



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M
Zoom Meeting Format
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

Name	Meetings to Date: 5
Present:	
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif, Chair	5
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	3
AWARE, Claire Ruddy	3
Member at Large, Rhonda Millikin	5
Member at Large, Dan Raymond	4
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	4
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	3
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	1
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	5
Regrets:	
WORCA, Seb Kemp/Matt Cooper	1
Member at Large, John Hammons	3

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of September 9, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by R. Millikin

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

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- Concern over slow autumn for local businesses
- 2019 Energy Consumption and GHG Emissions report presented to Council. 4% increase in emissions.

AWARE:

- Recovery and community resiliency planning
- Provided comments regarding Whistler Olympic Park campsite proposal

WORCA:

- N/A

RMOW:

- Spruce Grove project very near completion and 2 hectares being treated on east side of Nesters Hill
- 2021 RMOW budget cycle underway. Requesting budget for wildfire program monitoring that will include broader values.

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Next meeting in October 2020

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Cheakamus Lake Road (C04) wildfire fuel thinning project complete
- Basalt valley road connection continues to be discussed
- CCF Board meeting September 17

Wildfire Management

A discussion by FWAC regarding the August 19 wildfire treatment areas tour.

FWAC Discussion:

- Tour was held on August 19 and led by Bruce Blackwell, B.A. Blackwell and Associates.
- FWAC noted that the field trip was very informative. Also noted that there were some differences in opinion between BC Wildfire Service staffer and Blackwell.
- The work is creating defensible areas
- Determine what is already monitored and identify the gaps; identify goals and objectives for a monitoring program; determine if fuel management prescriptions are meeting other CCF EBM objectives
- Recommendation to increase public education efforts regarding wildfire behavior and treatments, especially in the Whistler Interpretive Forest
- Discussed draft monitoring plan proposed by R. Millikin. Key points:
 - Goal: monitor the efficacy of the fire management treatments and the impact on forest ecosystem processes and wildlife.
 - Design monitoring program for forest health, fire risk and wildlife response; engage volunteers to assist; install irrigation and deciduous plantings in priority locations on urban side of Wildland Urban Interface; analysis and GIS
- UBC Dr. Lori Daniels is undertaking studies on efficacy of wildfire fuel treatments in community forests. Contacted to request CCF be included in the study.

- RMOW should consider all options for reducing the risk of fire – improved detection, water delivery systems, dedicated crews, etc. Determine where best to allocate resources and funding.
- Whistler’s [Community Wildfire Protection Strategy](#)

Annual Report to CCF

Discussion:

- FWAC to prepare annual report to CCF regarding previous year’s harvesting.
- Fall 2019 field trip not included in 2018 report.
- Organize FWAC field trip for early October to review Cheakamus Lake road wildfire management area C04 completed in August 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Whistler Olympic Park application for campsites at base lodge – FWAC discussed suggestion to encourage the RMOW to engage the Province, SLRD and the WOP to restore the traditional public access to Madeley Lake
 - FWAC discussed issues that resulted in gate being installed; public access definition; due process for making such decisions; Callaghan Valley management plan.

Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by R. Millikin

That FWAC recommends the RMOW engage with the Province, Whistler Olympic Park and SLRD to develop a Callaghan Valley management plan.

CARRIED

UPCOMING AGENDAS

- October – annual report to FWAC; CCF plan review from subgroup; confirm membership. Note that C. Bilodeau stepped down from committee in August.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by D. Raymond
Seconded by C. Ruddy

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2020 be terminated at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair, M. Tardif

Recording Secretary, H. Beresford