



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2016, 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: 2</b>
<b>Present:</b>	
Gordon McKeever, Chair	2
Arthur DeJong	2
Johnny Mikes	2
Peter Ackhurst	1
Steve Anderson, Councillor	2
Derek Bonin	2
Craig Mackenzie, WORCA	2
Claire Ruddy (AWARE)	1
<b>Regrets:</b>	
Rob Davis	0
Candace Rose-Taylor	1
John Hammons	1
Bryce Leigh (AWARE)	1
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	2

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Johnny Mikes  
Seconded by Arthur DeJong

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for February 10, 2016

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Derek Bonin  
Seconded by Peter Ackhurst

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

CARRIED

## **VERBAL REPORTS**

### **3. Updates**

#### **Council:**

Attended CCF open house on February 1 in Cheakamus Crossing. Noted that no complaints re: logging plans, but one negative comment on fuel thinning along Cheakamus Lake Road.

#### **AWARE:**

Funding applications

- 10 year review of GLORIA alpine ecosystem monitoring program
- 2-part speakers series (topics: transportation and wildfire)

#### **WORCA:**

Fee for service agreement signed with RMOW for \$50,000 per year for 3 years to provide trail maintenance.

Plans: complete rebuild of Comfortably Numb; Trail from Black Tusk road to Jane Lakes

Also received \$20,000 from American Friends of Whistler to work on west side trails.

Sproatt trail scheduled for completion this year.

#### **RMOW:**

FWAC Terms of Reference amendments on March 1 Council agenda.  
Supporting AWARE's wildfire speaker series

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

Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood open house on February 1.

EBM Reserves project on Feb. 22 CCF Board meeting. Waiting for FWAC input.

### **4. Access Management Principles**

Reviewed Draft 4 distributed prior to meeting.

Discussed B. Leigh's comments provided by email:

- Some forms of access may not be appropriate in certain places at any time: Consensus that Point 1.6 already includes this idea (avoid unintended consequences)
- Include carrying capacity: Implied in many points. Words added to Point 4.3.

Amended Point 2 to include reference to nature-based tourism as the priority and desired outcome for people accessing the back country.

Discussion: The principles are intended as a tool for RMOW and FWAC to use plus share with CCF, MOF, Commercial Recreation Operators and SLRD and encourage them to use.

**KEY POINTS:**

Why? Idea is to provide access management planning principles for RMOW to use and share

Who? Key stakeholders – CCF, MOF, Commercial Recreation Operators, SLRD

How it might be used. RMOW, FWAC and others use the principles to guide land use and access planning, maintenance and management.

Provide key points to Councilor Anderson to share with Council when minutes are received.

**ACTION:** J. Mikes to revise draft document and bring back to March meeting, and share draft with CCF Board.

**5. EBM Reserves**

D. Bonin and C. McKenzie consolidated previous comments provided by subcommittee.

Discussion re: document organization; remove reference to AWARE; comments on EBM Reserve process may not be implemented until next iteration but agreed to send all comments to CCF now.

Agreed to:

- Put points of agreement first
- Group points of contention together at the bottom of the document
- Remove phrases referencing that some FWAC members disagree

**ACTION:** H. Beresford to re-organize document and send to CCF, cc FWAC.

**6. 2016 Harvesting Plans – Final Comments**

Discussed CCF presentation on 2016 harvesting plans at January meeting.

Points to share with CCF:

- 2016 plans total 36,500 m3. FWAC questions if FRPA permits CCF to cut more than a 50% increase to the AAC of 21,000.
- Cheakamus 16 (e) – recommendation to change retention to moderate.
- CCF should avoid creating loop roads that facilitate motorized recreation access.

**MOTION:** FWAC supports the 2016 CCF Harvesting Plan with the following comments:

- 2016 plans total 36,500 m3. FWAC questions if FRPA permits CCF to cut more than a 50% increase to the AAC of 21,000.
- Cheakamus 16 (e) – recommendation to change retention to moderate.
- CCF should avoid creating loop roads that facilitate motorized recreation access.

Moved by Peter Ackhurst  
Seconded by Craig McKenzie

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Add 1-3 year and 4-10 year CCF harvesting plans to March agenda
- Access management principles added to March agenda

### **Future Agenda Items:**

- CCF Long Term Harvesting Plans (March)
- Access Management Planning Principles (March)
- Landscape Fuel Management model update (April)
- 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 February 10, 2016 meeting at 4:49 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: Gordon McKeever