	5
Peter Ackhurst, M-A-L	5
Ken Melamed, WORCA	5
Bryce Leigh, AWARE	5
Bob Brett, M-A-L	1

REGRETS:

Johnny Mikes, M-A-L	0
Kurt Mueller, M-A-L	2
Councillor Jayson Faulkner	2
Candace Rose-Taylor, M-A-L	4

PUBLIC ATTENDING:

Claire Ruddy, Executive Director AWARE

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	6
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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reverse agenda items WB Update and Ongoing CCF Issues

Moved by Bryce Leigh

Seconded by Rob Davis

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda of June 11, 2014 as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Rob Davis

Seconded by Peter Ackhurst

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes of May 14, 2014 as amended.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS

3. Updates

Council:

- N/A

AWARE:

- Nothing specific to FWAC
- Various talks coming up: Douglas Channel presentation; Grizzlies talk September 3 at Museum; Woodfibre LNG talk July 2; Future of Howe Sound at Brackendale Art Gallery

Bob Brett arrived at 3:15

WORCA:

- Sproatt ascent trail started
- New trail being built from Whip Me, Snip Me south to Beaver Pass

RMOW:

- Wildfire Management:
 - Horstman Thinning – work continues. 200 tons of chips have been taken to composter already.
 - Blackwell preparing prescription for fuel break along old Callaghan FSR. Work scheduled for fall 2014.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- OGMA maps and draft plan submitted to Frank DeGagne, MOF.
- Next step in Integrated Mapping project is to identify EBM reserves, and constraints/opportunities with goal of developing a longer range harvesting plan for the CCF.
 - **ACTION:** Bring draft plan to FWAC at future meeting.
- Carbon project moving forward. Agreement with province on carbon credit split; scheduled for Treasury Board approval in June. Sales plan being developed.
- Logging in Brew
- FWAC Field trip to Wedge area on June 9
- Next Board meeting on July 10

4. Ongoing CCF Issues

Concern that RichPly plans road layouts directly with commercial recreation operators. Results may not be in alignment with other planning initiatives such as LRMP, commercial rec tenure boundaries, and overall CCF management approach.

Sub-issues:

- Some loop roads that are being planned to accommodate Blackcomb Snowmobile Adventures desire for a beginners' area are outside the BSA tenure.
- Does FWAC support leaving loop roads open after harvesting for ongoing recreational use?

Discussion: CCF should not negotiate with commercial recreation operators regarding road systems for commercial use that are outside the commercial

operator's tenure area.

MOTION: FWAC recommends that CCF and Richmond Plywood be directed to decommission the Powder 1 roads if they are no longer needed for harvesting and that the commercial recreation operator be advised not to use the decommissioned roads.

Moved by Bryce Leigh
Seconded by John Hammons

CARRIED.

Sub-issues continued:

- Brandywine RV Park and bridge – concern that public will use bridge to go south with motorized vehicles into Brew Creek watershed
 - **ACTION:** Contact Alistair McCrone, RSTBC, to determine uses and conditions of the RV bridge.
- Dogsledding Base – concern that RichPly road decisions are expanding BSA territory into the pond area that is outside of its tenure. Area is already roaded, new CCF harvesting happening next to old WFP blocks. Area is designated non-motorized.
 - **ACTION:** FWAC suggests CCF erect signs at non-motorized boundary.

Planning Recommendations to be forwarded to CCF:

1. Recommend roads should be decommissioned or entrances blocked after harvesting unless needed for more logging in the near term.
2. Recommend CCF direct its operations contractor to not negotiate with commercial recreation operators on areas outside their tenure or build roads beyond what are needed for harvesting.
3. Recommend broader consultation take place on road access planning and issues.
4. Recommend CCF develop a sign program for identifying non-motorized areas.

5. Whistler Blackcomb Update

Presentation and discussion led by Arthur DeJong, WB Mountain Planning and Environmental Resource Manager

WB participated in the wildfire training session held on June 9.

Thinning taking place above Crystal Glide, CBC North and Arthur's Choice to improve flow. Taking a conservative approach.

Area burned in 2009 is being monitored annually for safety.

Low snow pack revealed weaknesses in snowmaking. Some areas will be improved as a result. Also, some thinning and earthworks will take place in Lower Symphony to fix problems revealed with low snow pack.

BC Parks wants to build a trail along Flute Ridge back down to Singing Pass. Would create a shorter loop than exists now. Also considering building a lower, parallel route back to start of High Note Trail to create loop.

Idea suggested to build an alpine botanical garden in recognition of Don MacLaurin's contribution to the mountains.

6. Field Trip Observations

October 30, 2013 and June 9, 2014 field trip notes contribute to the annual report.

Subcommittee should review Powder 01. John and Peter viewed it earlier in year and can provide notes. John and Rob Davis will revisit.

Notes reviewed onscreen and changes made. Attach to minutes.

Revise patchy replanting comments with Tom Cole's explanatory email.

General consensus from FWAC is that harvesting is getting better, closer to EBM plan and silviculture strategy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jack Souther passed away June 9.

Remove CCF Report from July agenda to later in year.

New/Other Business

Future Agenda Items:

- BC Parks Updates (July)
- Landscape Scale Fire Behaviour Modeling report (July)
- CCF Integrated Mapping Project (EBM Reserves & Harvesting Opportunities/Constraints map) (September)
- Don MacLaurin memorial discussion
- CCF Annual Report (September)
- Spotted Owl General Wildlife Measures information session (October)
- Field Trip (October)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bryce Leigh
Seconded by John Hammons

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the June 11, 2014 meeting at 5:04 p.m.

CARRIED

