



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 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 (1)
Councilor, A. DeJong	1
Member at Large, M. Tardif, Chair	1
Member at Large, C. Rankin, Co-Chair	1
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	1
Member at Large, R. Millikin	1
Member at Large, D. Raymond	1
AWARE, C. Ruddy	1
RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	1
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	1

REGRETS	
WORCA, N. Koshure	0
Member at Large, T. Burton	0

### 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 C. Ruddy

Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the regular Committee Agenda of Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Millikin

Seconded by D. Raymond

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Wednesday, December 8, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

### Updates

#### **Council**

- The Mayor's update at the last council meeting included recognition of the holiday front line workers.
- Labor shortages have been significantly affecting the resort.
- The holiday highway congestion saw unprecedented volume.
- La Nina still looking strong for the remainder of the ski season, so we can expect more snow.
- RMOW employees, contractors and volunteers will be required to have two doses of the vaccine by March 1.
- The province is making recommendations that Americans do not come which could affect Martin Luther King weekend.

#### **AWARE**

- Currently working on 2022 operational plan, budget and staffing.
- There is uncertainty on the core summer programs.
- AWARE received funding for feasibility studies.
- Held events in December including a POW event with Mike Douglas movie, *Sam and Me*, and Mark Jaccard climate talk.

#### **WORCA**

- N/A

#### **RMOW**

- Received a grant for the Nesters wildfire Project totaling \$430,000.
- The draft Wildfire Monitoring Plan has been received from Blackwell and will be added to the February agenda.
- RFP for wildfire consulting work will be released soon.
- 2022 thinning projects includes finishing Taluswood, Riverside area and continuing work in Brio.
- There were 3 new FWAC positons advertised and Council will appoint new members on January 25 who will join the February 8 meeting as their first meeting. The application period is now closed.

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

- Nothing to report.

#### **Cheakamus Community Forest**

- The CCF Open house is scheduled for February 28, 4-6 p.m on zoom.

- CCF distributed more detailed maps of the Wedge and 16 Mile harvesting areas. Comments added to FWAC's response to CCF harvesting plans finalized later in the agenda.
- FWAC requests that the CCF maps moving forward include species composition, block sizes and age classes to assist with analysis.

Chair & Co-Chair  
Election

The Committee elected Melanie Tardif as committee chair and Colin Rankin as committee co-chair.

Moved by A. De Jong  
Seconded by R. Millikin

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the elected committee chair and co-chair.

CARRIED

2022 Meeting  
Schedule

The Committee approved the 2022 FWAC meeting calendar.

Moved by C. Rankin  
Seconded by R. Millikin

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the 2022 FWAC meeting calendar.

CARRIED

CCF Harvesting  
Resolution

FWAC passed the below CCF harvesting resolution.

*FWAC supports maintaining the current moratorium on harvesting of old growth timber stands, in keeping with provincial policy and Board direction, until landscape level longer term planning and management direction has been confirmed. As well, FWAC suggests that the CCF Board consider a formal pause in harvesting (with the exception of fire and fuel management and stewardship responsibilities) until clear planning, harvesting and management direction for the CCF has been reviewed with input from this committee, community and Indigenous community stakeholders, and confirmed by the CCF Board.*

Moved by M. Tardif  
Seconded by R. Millikin

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee accept the CCF harvesting resolution with the new amendments.

CARRIED

CCF Harvesting  
Feedback

A discussion was held regarding FWAC's response to the CCF 2022 harvesting plan.

**All comments can be found in Appendix A – CCF Harvesting 2022 FWAC Comments.**

- FWAC is requesting the CCF financial reports. FWAC finds it difficult to make decisions or make recommendations without knowledge of the CCF financial reports and more detailed mapping.

#### **Brew 04**

- Based on the limited information and the lack of financial details for this proposal, FWAC does not support harvesting as proposed in Brew 04.

#### **16 Mile FSR**

- Based on the provided information, FWAC notes that this area has fewer potential conflicts with CCF objectives relative to other proposed harvesting blocks. Even so, FWAC cannot support harvesting in the 16 Mile FSR area without clarity on the combined impacts of the retention harvesting and wildfire thinning project.

#### **Jane Lakes Cheakamus 17(A)**

- Based on the provided information, FWAC can support up to 30% careful harvesting if able to meet other management objectives, recognizing that the preferred management direction would be to not harvest this age class and site in the near term (next 10+ years) to allow more time to put on volume and accumulate carbon before harvesting in Cheakamus 17A in the Jane Lakes area.

#### **Cheakamus 17 (B)**

- Based on the information provided, FWAC does not support harvesting Cheakamus 17B.

#### **Wedge 09**

- Based on the information provided, FWAC does not support harvesting as currently proposed in Wedge 09.

2022 FWAC Priorities      Discussion on priority topics was moved to the February meeting agenda to respect time.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*There were no items of Other Business.*

#### **MOTION TO TERMINATE**

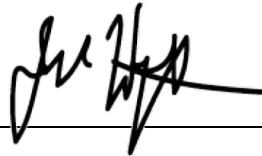
Moved by R. Millikin  
Seconded by C. Rankin

**That** the Forest and Wildland Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 be terminated at 5:06 p.m.

CARRIED

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Chair, M. Tardif

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Wynott", written over a horizontal line.

Recording Secretary, J. Wynott