



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2015, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.**  
**In the Flute Room**  
**4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Meetings to Date: 10</b>
<b>Present:</b>	
Gordon McKeever, Chair	8
Arthur DeJong (joined in April)	5
Johnny Mikes (available by phone)	8
Rob Davis	6
Candace Rose-Taylor	6
Peter Ackhurst	6
John Hammons	9
Bryce Leigh (AWARE)	6
Steve Anderson, Councillor	6
Derek Bonin (joined in July)	3
<b>Regrets:</b>	
Craig Mackenzie, WORCA (joined in March)	5
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	10
<b>Guest</b>	
Claire Ruddy (AWARE)	
Jeff Fisher, CCF Chair	
Sue Maxwell, CCF Board Member	
Kerry Mehaffey, CCF Board Member	

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by John Hammons  
Seconded by Johnny Mikes

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for October 26, 2015.

CARRIED

## VERBAL REPORTS

### 3. Updates

#### **Council:**

Recreation & Leisure Master Plan approved by Council. Many crossovers with FWAC mandate. Eg. Access management.

#### **AWARE:**

Alpine trail building progressing (Sproatt and Brandywine)  
Singing Pass Trail – ACC Whistler Chapter met with MOF and FMCBC sent letter with recommendations re: improving Singing Pass trail access. Provincial response is to have hikers park in Lot 8, a new trail to be built along IPP penstock with new Fitzsimmons Creek bridge at upper intake. Province concerned about road safety and liability.

#### **WORCA:**

N/A

#### **RMOW:**

FWAC Terms of Reference Update – Senior management did not approve request for FWAC to be able to present directly to Council as it is against policy for committees. Also suggested including a maximum term and termination clause.

**ACTION:** Staff and FWAC Chair will review other committee TOR, draft revised TOR and circulate to FWAC.

Discussion re: ability for FWAC to speak directly to Council.

Wildfire Management – Millar's Pond fuel thinning continues. Expected to be complete in first half of November.

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

#### **Cheakamus Community Forest:**

CCF – no harvesting to date. P09 will be moved to 2015 logging schedule from 2016 and start in mid-November. Markets are down, especially pulp, which makes up a good portion of CCF harvest.

### 4. CCF EBM Reserves Project (Integrated Resource Mapping)

CCF represented by Jeff Fisher, Sue Maxwell and Kerry Mehaffey.

Reviewed BEC reserves summary for CCF land base.

Goal is 30% minimum, 40% over long term.

Special management zones are not included in EBM target percentages

EBM Reserve means no commercial harvesting, but can accommodate other interests (e.g. trail building, commercial recreation tenures, mining, etc.)

**See Appendix A** for draft EBM reserves target percentages per BEC. EBM Plan covers Whistler Landscape Unit; EBM Reserves and targets just for CCF boundary.

Areas constrained by more than one category only counted once. FWAC suggested adding a column showing % of LU protected from logging.

FWAC reviewed CCF maps:

- Forest Cover Map
- Protected Areas Map – areas protected by other mechanisms besides EBM Reserves
- Additional Protected – protected from logging by EBM Reserve status. EBM Reserves categorized and prioritized as (i) EBM Reserve – Environment, (ii) EBM Reserve – Environment/Recreation, (iii) EBM Reserve – Recreation.
- Special Management Zones & First Nation cultural areas – SMZ are areas in commercial recreation tenures that will have additional attention/consultation if proposed for logging.

Cougar Mountain polygon recommended by ACC not on current draft due to conflicting opinions on its use by various stakeholders. CCF willing to give it up as a harvesting opportunity but ACC recommended it be used for non-motorized public recreation, and CR tenure holder wants to use for motorized recreation tours. Needs resolution.

Discussion re: placing EBM Reserves in Interface zone on west side of valley that is already off limits to commercial harvesting. It was suggested by WORCA for existing and future trail development.

Next steps for CCF:

- Access management planning in 2016
- Harvesting fall 2015
- Open House November 25 at Whistler library
- Board meeting – early December

## 5. Access Management Principles

**Subcommittee: Johnny Mikes, Craig Mackenzie (absent), Derek Bonin**

J. Mikes presented draft principles, goals and objectives.

FWAC agrees to focus on principals rather than developing an access management plan itself.

Consider other land management plans that can be linked with for consistency (LRMP, OCP, etc.).

FWAC encouraged to hear J. Fisher, CCF Chair, state that CCF will undertake access management planning in 2016. Next step after completion of Integrated Resource Mapping Project (EBM Reserves).

Comments on draft principles:

- Goals: add wildlife habitat values.

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- Use same area as FWAC's Terms of Reference (old Soo, Whistler & Callaghan LU areas)
- Point 5, Resources – need to state who will administer the plan
- Be clear on scope and administration. Suggestion that RMOW be the lead.

Next steps: continue to develop principles. Suggest partners. FWAC members review and provide comments to J. Mikes and subcommittee.

ACTION: Add to November agenda.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Discussion re: late change to include P02 in 2015 CCF harvesting plan was not referred to FWAC.

ACTION: circulate plans to FWAC.

### **Future Agenda Items:**

- November - Access Management Planning subcommittee draft principles; CCF Integrated Resource Mapping project
- Spearhead Traverse Project Update (TBD)
- MOF Visual Quality Objectives (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)
- MOF Fire Management Plan (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)

Christmas Cheer for 2015. Date & location.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the October 26, 2015 meeting at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: Gordon McKeever

Appendix A: Draft EBM Reserves Target Percentages by Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) as of October 26, 2015

BEC Zone	CCF Total (ha)	CCF Forested (VRI)	Protected (ha)						Proposed Protection (ha)				Total Protection		Special Mgmt Zone	
			OGMA (forested)	Wildlands (forested)	Grizzly WHA (forested)	UWR (forested)	Total Protected (forested)	Percent Protected (forested)	EBM Reserve - Env	EBM Reserve - Env/Rec	EBM Reserve - Rec	Total Proposed Protection	Total Protected	Percent of Forested	SMZ - First Nations	SMZ - Com Rec Operator
CWSds1	199	195	66.9	0	0	0	66.9	34.3%					66.9	34.3%		
CWHms1	16600	15790	1904.7	138.1	8.6	27.2	2078.6	13.2%	2063	206.5	327.4	2597	4676	29.6%	392.2	620.1
MHm2	8860	8636	1193.2	2332.4	210.7	34.7	3771	43.7%	260.6		16.2	276.8	4048	46.9%		28.8
MHmp2	4410	3747	0	2457.5	175.3	37.5	2670.3	71.3%					2670	71.3%		
CMA	2950	1361	0	1216.6	9.8	51.5	1277.9	93.9%					1278	93.9%		
	33018	29729	3164.8	6144.6	404.4	150.9	9864.7	33.2%				2874	12739	43%	392.2	648.9

\*\* EBM Plan areas do not fully jive with VRI areas, VRI numbers were used to calculate totals and percentages.