



**REGULAR MEETING OF  
FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m.  
Remote Meeting via Zoom  
For information on how to participate: <http://www.whistler.ca/fwac>

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PRESENT:	(11)
Councillor, A. De Jong	11
Chair, Member at Large, M. Tardif	9
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	8
Member at Large, V. Cole	6
Member at Large, R. Millikin	8
Member at Large, C. Rankin	11
Member at Large, D. Raymond	10
AWARE, C. Ruddy	7
Manager of Environmental Stewardship, L. Burhenne	3
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	10
ABSENT:	
Member at Large, C. Young	9
WORCA, N. Koshure	6
OTHERS:	
CCF, S. Murray	

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair M. Tardif recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.*

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved By                      Member at Large, D. Raymond

Seconded By                Member at Large, R. Millikin

**That** Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved By Councillor, A. De Jong

Seconded By Member at Large, D. Raymond

**That** Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

CARRIED

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

##### 4.1 Updates

Updates by Council, AWARE, WORCA, RMOW, Trail Planning Working Group, and Cheakamus Community Forest were provided.

##### **Council**

- The RMOW received a 10 million dollar grant to be used for fuel treatment.
- Staff is working on Municipal budgets. An 8.3% increase on property taxes is proposed which takes into account 7% inflation.
- The Public Hearing for Nancy Green Drive took place on Nov 29. Housing was the core message through the election process.
- Council adopted the new Green Building Policy.
- The two-day Council retreat with Senior Management is complete where Council priorities were aligned including; Housing, climate, smart tourism and community engagement.

*S. Murray entered at 3:14 p.m.*

##### **AWARE**

- AWARE is working on wrapping up their programs, writing reports and planning for 2023.
- Currently working through increasing staffing costs due to inflation.
- Funding for some important programs may be in risk of being cut.
- C. Ruddy discussed the Committee survey and provided extensive feedback. AWARE sits on four Committees of Council, which has a financial value of approximately \$15,000 which is not funded.

##### **WORCA**

- No update

##### **RMOW**

- The two vacant FWAC position postings have closed. The deadline was extended due to low interest. There will be an update after the December 20 Closed Council meeting.

- The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan will be going to Council January 24, and has been crafted to ensure adequate strategy alignment with Firesmart and Fire Rescue.
- The Budget Open House was on December 1 which included two sessions. There was lots of climate and environment interest from the community. Larger projects were highlighted and how they feed into Big Moves.
- Maria Thorlakson started with the RMOW as the new Climate Action Coordinator.

L. Burhenne recognized Committee Member Colin Rankin and thanked him for his years of service to FWAC. Colin has reached the 6 year maximum term length.

#### **Trail Planning Working Group**

- The Recreation Trail Strategy went to the TPWG in November, and the group participated in a similar engagement workshop as FWAC.

#### **CCF**

- There will be a Board Meeting on December 16. The structure of the CCF will be reviewed including the roles and responsibilities of Board members. H. Beresford is the new Executive Director.

### **4.2 Debrief with S. Murray**

A discussion was had with S. Murray regarding the CCF.

#### **1. Field trip debrief**

S. Murray reviewed the field trip notes and discussed the 2023 proposed cut blocks and harvesting plans.

#### **2. 3 key issues for the CCF**

S. Murray identified the following as key issues for the CCF;

- Long-term planning
- Speculative projections
- Market forces
- Economic realities

#### **3. 3 things that would be most useful for FWAC to do**

S. Murray recommended FWAC to continue asking the hard questions including *are we acting in the community's best interest*. FWAC can measure success in upholding community values.

*The Committee thanked Simon for attending and his work with the CCF.*

*S. Murray left at 4:07 p.m.*

### **4.3 Thesis Presentation**

A presentation was given by J. Areshenkoff, regarding his thesis; An Investigation of Carbon Sequestration, Storage Capacity, and Air Pollution Removal by Trees in the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

The thesis assigned an economic value of \$12,489,600 annually to carbon sequestration within RMOW boundaries by a formula based on the monetary value of carbon at \$50/ton (the current price). This amount will grow as the price of carbon increases annually.

The full thesis can be found online at <https://viurrspace.ca/handle/10613/25973>

#### 4.4 FWAC Annual Report

A discussion was had regarding the FWAC Annual Report.

C. Rankin volunteered to kickstart the report which was circulated to the Committee. The Committee was asked for their feedback regarding critical information for the report, core concepts, and if the previous recommendations still hold true. The Committee wants to be sure the report reflects FWAC's voice as speaking on behalf of the community.

C. Rankin and M. Tardif will spearhead the Annual Report subcommittee. A draft is planned for January with the final report going to Council and the CCF in February.

#### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

*There was no other items of business.*

#### 6. TERMINATION

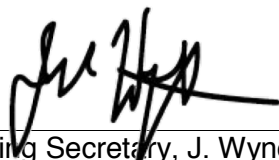
Moved By Member at Large, V. Cole

Seconded By Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff

**That** Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

CARRIED

  
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Chair, M. Tardif

  
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Recording Secretary, J. Wynott