



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2018, STARTING AT 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Name	Meetings to Date: 10
Present:	
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Chair	8
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Co-Chair	9
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	6
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	5
Member at Large, Candace Rose-Taylor	5
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	10
Regrets:	
Council, Arthur DeJong	7
WORCA, Matt Hooper	6
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	4
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by T. Burton

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of November 14, 2018.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Rose-Taylor
Seconded by C. Rankin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of October 10, 2018.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- A. DeJong is new FWAC representative.
- FWAC discussed possibility of re-organizing council advisory committees to reduce overlap in mandates and improve cross connections on issues.

AWARE:

- Scheduled to present to Committee of the Whole on key issues
- AWARE will present eco-citizenship information at 15 Whistler Experience sessions.

RMOW:

- Kadenwood fuel thinning project complete for 2018, will recommence spring 2019. Alpine Meadows and CCF5 burning final piles.
- E-bike policy development and public outreach underway
- Parks Planning is scoping a Recreation Trails Access Management Strategy. Very early, will need Council approval to initiate.
 - Discussion: recommend sharing FWAC access principles with staff; suggest using a resource-driven approach rather than a user-driven approach; consider engaging stakeholders early to provide input on scope and scale; consider having Cheakamus Community Forest involved in developing the strategy. Discuss further at December meeting.

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Reviewed November newsletter. Need significant resources to educate public on alpine etiquette.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Fuel thinning begins November 19 on Cheakamus Lake Road which will be closed until spring 2019.
- Open House scheduled for Tuesday, November 27 from 4:30 – 6:30 at Maury Young Arts Centre. Presentation at 5:00 p.m.

CCF 2019 Harvesting Plans

A presentation by Tom Cole, Cheakamus Community Forest Manager, was given regarding the proposed 2019 harvesting and wildfire plan and a discussion was held.

- Note that plans are draft and will be finalized for open house on Nov. 27.

Proposed and current harvesting sites:

- Wedge 80 – (previously Wedge 08) Work is currently underway.
- Rainbow – prescription being developed for thinning areas adjacent to Rainbow in 2019
- Cheakamus 15 – harvesting underway, completion in spring 2019
- Cheakamus 09 – additional volume from this site may be needed to pay for reconstruction of road through quarry if decision is made to develop that route rather than use Loggers Lake Road. FWAC raised concern of additional habitat fragmentation by building new road.
- Cheakamus 10 – laid out in 2013. Low/medium/high retention demonstrated.

Discussion: Loggers Lake road is an industrial road which FLNRORD prefers to use to access Cheakamus Valley harvesting. Portion of Cheakamus Crossing

Phase 2 overlays the road alignment. CCF hesitant to run trucks through neighbourhood. Needs clear direction on desired route: through quarry with associated costs or use existing Loggers Lake road?

- Tusk 01 – goal is to lay out in 2019, needs archaeological review. Road in good shape, needs to be brushed out, but Daisy Road in bad shape. Anticipate harvesting in fall 2019. Consider treating as spotted owl habitat regardless of designation.
- Cheakamus 03 – wildfire management project that will close Cheakamus Lake road for winter 2018/19. Will move to Cheakamus 04 (closer to Cheakamus Lake trail parking lot) in spring 2019. Farside Trail to MacLaurin's Crossing suspension bridge will stay open. WORCA is signing the trails and sharing on social media. Concern about people entering from Whistler Mountain.
- Powder 07 – cutting permit approved recently.
- Fee 01 – deferred.
- Fee 02 – Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will pick up where BC Timber Sales ended.

C. Rose-Taylor left at 4:32 p.m. Thanks to Candace for her valuable contributions to FWAC over the length of her term.

CCF Annual Field Trip A presentation by H. Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was given regarding the FWAC field trip notes and a discussion was held.

- Blackwell & Associates now recommending treating riparian areas as research showing they can be a weak link in fuel breaks if left untreated. CCF treating half the riparian reserve.
- Original additionality analysis by Brinkman showed that carbon funds are necessary to pay for the enhanced forest management undertaken by the CCF.
- Consider sharing more information with the public on the carbon project.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Reviewed upcoming agenda items
- Advertisements to be placed for replacement FWAC members.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by T. Burton

Seconded by C. Rankin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of November 14, 2018 be terminated at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Claire Ruddy

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford