



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.
In the Fissile Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

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Name	Meetings to Date: 11
Present:	
Gordon McKeever, Chair	9
Arthur DeJong (joined in April)	6
Johnny Mikes	9
Candace Rose-Taylor	7
Peter Ackhurst	7
John Hammons	10
Steve Anderson, Councillor	7
Derek Bonin (joined in July)	4
Craig Mackenzie, WORCA (joined in March)	6
Regrets:	
Rob Davis	6
Bryce Leigh (AWARE)	6
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	11

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

With the addition of New Business items: Whistler Interpretive Forest sign project (Don MacLaurin signs) and update on Hemlock Valley.

Moved by Candace Rose-Taylor
Seconded by John Hammons

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda as amended for November 18, 2015.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Johnny Mikes

Seconded by Derek Bonin

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

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS

3. Updates

Council:

Councilor Anderson reviewed list of FWAC recommendations from 2014/15 to determine action taken on each. Will continue to review in future.
Wildfire management/Firesmart is important to Council.
Council retreat in December.

ACTION: Add recommendation list to January meeting agenda.

AWARE:

N/A

WORCA:

Alpine Sproatt trail work complete for 2015. Three year program will conclude in 2016.
WORCA developing 3 year maintenance plan with RMOW.

RMOW:

Wildfire Management – Millar's Pond fuel thinning complete.
RFP released for 2016 project above Brio.
FWAC Terms of Reference Update – To council in January
Callaghan landscape fuel thinning starts soon

Cheakamus Community Forest:

No harvesting to date. P02 (incorrectly identified as P09 in October minutes) moved ahead from 2016 to December 2015. FWAC disappointed that no referral occurred. Harvesting young plantations is not aligned with EBM Plan.

Page 24 of EBM Plan: "Harvesting will only occur in forests less than 100 years of age when implementing FireSmart or landscape level fuel management under a shaded fuel break scenario."

Questioned why Wedge wasn't done.

FWAC reviewed P02 harvesting plan – 8,000 m3, 17.4 ha, low retention, regeneration harvest, 10 polygons. FWAC recommends that if CCF harvesting younger even aged stands, goal should be to create an uneven aged stand, leave some structure behind. Aim for moderate retention.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – CCF must ensure it refers plans to FWAC for review, and to follow the EBM Plan and the silviculture strategy.

FWAC also recommends moderate retention for P02 in alignment with EBM Plan and silviculture strategy.

Open House on November 25 at Whistler Library. Sharing EBM Reserves, Special Management Zones, 1-3 and 4-10 year harvesting areas, 2016 harvesting plans.

4. CCF EBM Reserves Project (Integrated Resource Mapping)

FWAC reviewed comments provided by subcommittee (John Hammons, Derek Bonin, Johnny Mikes).

3:55 p.m.

NOTE: Time is 3:55. FWAC defers agenda item, Access Management Principles, in order to spend more time on EBM Reserves.

Priority for EBM Reserve status should be for ecological reasons, not recreational.

CCF must ensure that enough area to meet AAC is available in Timber Harvesting Land Base.

Suggestion to analyse forest cover at site series level to understand percentages of old growth and other ecosystems.

Show Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) in another category on the BEC summary table. Don't overlap RMZ and Riparian Reserve Zones (RRZ) with other EBM Reserves.

4:25 p.m.

Arthur DeJong arrived.

Red and some blue listed ecosystems must be included in EBM Reserves as per EBM plan.

Interface Zone (IZ) – pull IZ out of totals and create a separate column. Should count toward old growth targets. IZ is already protected from commercial harvesting as per Forest Stewardship Plan.

Landscape Unit (LU) vs CCF land base – ecosystems function at the Landscape level, but CCF has identified EBM Reserves only within CCF land base. CCF meeting community expectations, and OGMAs are identified over the LU so feels a balance was achieved.

Recommend CCF consider terrain and stability/slope classes. Speaks to operability. Steep zones could be added to EBM Reserves.

ACTION: Subcommittee will revise comments and distribute to CCF by December 9.

5. Access Management Principles

Deferred, review before next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Whistler Interpretive Forest sign project (Don MacLaurin sign project) – CFOW provided funding to Rotary. 4 large interpretive signs, 4 small information signs, kiosks. Signs will be installed for spring 2016.

Hemlock Valley Funding announcement – New CRA, 6,000 hectares (WB is 4,000). \$1.5 billion investment over 50 years. 20,000 bed units. Overlaps a First Nation logging tenure, and is a full partner in the redevelopment.

Christmas Cheer – to be a working meeting to discuss access management principles. Doodle poll to be sent out to determine date. Meet at Brewhouse.

Future Agenda Items:

- January – Access Management; Elect chair; review 2016 harvesting plan shared at CCF November 25 open house
- February – review CCF long term harvesting plans
- 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 November 18, 2015 meeting at 5:01 p.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR: Gordon McKeever