



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2016, 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: 1
<b>Present:</b>	
Gordon McKeever, Chair	1
Arthur DeJong	1
Johnny Mikes	1
Candace Rose-Taylor	1
John Hammons	1
Steve Anderson, Councillor	1
Derek Bonin	1
Craig Mackenzie, WORCA	1
Bryce Leigh (AWARE)	1
<b>Regrets:</b>	
Rob Davis	0
Peter Ackhurst	0
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	1

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by John Hammons  
Seconded by Bryce Leigh

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for January 13, 2016

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Candace Rose-Taylor  
Seconded by Derek Bonin

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes for November 18, 2015.

CARRIED

## VERBAL REPORTS

### 3. Updates

#### Council:

N/A

#### AWARE:

Elizabeth May speaking in Whistler on January 21.  
Four non-motorized signs erected in Edna Creek area, FMC ordered 4 more signs.

#### WORCA:

Waiting for funding from 2016 Sproatt trail work.

#### RMOW:

FWAC Terms of Reference amendments on Feb. 2 Council agenda.

#### Cheakamus Community Forest:

2016 Harvesting Plans on today's agenda.

### 4. Elect Chair

FWAC 2016 Chair – Gordon McKeever  
Alternate – Rob Davis  
2016 Meeting schedule accepted

Moved by Candace Rose-Taylor  
Seconded by Derek Bonin

### 5. CCF 2016 Harvesting Plans

Jeff Fisher & Tom Cole, CCF, presenting.

Reviewed 2016 harvesting plan summary. Maximum possible to harvest 36,500m<sup>3</sup>. Largely the same as the 2015 plan.

- Callaghan A01 (A, E, G): cable based, 10 openings, Squamish Forestry Ventures contracted to do the work.
- Callaghan A01 (Q, R): lower road by dog sled operations, heavy pulp component; connector road to close loop is on hold
- Cheakamus 16:
  - Jane Lake FSR access; provides access to Cheakamus 15 for future harvesting
  - open house scheduled for February 1
  - 21.9 hectares, ~9100m<sup>3</sup>; 40 of largest 80 trees left standing to meet Spotted Owl criteria; moderate retention meets visual quality objectives, road is on a bench so not very visible
  - CK16 (e) was logged in 1963. Trees still young. Suggest changing to moderate retention.
  - One pass harvesting with intention to return in 70-100 years and harvest second growth

- Discussion re: CK16's contribution to overall wildfire management. Concern it may open new area for camping and campfires. Blackwell is re-running landscape fire model to determine best areas to treat to lower risk.
- Powder 07: previous comments were incorporated so unit more broken up now.
  - Culvert on Dority Creek built in October 2015.
- Rainbow 04: Road costs high and logging doesn't pay for development costs. Hydro continuing to clear above their line along this unit.
- Rainbow 13: above Olympic Park. 5082m<sup>3</sup>, 8.4 hectares. Wood will come out through WOP, not Canadian Wilderness Adventures. WOP can use the road afterward. Needs to be referred to WOP.
- Wedge 02: Lil'wat IPP still unresolved. W02 intended to coordinate road building. Needs decision by Lil'wat to determine start date.
  - D block will be broken into 3 openings
  - Timing restrictions due to Northern Goshawk nest in area. Same for Wedge 08. Could work late August to March to avoid nesting season.
- Wedge 08: goal is to thin trees to provide shaded fuel break. Young plantation, ~45 years old. Even though smaller trees, development costs are relatively low. Outside of FSP fuel modification area. Would break up 1000 hectares of uniform second growth. Propose leaving 250 stems/hectare (for comparison, Horstman is 350)
- Powder 02 (A): Between snowmobile parking lot and highway. Harvested in December, wood still on ground. Can't see it from highway. 250-300 trees dispersed throughout.
- P02 (C – G): Along Callaghan paved road near Olympic overflow parking; left 5-10 m strip of trees, then a strip where half the trees were left beside the opening boundary. Left 30 trees per ha in the unit. 200,000 kg of fine fuels were taken to the composter.

#### CCF Response to FWAC 2014 Annual Report

(CCF Board received report at December 2015 Board meeting)

- Debris piles – most piles burned in 2015
- Coarse woody debris – CCF is researching the recommendation and will determine response
- Access management planning recommendation – CCF undertaking in 2016
- CCF's aim is to follow the EBM silviculture strategy as closely as possible
- Monitoring program recommendation – CCF has drafted a monitoring plan but it's not finalized yet. Add to future FWAC agenda.
- Recommendation to increase/improve on-site supervision – Tom & Jeff spend lots of time on site. This type of logging require guidance for the contactors.

#### 6. EBM Reserves

FWAC subcommittee (John Hammons, Derek Bonin, Johnny Mikes) reviewed the EBM work but were unable to reach consensus on several points and thus were not able to produce an agreed upon set of

recommendations. Two draft set of recommendations were generated but not amalgamated.

Many points of agreement: wanted to ensure good representation through ecosystems down to the site series; reviewed project against stated EBM targets; incorporated biodiversity planning from province. One report is quite technical. Still need to resolve what should or shouldn't be counted as an EBM Reserve. Concern by some that CCF may not fully appreciate how much of the THLB is now off the table. On the other hand, concern expressed that the report recommendations are requesting many changes to the process and emphasize ecosystem issues over the expressed social values. Suggestion to request the CCF update the work in five years and consider incorporating the more significant changes at that time. Effects of proposed revisions on total area of EBM Reserves unknown at this time.

Discussion re: producing a document that communicates points of agreement, highlights items that should be included in the next iteration, and also states differing opinions on the other points. Let CCF Board receive and resolve.

ACTION: D. Bonin and C. Mackenzie to prepare a blended document for review at February meeting.

## **7. Access Management Principles**

Defer to February agenda.  
Goal is to create a matrix for guiding access decisions. Not prescriptive, but based on principles.  
Link to other approved strategies and plans.

ACTION: FWAC members submit comments to H. Beresford by Feb. 3 for compilation into one document for review at meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **Future Agenda Items:**

- February – review CCF long term harvesting plans
- February – Access Management Planning principles
- February – EBM Reserves project response
- Landscape Fuel Management model update (March)
- 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 January 13, 2016 meeting at 4:56 p.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR: Gordon McKeever