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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2015, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.
In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

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Name	Meetings to Date: 8
Present:	
Peter Ackhurst, Chair	5
John Hammons	8
Bryce Leigh (AWARE)	5
Johnny Mikes	6
Craig Mackenzie, WORCA (joined in March)	4
Steve Anderson, Councillor	5
Derek Bonin (joined in July)	2
Regrets:	
Arthur DeJong (joined in April)	3
Rob Davis	5
Candace Rose-Taylor	5
Gordon McKeever, Chair	6
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	8
Guest	
Claire Ruddy (AWARE, C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative)	

Motion for Peter Ackhurst to chair the meeting

Moved by Craig Mackenzie
Seconded by Johnny Mikes

ADOPTION OF AGENDA with amendments:

- Singing Pass Trail access
- Black Tusk Gate access
- Whistler Interpretive Forest (Don MacLaurin) sign project

Moved by Craig Mackenzie
Seconded by Johnny Mikes

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda as amended of September 9, 2015.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Craig Mackenzie
Seconded by Derek Bonin

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes of July 8, 2015.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS

3. Updates

Council:

N/A

AWARE:

Subcommittee is meeting soon to discuss CCF EBM Reserves project.

WORCA:

Emily Mann stepping down from WORCA Board.

RMOW:

Wildfire Management:

- Contractor returns on October 2 to complete the Millar's Pond fuel thinning project. Some thinning left, and pile burning.
- UBCM confirmed funding for fuel thinning above Brio, and prescription preparation for Kadenwood/Big Timber. Prescriptions being prepared now for Alpine Meadows polygon.
- Fuel thinning projects schedule (dependent on UBCM funding): 2016, Brio; 2017, Alpine Meadows; 2018, Kadenwood/Big Timber
- Callaghan Landscape fuel break – continue before year end.

Discussion: RMOW funding needs to be increased to accelerate progress.

Trail Planning Working Group meeting October 8. Trail work continued in 2015, ascent and descent trails to be completed in 2016.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

CCF logging starting in the fall.

Consultation continues on the EBM Reserves mapping project.

Carbon offsets sold to RMOW and a number of independent buyers from BC.

4. Field Trip & FWAC Annual Report to CCF

Field Trip – no comments

Annual Report – viewed draft on screen.

- Determined ratings for each opening and report card marks
- Discussion re: Report Card rating on road access vs deactivating. Need access management goals against which to compare operations.

MOTION: FWAC approves the CCF Annual Report for distribution to CCF Board of Directors.

Moved by John Hammons
Seconded by Craig Mackenzie

5. CCF Integrated Resource Mapping Project

Report by subcommittee on draft version of project map: John Hammons, Johnny Mikes, Derek Bonin (Rob Davis absent).

Generally:

- Maps too busy
- Needs a summary table with rationale for each EBM Reserve
- Include targets
- State overall vision, goals & objectives

FWAC will review again at November meeting after the open house.

Suggestion that CCF request commercial recreation operators clean up base areas and make roads/public spaces more inviting to public in return for accommodations through integrated resource planning process.

6. Access Management Principles

Subcommittee: Johnny Mikes, Craig Mackenzie, Derek Bonin

J. Mikes presented draft principles. Looking for feedback. Will bring revised version to next FWAC meeting. J. Mikes will be away but can phone in.

Discussion re: target audience for principles. RMOW, CCF or just FWAC? Decision was made to develop for FWAC's use.

J. Mikes will review LRMP, Coordinated Access Management Plan and RMOW referral review list to determine if any aspects can be incorporated. CCF will not be involved in principles development at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Black Tusk Road & Gate: RMOW suggested new gate location further up the road. RSTBC responded with concerns and did not support new location. CCF may have to improve road if it logs nearby in future. FWAC is supportive of RMOW's continuing efforts to get the gate relocated.

Singing Pass Trail: ACC wants to re-establish the trail and has spoken with FLNRO Resort Planning representative. Request was for car access and parking at IPP. WB not supportive because of safety concerns and suggests parking at Lot 8 and walking up. Another meeting is coming up.

WIF/Don MacLaurin Sign Project: Rotary received funding from CFOW. RMOW did a GPS inventory of all signs within WIF. Plan is to create 4 new interpretive signs (Welcome sign; Don MacLaurin commemorative sign; invasive species sign; WIF history sign) and 4 small road side information signs. Graphic designer hired.

Future Agenda Items:

- October - Access Management Planning subcommittee draft; CCF Integrated Resource Mapping project presentation by CCF representative
- November – Integrated Resource Mapping Project (FWAC review & comments)
- Spearhead Traverse Project Update (TBD)
- MOF Visual Quality Objectives (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)
- MOF Fire Management Plan (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)

ADJOURNMENT

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the September 9, 2015 meeting at 4:53 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: Peter Ackhurst