

# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017, 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: 11
<b>Present:</b>	
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Chair	9
Council, John Grills	4
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	5
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	7
Member at Large, Derek Bonin	10
Member at Large, Arthur DeJong	10
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	7
<b>Regrets:</b>	
Member at Large, Johnny Mikes	7
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	6
Member at Large, Candace Rose-Taylor	5
WORCA, Todd Hellinga	6
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	
Heather Beresford	11

Adoption of Agenda

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Bonin  
Seconded by J. Grills

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest &  
Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for December 13, 2017.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by K. Bridge

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes for November 8, 2017.

CARRIED

## Verbal Reports

### Council

- CFOW Vital Signs report; Sea to Sky Transit study underway; entire Whistler transit fleet transitioning to natural gas; Bayly Park site of artificial turf field; CECAP report shows that emissions are increasing; private sector employee housing guidelines presented to Council

### AWARE

- AWARE appointed to sit on Trail Planning Working Group (TPWG), report out to FWAC and Whistler Bear Advisory Committee. Shared FWAC land management principles and FWAC road access planning with TPWG.

### RMOW/CCF:

- Callaghan FSR, Alpine Meadows and CCF#5 fuel thinning projects underway
- Wedge 08 debris piles being ground up and delivered to Callaghan composter. Trial project to better understand costs. Forest Enhancement Society is funding.
- 2018 Program: Cheakamus Lake Road with CCF, Kadenwood/Big Timber
- Official Community Plan update revived in 2018. Wildfire policies will be added.

## Cheakamus Community Forest 2018 Harvesting Plans

FWAC discussed November presentation by Tom Cole, Forest Manager for Cheakamus Community Forest regarding proposed 2018 harvesting plans.

<http://www.cheakamuscommunityforest.com/maps-and-harvesting-plans/>

### Cheakamus 15 –

- Will provide better access to Jane Lakes area
- Monitor harvesting in relation to spotted owl requirements

### Cheakamus 10 –

- Provides possibility of better access to Jane Lakes and Garibaldi Provincial Park if gate moved higher on road
- Site is dependent on securing access through the quarry since Loggers Lake is not to be used for log transport

- Pulp is end use for the timber, but provides opportunity to introduce more diverse trees into the predominantly hemlock/balsam forest.
- Site will show different examples of retention levels and provide opportunity for public learning. Meets public education objectives of WIF.
- This area had been suggested as an EBM Reserve.

Fee01 –

- Steep slopes, lots of run off – CCF to exercise extreme caution regarding mass wasting and erosion
- Site needs proper investment in road building, and to use logging equipment that minimizes soil impacts
- Terrain stability mapping should be used for all logging plans and shared with FWAC
- Ensure that enlarged openings still meet silviculture strategy

Powder07 –

- FWAC recommends that modifications to openings be adjusted to meet silviculture strategy and does not approve the current plan
- CCF should be transparent on how blocks are developed in relation to the silviculture strategy
- If there is not enough volume available to meet costs, then either adjust costs or develop more small blocks that meet silviculture strategy.

Fee 02 –

- Cable logging is a good choice because CCF won't need to build skid roads
- Additional volume acceptable if block sizes stay within silviculture strategy
- Road improvements will improve access to Brandywine Meadows but at the risk of increased inappropriate alpine access (e.g. ATVs)

Cheakamus 01 –

- CCF deferred Cheakamus 01 until more public consultation with public such as Cheakamus Crossing residents and WORCA
- If harvesting approved, CCF should consider alternative logging methods to reduce impacts
- FWAC requests to be consulted further on Cheakamus 01 as planning progresses

ACTION: Consolidate November and December comments; review at January meeting

Whistler Interpretive Forest

A presentation by Derek Bonin regarding the Whistler Interpretive Forest (WIF).

FWAC reviewed the WIF objectives as approved by FLNRO District Manager in November 1999. (Appendix A)

- Rotary, RMOW and Museum have been upgrading interpretive signs over last few years.
- Forest Renewal BC provided funding to RMOW in past to develop trails, signs and suspension bridge. Some sporadic maintenance over last 17 years.
- Several layers of jurisdiction: RMOW, CCF, FLNRO, Rec Sites and Trails BC, Lil'wat Nation cultural management area, BC Parks. No one taking the lead on management, planning or maintenance.
- May be opportunity to access Forest Enhancement Society of BC funds. Would need a lead agency to take on.
- FWAC encourages CCF to take a broader interest in all the objectives and suggests RMOW consider taking a lead role.

ACTION: H. Beresford to gather information on various past and future management actions in the WIF. Discuss at February meeting.

#### FWAC Field Trip Report

A presentation by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, regarding the draft FWAC October Field Trip Report.

FWAC reviewed the draft report. FWAC will provide comments to H. Beresford by January 5, 2018.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- N/A

#### Future Agenda Items:

- January: Elect chair; Review Trail Planning Working Group newsletter; Review/approve consolidated 2018 harvesting plan comments
- February: TPWG project referral system (flow chart); WIF management; Review OCP

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Bonin  
Seconded by K. Bridge

**That** the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the December 13, 2017 meeting at 4:56 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR: C. Ruddy

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RECORDING SECRETARY: H. Beresford

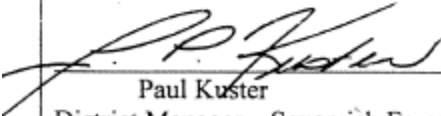
## APPENDIX A

### **Order to Establish Objectives for the Whistler Interpretive Forest in the Squamish Forest District**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 6(3) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, objectives for the following Ministry of Forest's interpretive forest site are to be established effective *November 20, 1999*:

Whistler Interpretive Forest Site, Project 16660-20-6264

The objective of the Whistler Interpretive Forest Site is to *provide forest interpretation and education opportunities*, while demonstrating integrated resource management. Forest resources, including public recreation, fish, wildlife, timber, forage, water, soil and landscape aesthetics will be managed using a comprehensive planning process. Ecosystem biodiversity will be managed at the landscape level with particular attention given to the conservation of riparian and meadow areas. Forest recreation will be managed for non-motorized and rural recreation experiences. Seasonal two wheel drive access, on designated roads, will be permitted. Opportunities for a wide variety of recreational activities will be available. Roads and day use facilities will be maintained. Forest stands will be managed for harvesting, utilizing various silvicultural systems. Forest interpretation activities and education on local ecosystems and forest practices will be provided through brochures, self guided interpretive trails and signage.

  
Paul Kuster

District Manager, Squamish Forest District

Dated *November 25, 1999*