



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 10, 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: 7
Present:	
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Chair	7
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	7
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	6
Member at Large, John Hammons	7
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	5
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	2
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif	6
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	7
Regrets:	
WORCA, Matt Cooper/Seb Kemp	2
Member at Large, Kathi Bridge	3
Member at Large, Mac Lowry	2

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by M. Tardif

Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of July 10, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by M. Tardif

Seconded by J. Hammons

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of June 12, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Discussion re: Spearhead Huts and trail development/management in Garibaldi Park.

ACTION: Invite BC Parks and Spearhead Hut representatives to a future FWAC meeting to discuss plans.

Updates

Council:

- Special Events Bylaw passed – emphasis on zero waste generation
- E-bike policy adopted
- WB discussing how to keep rehab projects related to its no net habitat loss policy in the local area

AWARE:

- AWARE commenting on RMOW Parks Master Planning exercise
- Destination BC recently presented its Sea to Sky strategy.
- Developing its Eco-Citizen video with Switchback Entertainment; targeted at guests and front-line staff; autumn 2019 release date
- Northern Goshawk surveys scheduled for July, funded by CFOW Environmental Legacy Fund

WORCA:

- Trail crew working on Comfortably Numb
- Jane Lakes trail received volunteer and crew time, realignment around lake and trail bed reconstruction, new bridges
- Work on Chipmunk trail and Lord of the Squirrels
- After that, crews will move to more central valley trails

RMOW:

- Developing 10 year wildfire mitigation plan with Blackwell & Associates
- Wildfire thinning project in Kadenwood area underway
- Will release a 3-year RFP in July for interface fuel thinning projects.
- Alpine trails and grizzly bears – met with provincial staff to clarify roles, responsibilities and input. Plan will be revised and released asap.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Fuel thinning largely complete on Cheakamus Lake Road. Will continue on rest of the road over winter 2019/20.

Trail Planning Work Group:

- Meeting scheduled for July 31

Noted that Outdoor Recreation Council and other clubs are working to double the provincial parks budget to bring it back to previous levels.

Annual FWAC Report to CCF

A presentation by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, was held regarding the draft FWAC Annual Report to the CCF and a discussion was held.

- Key map needs legend.
- Volume harvested in Table 2 conflicts with Table 1 – consider removing one; also add BEC zone column to Table 1
- Include that CCF is supposed to report out on old growth harvested annually as per the EBM Plan.
- Need explanation of why Cheakamus 15 was included on site visit if it wasn't harvested in 2018 Probably harvested and visited in prior year, but visit comments not yet documented.

- CCF still not harvesting total AAC, Add discussion explaining why harvest is down and discuss the outlook for future harvest levels.
- Section 2.3 – key questions revisited for relevancy. Suggestion to review against the FWAC terms of reference.
- Add an outcome section for previous recommendations
- Add an executive summary, field trip notes to become an appendix
- Recommend that CCF update the EBM Plan on a 10 year cycle

ACTION: email next draft to FWAC and work toward finalizing before September meeting.

A presentation by Claire Ruddy, AWARE Executive Director, was held regarding the Old Forest Map and a discussion was held.

Old Forest Map

- The map was completed with Bob Brett, Snowline Consultants; funded by CFW Environmental Legacy Fund and WB Envirofund
- Shows highlights of 10 years of tree coring in the area
- Meant for public use and visitors

Discussion:

- FWAC reviewed tables provided by J. Hammons summarizing latest provincial forest inventory information (2018) by seral stage and Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC) zone. Most harvesting happened in low elevations; upper elevations still have significant amounts of old forest. In total, the Whistler Landscape Unit forest is 61% Old and 18% Mature (see attached one pager).
- CCF should have a policy to set aside the largest, oldest trees.
- Province is setting new policy around old trees, CCF should consider following it.

OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDAS

- BC Parks and Spearhead Hut representatives to a future FWAC meeting to discuss plans.
- David Powe resigned due to work relocation. Advertise all new positions after October meeting.
- No meeting in August, next meeting September 11

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Rankin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of July 10, 2019 be terminated at 4:58 p.m.

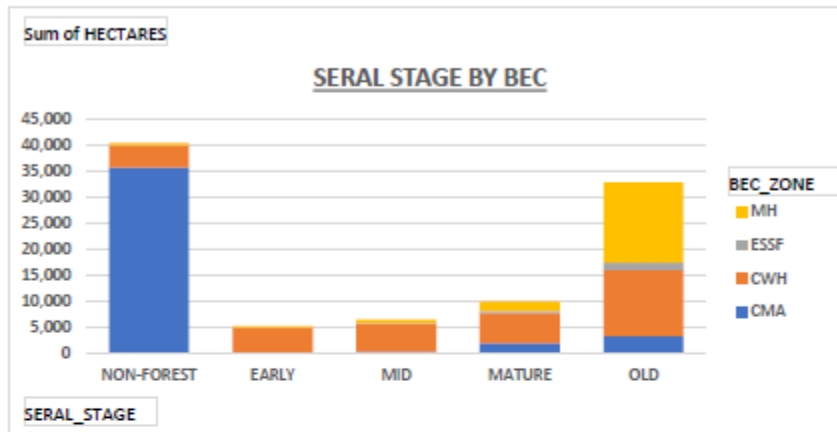
CARRIED

Chair, Claire Ruddy

Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford

HOW MUCH OLD AND MATURE FOREST AROUND WHISTLER?

(WHISTLER LANDSCAPE UNIT 2018 PROVINCIAL VRI DATA)



Note: BEC Zone CWH = Lower elevation costal western hemlock; MH = Upper elevation Mountain Hemlock; ESSF = Eagleman Spruce, Subalpine Fir; CMA = Coast Mountain Alpine.

FOREST NONFOREST

Forest Ha	53,822	57%
Non Forest Ha	40,309	43%

DISTRIBUTION OF FOREST AREA BY SERAL STAGE AND BEC

	FOREST	CMA	CWH	ESSF	MH
EARLY	9%	0%	17%	0%	2%
MID	12%	35%	20%	20%	10%
MATURE	18%	3%	19%	3%	4%
OLD	61%	62%	44%	77%	84%
ALL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

DATA

Sum of HECTARES	BEC_ZONE				
SERAL_STAGE	CMA	CWH	ESSF	MH	Grand Total
NON-FOREST	35,643	4,132	3	531	40,309
EARLY		4,745		280	5,025
MID	144	5,432	53	681	6,309
MATURE	1,734	5,792	367	1,897	9,790
OLD	3,109	12,756	1,386	15,446	32,697
Grand Total	40,630	32,858	1,809	18,835	94,131