



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022, 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 (5)
Councilor, A. DeJong	5
Member at Large, C. Rankin, Chair	5
Member at Large, D. Raymond	4
Member at Large, C. Young	4
Member at Large, T. Burton	3
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	4
WORCA, N. Koshure	3
RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	5
Recording Secretary, L. Pocock	

REGRETS	
AWARE, C. Ruddy	2
Member at Large, M. Tardif	3
Member at Large, R. Millikin	4
Member at Large, V. Cole	2
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	4

### CALL TO ORDER

*C. Rankin 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 Liíwat7úl, 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 C. Young

Seconded by D. Raymond

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Wednesday, May 11, 2022 as amended.

CARRIED

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by A. De Jong  
Seconded by D. Raymond

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Wednesday, April 14, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Updates

### **Council**

- Land Use Contracts continue to be resolved.
- The bus strike continues with no updates.
- Housing needs analysis has highlighted that more inventory is needed, but at the right price.
- Many White Gold residents are opposed to the continued beautification project and have provided feedback.
- The Olympic bid process for 2030 continues.
- WBAC meetings – aggressive bears in the Valley, likely due to the delayed spring. The forecast for June, July, and August shows average temperatures and lower than average rainfall.

### **AWARE**

- No updates.

### **WORCA**

- Hiring process is complete, with an increased number of full-time staff members.
- Awaiting First Nations communications and Provincial approval for two trails – the D'arcy Burke trail near Jane Lakes and another down from Mystic.
- Volunteer trail nights are planned for the season.
- Volunteer appreciation night was a success.
- The first in-person Toonie ride, after a hiatus, is scheduled for May 24.
- A site visit is scheduled with the CCF Forestry Manager for May 18 to review impacts to Comfortably Numb trail from proposed harvesting in the Wedge area (consideration for spotted owl/retaining habitat).  
Action: WORCA will share concerns after the site visit with FWAC.
- Long term WORCA vision is to focus on intermediate-level trails, working within the Recreation Trail Strategy. (NB: a Provincial trail standard is a potential upcoming initiative – to adhere to this standard, some Whistler trails that are blue may become black).
- Some of the most recent WORCA maps of trails are from last spring, when RMOW and WORCA had a public engagement.

## **RMOW**

- Rainbow Park parking lot will be further improved over the next two months.
- Lakes Management Options report went to Council (May 10) – including a request to apply for foreshore applications (to gain polygon licenses at parks land – allowing regulation of dock types, etc.).
- Looking to ban the use of rodenticides in municipal buildings in 2022, education and awareness campaign to come in 2023 for broader community.
- Wildfire thinning at Taluswood continues. Approval process for Riverside projects (phase 2 at Cheakamus) underway. Monthly Wildfire Working Group meetings resumed.

## **Trail Planning Working Group (TPWG)**

- No updates

## **Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF)**

- Board members to meet for strategic planning session, likely in June/July.
- CCF Forest Manager has been working for some time on renewing the Forest Stewardship Plan, awaiting provincial approval. (Affects future cutting permits.) Action: Heather to ask CCF Forest Manager Simon Murray whether the draft can be shared with this group for information purposes.

*T. Burton joined at 3:35pm*

Frontera Forest Solutions' 2022 wildfire management work plan

A presentation by H. Beresford was given in regards to the Frontera Forest Solutions' 2022 wildfire management work plan. A discussion was held confirming that the RMOW has a three-year contract with Frontera Forest Solutions.

H. Beresford identified that there are 5 streams in the proposed work plan:

- Stream #1 – advice and support including review of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP), modelling, and community engagement.
- Stream #2 – fuel management prescriptions (no new prescriptions prepared in 2022 as there are enough already prepared for 2023 with RMOW/WB collaborating).
- Stream #3 – preparing grant funding applications and reports.
- Stream #4 – oversight of operational fuel treatments.
- Stream #5 – annual wildfire site monitoring plan.

Activities have begun with project start up and support, permit applications, spatial data, connections, recommendations, and Frontera roles. They will advise on ideal treatment that benefits fuel thinning barriers and harvesting – an interface between fuel management and commercial thinning.

*J. Areshenkoff joined at 3:52pm*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The Spring Field Trip has been rescheduled to May 16 at 1pm. FWAC will view past and proposed harvesting sites in the Callaghan valley.

**MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by D. Raymond  
Seconded by A. De Jong

**That** the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, May 11, 2022 be terminated at 4:04 p.m.

CARRIED

*Colin Rankin*

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Chair, C. Rankin

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