



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M
In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5**

PRESENT:

Name	Meetings to Date: 2
Present:	
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif, Chair	2
Member at Large, John Hammons	2
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	1
Member at Large, Christine Bilodeau	2
Member at Large, Rhonda Millikin	2
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	2
Regrets:	
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	1
Member at Large, Dan Raymond	1
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	0
WORCA, Seb Kemp/Matt Cooper	1
AWARE, Claire Ruddy	0
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Hammons
Seconded by R. Millikin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of February 12, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Millikin
Seconded by C. Bilodeau

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of January 8, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- N/A

AWARE:

- Planning Climate Action conference and Whistler Secondary School workshops
- Northern Goshawk 2019 field work report underway

WORCA:

- N/A

RMOW:

- Applied to Community Resiliency Investment program and new Wildfire Risk Reduction program.
- Spruce Grove project will resume when snow allows followed by work on east side of Nesters Hill
- Discussion re: planting red alder in wildfire treatment areas

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Last met in October, nothing new.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Wildfire fuel thinning project underway along Cheakamus Lake Road (C04)

BC Parks Update

Regan Kohlhardt, BC Parks Planning Section Head, gave a presentation regarding BC Parks' 2020 plans for Garibaldi and Sunshine Coast.

General discussion:

- The Spearhead range is 70,500 hectares/9% of Garibaldi Provincial Park.
- The park amendment identified objectives and strategies including:
 - Investigate new vehicle access on north side of Fitzsimmons Creek
 - Work with WB to provide appropriate public access
 - Work with RMOW regarding appropriate parking
- Northside trailhead is still in discussion – it's a condition of the WB park use permit to provide public access to the park.
- Singing Creek trail not progressing
- WB is piloting uphill winter travel access on Sunset Blvd and introduced a backcountry call line.
- Two winter rangers hired, disburse as needed
- FWAC suggested considering options to share interpretive programming with WB
- Mountain goats, marmots, wolverines and vegetation will be monitored in 2020.

- Callaghan Park Management Plan – will be initiated next fiscal year. Include Callaghan Conservancy, park and Upper Soo Conservancy. BC Parks will reconnect with FWAC/RMOW.
- Joffre – the compliance action plan focuses on parking, includes a First Nations steward program, and caps and fees are being explored.

CCF Harvesting Plans Simon Murray, Cheakamus Community Forest Manager gave a presentation regarding the updated 2020 harvesting plans.

- FWAC reviewed the 2020 - 2022 Development Plan summary
- Discussion re: continuing to include volumes on the harvesting plan maps, species, amount of old growth by elevation, and more landscape impact analysis. How does the EBM plan get reflected on the landscape?
- Nothing was harvested in 2019 besides the Cheakamus Lake road wildfire project. Currently, markets are not much better.
- Discussion re: riparian buffers size. Depends on stream size, provincial regs - more information in the CCF's Forest Stewardship Plan.
- Access logging plan maps for each area should (i) include the harvesting summaries showing opening number, retention class, area and volume, and TEM/site series area for each block, and (ii) Road and trail construction summary table showing length, road class and deactivation level. Aids understanding of plans. The "Cruise Volume" column should be renamed to "Estimated Volume".

Harvesting Plan comments:

Fee 01: blocks are too big and should be medium retention, or split to create two smaller units.

Fee 02: Small blocks, low retention OK. Units A, B and C are laid out on the ground. Very steep terrain. Road is in bad shape and will require maintenance. Branch road F02-1 will be deactivate after harvesting to limit access. Metal Dome mainline will be fixed up and left.

Powder 07: Has been included for last couple of years. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures assigned the work and finalizing plans. Moderate retention site over two hectares. Moderate retention is preferred by FWAC as blocks are bigger than Fee 02.

CK 16: area added on to original CK16 site. FWAC commented that site is too small, probably not viable. Plantation trees are too young and harvesting them doesn't meet carbon project objectives. FWAC concerned that overall plan for Cheakamus Valley may be too much for the area.

CK 10: Not a healthy stand and not financially viable. Least desirable of CK09, CK10 and CK12. FWAC recommends removing CK 10 from the plans.

Basalt Valley Road – FWAC supports reopening the old road system through the quarry for industrial traffic and only using the Loggers Lake Road for recreational purposes. This is in discussion with FLNRO, RMOW and CCF.

CK09: FWAC noted that some of the blocks are in the plantation. Plantation trees are too young to harvest and meet carbon project objectives.

Discussion on forest age profile and alternate harvesting methods such as cable harvesting. Forest Manager noted that Fee01, Fee 02 and Powder 07 are blocks most likely to be harvested this year given market conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

UPCOMING AGENDAS

- March – R. Millikin re: old growth and wildfire treatments

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by M. Tardif

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of February 12, 2020 be terminated at 5:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, M. Tardif

Recording Secretary, H. Beresford