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**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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: 8
Present:	
Member at Large, Arthur DeJong	8
Member at Large, Derek Bonin	7
WORCA, Craig Mackenzie	7
AWARE, Claire Ruddy (since March)	5
Member at Large, Johnny Mikes	7
Member at Large, Rob Davis	5
Regrets:	
Member at Large, Candace Rose-Taylor	4
Councillor Steve Anderson	4
Member at Large, Trevor Burton (since June)	2
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford	8
Guest: Councillor Sue Maxwell	

Adoption of Agenda

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Moved by J. Mikes
Seconded by C. Mackenzie

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for October 12, 2016.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Mackenzie
Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes for September 14, 2016.

CARRIED

Verbal Reports

Council:

- N/A

AWARE:

- Spoke at Canadian Wilderness Adventures rezoning open house. Requested a Callaghan recreation master plan be developed, and to not give zoning approval to amenities not yet approved in updated plan that is currently under review.

WORCA:

- Lord of the Squirrels descent trail and other projects complete
- Director of Planning, Todd Hellinga, will replace Craig Mackenzie on FWAC starting at November meeting.

RMOW:

- Brio fuel thinning project partially complete, will finish remaining area in fall 2016 and spring 2017
- Comprehensive Wildfire Plan being developed
- Council to choose 3 new FWAC members at November 1 meeting.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Access Management Planning underway. Draft will come to FWAC at November meeting. Then to CCF Board and open house by early December.
- CCF Fall 2016 harvesting plans: P02a, A02 (a,e,f,g), W08c, W02 (b,c,d), Callaghan fuel thinning.
- CCF 2017 field work planned for layout: Cheak01, Cheak15, fuel reduction at R04, Cheakamus Lake Road, and Loggers Lake Road.
- Applied to new Forest Enhancement Society for fall 2016 funding to complete Callaghan fuel thinning and future projects.

A. DeJong left at 3:34 p.m.

- Discussion re: CCF Access Management Planning approach

Corridor Recreation Issues

A discussion led by Alistair McCrone, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, regarding corridor recreation issues and plans (on telephone).

- Provincial announcement coming soon regarding increase to number of available managed sites in the province.
- Discussed areas of pressure with long term camping/squatting at areas such as Wedge and south of Bungee Jump.
- Discussed recreation pressures and effects of expansion on wildlife, particularly grizzly bears.

- Meager Creek and Upper Lilloett (Keyhole Falls) sites are focus for planning and improvements.
- New recreation area planned for Tenquille Lake down to Owl Creek area. Management plan being developed.
- No resources currently to undertake a Callaghan valley recreation plan.
- WORCA rep shared that Lord of the Squirrels trail is experiencing heli-drops onto Sproatt. Response: once trails are legally established, permitted use can be dictated and enforced.

S. Maxwell left the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

- Discussion re: how development of commercial recreation tenures is managed. Response: Management plan identifies what is permitted, and is monitored by Land Officer.
- Discussion re: deactivated roads as ATV trails. Response: Commercial recreation operators can use deactivated roads under permit as no one else is responsible for the road.
- Public access must be maintained within commercial recreation tenures. How is public access defined? Response: Access is managed according to road and permit conditions. Specific to the North Air Mines Road, Canadian Wilderness Adventures (CWA) have an agreement for year round management and the road is deactivated above the mine ponds. CWA has no obligation to keep the road open to vehicles and it would be unsafe to allow vehicles past that point.
- Discussion re: parking location chosen for CWA road. Hiking community would like to see it at higher elevation. Response: RSTBC doesn't have budget to maintain the road and current location has good parking/turnaround area at the top of the better condition section of road.
- Discussion re: moving Black Tusk gate higher. Response: BC Parks manages this gate. Overall there are less gates than in the past.

FWAC Priorities & Tasks

A discussion led by C. Ruddy regarding the FWAC priorities and tasks for 2017 and future.

FWAC reviewed the priorities spreadsheet compiled since last meeting.

Discussion re: mapping resources available that FWAC could access. Further discussion of priorities at November meeting when more members will be present.

ACTION: C. Ruddy will review list and group similar themes.

ACTION: H. Beresford to circulate updated list of FWAC recommendations to Council since 2015.

Discussion re: feedback mechanism from Council to FWAC.

Other Business

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October 17 Field trip locations:

- Meet at municipal hall parking lot at 1:00 p.m.
- Cheakamus 16
- Compare an interface treatment area to the Callaghan (Millars Pond)
- Request a tour of Canadian Wilderness Adventures' expansion areas

Thank you to Rob Davis and John Hammons for their many years of service to the community on the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee.

Future Agenda Items:

- November: FWAC Recommendations Review
- November: Draft CCF 2017 harvesting plans
- December meeting to be confirmed based on need
- January: Bob Cunneyworth, Compliance & Enforcement
- January: Elect chair for 2017; approve final CCF harvest plan and send comments to Board

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Mackenzie

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the October 12, 2016 meeting at 5:05 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: C. Ruddy

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford