



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 9, 2019, STARTING AT 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Name	Meetings to Date: 1
Present:	
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	1
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Chair	1
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	1
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	1
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	1
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	1
Member at Large, David Powe	1
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif	1
Member at Large, John Hammons	1
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	1
Regrets:	
WORCA, Matt Cooper	
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by M. Tardif

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of January 9, 2019.

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 December 12, 2018.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2019 Chair & Co-Chair

Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by J. Hammons

That Claire Ruddy serve as chair and Derek Bonin serve as co-chair in 2019.

CARRIED

Updates

Council:

- A. DeJong responsible for environment portfolio. Priorities: Community Energy & Climate Action Plan (CECAP), waste committee and wildfire.
- Budget development and review underway

AWARE:

- 2019 planning
- Investigating how to progress CECAP
- Discussing landscape level planning around Whistler area

RMOW:

- Wildfire fuel thinning project underway along Cheakamus Lake Road. RMOW and CCF partnering on it.
- RMOW, Conservation Officer Service and Recreation Sites & Trails BC are collaborating on a grizzly bear conflict mitigation plan for Whistler alpine trails. Ready for 2019 summer season.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Fuel thinning underway on Cheakamus Lake Road which will be closed until spring 2019.
- FESBC application submitted to fund project above Rainbow subdivision.

Forest Stewardship Plan

A presentation by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was given regarding the CCF's Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) and a discussion was held.

- Tom Cole, CCF Forest Manager provided a draft FSP and a tracking document to show changes.

Suggested edits:

- Add explicit reference to and management guidance from EBM Plan, including seral stage analysis, targets for reserves and old forests and management by BEC sub-zone and Whistler Landscape Unit context (EBM Plan pp. 10-21). Make EBM plan guidance and recommendations legal commitments within the FSP.
- Recommend explanatory language in the planning commitments to clarify what will be done, not just reference to legal documents, etc.
- Soil objective – recommend adding commitment to complete stability mapping within 5 years.
- Timber objective – FSP should incorporate related objectives and guidelines of the EBM Plan by BEC sub-unit and at the stand level (e.g., silvicultural guidelines – variable retention, shelterwood system and group

selection pp. 23-24). Section 11.2.3 – CCF TIM 02 – add biodiversity and ecosystem resilience in face of climate change

- Wildlife – all commitments meet the regulations, but FWAC suggests CCF could do more.
- Add climate change to overall context of document
- FWAC recommends the CCF review the EBM Plan and conduct analysis given changes to seral stage mapping and data, understanding of ecosystems and EBM, understanding of climate changes, increased recreational activities and other human activity impacts.
- Grizzly Bears – add reference to RMOW/FLNRO grizzly bear planning currently underway. E.g., CCF activities should align with periodic constraints placed on trail use. Recognize the grizzly bear recovery area and habitat areas and how it may affect CCF operations. Commit to adding new information to CCF plans. Reference the Whistler Landscape Unit, not Callaghan and Soo.
- FWAC supports explicit reference to and incorporation of Whistler Biodiversity research and data in the FSP.
- Riparian areas – EBM Plan riparian protection guidance and fuel management strategy guidance may be in conflict. CCF should consult with ecosystem and fire management specialists, as well as the Province, to find a way to treat riparian areas for wildfire yet protect other ecological values. Standards for protecting streams, and addressing potentially conflicting management direction for forest management, should be explicitly stated in the FSP.

CCF planning FSP open house for late February.

CCF 2019 Harvesting Plans

A presentation by H. Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was given regarding the proposed 2019 CCF harvesting plans and a discussion was held.

T. Cole made a presentation in November. FWAC reviewed draft document and made further comments:

- Cheakamus 10 – Noted that highest retention is in the smallest blocks while lowest retention is in the biggest blocks. Should be reversed. Better for biodiversity and visual quality.
- All site maps should have a table showing block sizes, cubic metres to be removed, retention levels
- Wildfire thinning sites – suggest finding less rigorous and expensive fine fuel standard than 1kg/m². Suggest considering that level along roads but allow more to be left behind in interior of blocks, for example.
- Cheakamus Valley access – FWAC discussed pros and cons for access to the Cheakamus Valley/Jane Lakes area through the quarry or Loggers Lake road. Loggers Lake Road would be improved if used for logging, but does run close to new Cheakamus Crossing II development. Alternatively, gaining access through the quarry moves logging traffic away from parts of the new development, and provide opportunity to make Loggers Lake road only for recreational access. FWAC recommends the issue be resolved through the RMOW Recreational Trail Access Management Plan scheduled for 2019.
- Tusk 01 – the blocks meet the silviculture strategy.

- General recommendations section reorganized.

OTHER BUSINESS

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MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by J. Hammons
Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of January 9, 2019 be terminated at 4:57 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Claire Ruddy

Recording Secretary, Heather
Beresford