

# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at [www.whistler.ca/FWAC](http://www.whistler.ca/FWAC)

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (8)
Councilor, A. De Jong	8
Member at Large, M. Tardif, Chair	8
Member at Large, C. Rankin, Co-Chair	8
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	6
Member at Large, J. Hammons	8
Member at Large, T. Burton	6
Member at Large, R. Millikin	7
Member at Large, D. Raymond	6
Member at Large, D. Bonin	5
AWARE, C. Ruddy	7
RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	8
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	3
REGRETS	
WORCA, N. Koshure	5

### CALL TO ORDER

*Forest Wildland Advisory Committee recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Liłwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.*

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by D. Bonin  
Seconded by J. Areshenkoff

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of October 13, 2021.

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Rankin  
Seconded by R. Millikin

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of September 8, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

### Council

- Several municipal projects were completed or are underway: Alta Lake sewer extension; Millar Creek VT section are complete; Cheakamus housing construction; and the Sea to Sky Food Recovery plan was shared with Council.
- New Creekside lifts announced for 2022.
- WB is not requiring proof of vaccination to go on the mountain at this time.

*D. Raymond joined the meeting at 3:18 p.m.*

### AWARE

- The 12 month Climate Strategy Small Steps for Big Moves campaign is underway. This month's action item is to *Love this place, reduce your waste*.
- The COVID-19 Recovery Working Group is transitioning to the Whistler Sessions AWARE will be active in ensuring climate and the environment are recognized in those scenarios.
- 2022 will see a restructure to AWARE.

### WORCA

- The trail crew has had a great season accomplishing a lot of great maintenance work on our Whistler trail network and will continue to work until early November (weather dependent).
- The Norco Canadian Enduro Championship will be holding a race in Whistler this weekend.
- The bulk of volunteer trail nights continue to be focused in the Cheakamus zone in addition to some machine built work.
- We also held our AGM at the end of September and had a few new members elected to the Board.
- We no longer have a planning director with the creation of my role as the Trails and Planning Administrator.
- This week will be meeting with RSTBC and the RMOW to discuss/work with them on a pilot project looking at creating a provincial trail rating standard. Stay tuned for more info on that.

### RMOW

- The Community Wildfire Mitigation Survey has been launched and staff recommended the committee to fill it out. Responses will help understand gaps in communications and shape updates with the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP).

- Alpine Acceleration crew has moved to high school site from Taluswood and will return to Taluswood in the spring to complete. Work will be completed for the season within the month.
- CWRP is currently being drafted. Staff will share the draft CWRP recommendations with the committee for comment and will be on the November 10 FWAC agenda.
- The committee discussed the logging that occurred south of the Callaghan along highway 99. Staff advised that is private land, however it is within RMOW boundaries and within CCF tenure.

#### **TPWG**

- No updates, however a meeting is currently being scheduled for end of November/early December.

#### **CCF**

- The CCF had a board meeting on September 23. The board agreed to participate in a Strategic Planning Session. They will be having an Open House early 2022.

#### **Annual Report Review Annual Report Review**

The committee reviewed the Annual CCF Report and gave their final recommendations. Discussions included the FWAC recommendations, resolution on Old Forests and reconciliation. Committee members are asked to send their final edits to Colin Rankin before October 20 2021. The goal is to have the full report ready for the next meeting.

#### **Fuel thinning, fire risk management and Old Growth discussion**

#### **Discussion and comments regarding fuel thinning, fire risk management and Old Growth harvesting**

The Committee participated in an open discussion regarding fuel thinning, fire risk management and Old Growth. Thoughts were shared on thinned forests vs unthinned, the difference between commercial thinning and fuel thinning, and the prescription for seasonally dry forests. Discussion moved to what thinning does to bike trails and erosion of the soil around the trails. The committee felt treatment longevity needs to be reviewed around trails and recreation infrastructure. The committee discussed the results of R. Millikin's findings shared at the Sept 8 meeting, and FireSmarting neighborhoods that are high risk. Some committee members shared that they agreed with thinning around infrastructure, however thinning away from infrastructure may need to be reexamined due to concerns over effectiveness, impacts on the forest and the large budget required.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Council Recognition Event**

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Committee members were reminded of the Council Recognition Event scheduled for November 22, 2021 at the SLCC. RSVP is requested before October 22, 2021.

In-person meeting  
update

**In-person Meetings**

Committee members were updated that in-person meetings can recommence. The committee agreed to return to in-person meetings for the next meeting. Members were reminded to abide by the Provincial Health Orders and that masks will be required for the meeting.

FWAC 2021 Field  
Trip

**FWAC 2021 Field Trip**

The committee discussed the interest in participating in a 2021 Field Trip before the next meeting. J. Wynott will distribute a doodle poll for date availability and location confirmation.

*C. Ruddy left meeting at 4:55 p.m.*

**MOTION TO TERMINATE**

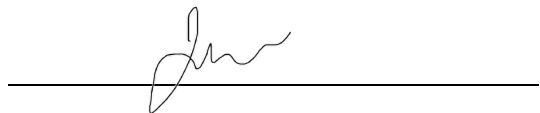
Moved by D. Raymond  
Seconded by R. Millikin

**That** the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of October 13, 2021 be terminated at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, M. Tardif



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott