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**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, 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: 10
Present:	
Councillor Andree Janyk	1
Member at Large, Arthur DeJong	10
Member at Large, Candace Rose-Taylor	5
WORCA, Todd Hellinga	2
AWARE, Claire Ruddy	7
Member at Large, Johnny Mikes	9
Member at Large, Trevor Burton (since June)	4
Mac Lowry (since November)	2
Colin Rankin (since November)	2
Kathi Bridge (since November)	2
Regrets:	
Member at Large, Derek Bonin	8
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford	8
Guests: Tom Cole (CCF)	

Adoption of Agenda

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Moved by C. Rose-Taylor
Seconded by K. Bridge

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for December 14, 2016.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

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Moved by T. Hellinga
Seconded by C. Rose-Taylor

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes for November 9, 2016.

CARRIED

Verbal Reports

Council:

- Councillor S. Anderson replaced by Councillor A. Janyk in mid-term reorganization.

AWARE:

- Writing reports to funders

WORCA:

- Writing reports, planning
- Open house scheduled for February

RMOW:

- Brio fuel thinning project will be resumed in spring 2017.
- Blackwell & Associates finalizing a draft Comprehensive Wildfire Strategy. Will be presented to Council January 24. Add to February FWAC agenda.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Tom Cole here today to discuss the 2017 harvesting plans and the draft Access Management Plan

A. Janyk arrived at 3:21 p.m.

CCF 2017 Harvesting Plans

T. Cole reviewed CCF 2017 harvest plans with FWAC (summary sheet handout).

FWAC reviewed plans in November. No feedback from December 7 CCF open house.

WORCA comments

- WO2 – requested edges of harvesting be “feathered” to minimize visual impact to Comfortably Numb. T. Cole noted that Forest Stewardship Plan has objective to do modified harvesting near defined recreation elements. Moderate retention is planned and logging will not take place across the trail. Access road will be deactivated later.
- Concern with plans to harvest Cheakamus 02 (CK02) above Highline trail. Very busy recreation area. T. Cole noted that there

are no trails within CK02 and it's in the Timber Harvesting Land Base. CCF needs to do formal referral with WB because CK02 is in the CRA. Will access by opening an old road. CK02 was included in long range plans communicated previously.

Suggest CCF update the 1-3 and 4-10 year plans regularly to keep community informed. Recommend putting all polygons on same map.

CCF is managing visual quality for minimum of partial retention, meaning 5-7% disturbance on the landscape.

ACTION: H. Beresford will consolidate November and December comments and distribute to FWAC by email before January meeting.

CCF Draft Access Management Plan

T. Cole presented draft CCF Access Management Plan (AMP). Follow up to brief introduction at November meeting.

AMP maps displayed at CCF December 7 open house. One comment received about keeping location of parking on access to Sproatt mountain bike/hiking trail system at North Aire Mines pond rather than higher up. Road deteriorates and maintenance would be very expensive.

Subcommittee J. Mikes and C. Ruddy reviewed the maps and draft report. Comments:

- Consider not calling it a plan, more of a status report or road management plan.
- Report organization – place current reality first, then recommendation section with reference to source of recommendations
- CCF has limited road responsibility, other stakeholders must be included in the process.
- Recommend identifying priorities to improve strategic focus
- Need clarity on the planning process and what it feeds into. Is it a SWOT, issues or needs based plan?
- Recommend adding long term harvesting plans, break land base into areas, and review all stakeholder plans for each area. Determine access based on longer term plans. Consider a zoning approach.
- Fuel management needs to be considered.
- Plan roads for multiple purposes.

Next steps:

- Distribute draft to stakeholders.
- CCF will connect with commercial recreation operators and public recreation groups. Looking for coordination of planning and resources.
- Identify priority roads. Coordinate maintenance with FLNRO and BC Parks.

FWAC comments:

- Suggest RMOW lead next stage
- Suggest CCF pick one road and coordinate resources from other stakeholders.
- Consider creating overall vision for FWAC's area of interest as per the Terms of Reference (in the area previously identified as the Soo, Whistler and Callaghan landscape units) and develop objectives.
- Identify values in each area to inform decisions.
- Investigate use of RMI funding to improve access.

ACTION: Rename the plan and articulate the planning process going forward.

FWAC Priorities & Tasks

FWAC reviewed the draft priorities document. Goal is to be strategic, ensure all areas of Terms of Reference are being discussed by FWAC at its meetings, and identify priorities and FWAC's role.

Comments on draft:

- Add periodic meetings with Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee and Trail Planning Working Group.
- Support recreation activities that are compatible with wildlife and habitat
- Share land use decisions with public
- Engage in access management planning
- Improve connections with other committees/groups/companies in the area to identify priorities and recommendations, before sending resolutions to Council.

Next steps:

- FWAC to identify 3 priorities for 2017. Reach out to other committees and stakeholders to see if they are addressing the same priorities.

Other Business

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Future Agenda Items:

- January: Draft VQO review; summarize harvesting plan comments and approve for release to CCF Board; : Elect chair for 2017
- February: review Comprehensive Wildfire Plan; presentation by Bob Cunneyworth, FLNRO Compliance and Enforcement Officer

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by K. Bridge
Seconded by T. Hellinga

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the December 14, 2016 meeting at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: C. Ruddy

RECORDING SECRETARY: H. Beresford