



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 12, 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: 11
Present:	
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Chair	9
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Co-Chair	10
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	7
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	5
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	11
Regrets:	
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	7
WORCA, Matt Hooper	6
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	5
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Rankin

Seconded by M. Lowry

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of December 12, 2018.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Rankin

Seconded by D. Bonin

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- A. DeJong is new FWAC representative.

- Council retreat underway. Priorities will be established.

C. Ruddy arrived at 3:15 p.m.

AWARE:

- Presented to Committee of the Whole.
 - Key points: Climate change and CECAP implementation; need for proactive landscape level planning to manage increasing and changing recreational uses; need to shift behavior.

RMOW:

- 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.

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Related issue – Recreation Sites & Trails BC, Conservation Officer Service and RMOW will develop grizzly bear management plan for alpine recreation trails for spring 2019.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Fuel thinning underway on Cheakamus Lake Road which will be closed until spring 2019.
- Open House held November 27.

E-Bike Policy

A presentation by Martin Pardoe, Parks Planning Manager, was given regarding the E-Bike policy development process and a discussion was held.

- FWAC reviewed project phasing, draft objectives
- Project phases
 1. Project planning (October – November 2018)
 2. Community engagement (December 2018 – January 2019)
 3. Development of regulatory mechanisms (February – March 2019)
 4. Implementation (April 2019)
- Discussions regarding valley trail e-bike use; e-bike commuter infrastructure improvements; managing conflicts; commercial e-bike operators on Valley Trail; communicating with public and e-bike users; desire for consistent rules within the Sea to Sky corridor
- RMOW is planning objectives first then options and outcomes will be suggested after that.
- What is missing in the objectives? 1. Carrying capacity which overlaps with recreation trails access management planning process; 2. Motorized vs non-motorized distinction is less clear with e-bikes, so focus could be on managing impacts.

Recreation Trails Access Management Planning

- Project is advancing through RMOW budget process
- Objective is to develop a trail management plan for existing trails, not a trail development plan.
- A couple of locations need more immediate attention and will be addressed in new year

- Discussion regarding how to address carrying capacity and managing other values, the environment and expectations. Suggestion to identify values and create an underlying framework using access management principles such as the ones FWAC and CCF developed.

Forest Stewardship
Plan (FSP)

A presentation by T. Cole, CCF Forest Manager, was given regarding the draft Forest Stewardship Plan and a discussion was held.

- CCF must complete the replacement FSP by April 22, 2019.
- Forest & Range Practices Act directs tenure holders to achieve legal requirements for 11 objectives.
- T. Cole expects to have a draft submitted to Squamish FLNRO office in early January. Sixty day public comment period then begins.
- Review written draft at January FWAC meeting.
- FWAC requested summary to identify what is changing from original FSP to the replacement FSP.

ACTION: FWAC review draft FSP individually and on agenda for January 9, 2019 meeting. Provide FWAC comments to CCF and FLNRO through public comment period.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Powell River Community Forest contributed \$800,000 to the community in 2018. Suggested that CCF do similar. T. Cole noted that Powell River forest is mature second growth, flat, maximizing the harvest and well-roaded. All things that the CCF is not.

Moved by M. Lowry
Seconded by C. Rankin

That the CCF communicate and demonstrate benefit to its communities with financial contributions through, for example, scholarships and bursaries to students pursuing studies in resource management.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by T. Burton
Seconded by C. Rankin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of December 12, 2018 be terminated at 5:12 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Derek Bonin

Recording Secretary, Heather
Beresford

