



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 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 (4)
Councilor, A. DeJong	4
Member at Large, C. Rankin, Co-Chair	4
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	4
Member at Large, R. Millikin	4
WORCA, N. Koshure	2
Member at Large, M. Tardif, Chair	3
Member at Large, D. Raymond	3
Member at Large, C. Young	3
Member at Large, V. Cole	2
RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	4
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	4

REGRETS	
AWARE, C. Ruddy	2
Member at Large, T. Burton	2

### CALL TO ORDER

*M. Tardif 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 Líl'wat7úl, 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 A. De Jong  
Seconded by C. Young

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of April 13, 2022.

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Millikin  
Seconded by V. Cole

**That** Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Wednesday, March 9, 2022 as circulated.

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Updates

### **Council**

- Land Use Contracts continue to be resolved
- The bus strike continues with no updates.
- WBAC committee meetings have started, and the bears are starting to wake up. There have been no reports to bylaw regarding incidents thus far.
- The rental WHA eligibility criteria have been simplified, now using 30% of gross household income. The net asset limit was also dropped.
- There is a two year project currently underway to connect the Spearhead to the Fitzsimmons trail as part of the Spearhead hut project.

The committee recognized A. De Jong for his 42 years of service at Whistler Blackcomb.

### **AWARE**

- AGM will take place in May. The AGM is open to the public and members.

### **WORCA**

- WORCA is working through interviews for trail crew. 40 applications were received. This year's Fee For Service funding was announced quite early which has allowed the process of hiring to be earlier than usual.
- WORCA is hosting their first Trails Committee meeting April 13. The Trails Committee TOR is on the website.
- A Special Events Liaison has been hired as a dedicated representative that will work with different event organizers. They will determine how the trails are used and how WORCA is compensated.
- Crankworx will return this summer.
- Toonie rides will return this year.
- WORCA has submitted comments and is waiting to hear back from CCF Forest Manager Simon Murray regarding the trails that will be impacted from harvesting in the Wedge area. The goal is to minimize impacts to the trails and the trail experience.
- WORCA is currently waiting on Provincial approval for two trails – the D'arcy Burke trail near Jane Lakes and another down from Mystic.

### **RMOW**

- The Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) was adopted by Council on April 5.

- The RFP for wildfire consultant has been awarded to Frontera Forest Solutions. Their proposal includes more opportunity for community engagement and responsive fuel management modelling. Frontera is open to working with FWAC subcommittee on monitoring. B.A. Blackwell and Associates was recognized for its good work for the past 15 years.
- Alpine Axeceleration is now in their third year of a three year contract. This year will see work in Riverside/Cheakamus Crossing, Taluswood and Rainbow.
- Unit 5b and unit 6 in Rainbow are proposed for 2022 (likely in the fall, weather and funding permitting). 5a is outside of municipal lands in CCF and is not part of the proposed treatment for 2022.
- Piles in Nesters still need to be removed.

FWAC discussed the use of Glyphosate as proposed in BC Timber Sales Integrated Pest Management in southern BC including portions of the Sea to Sky. Note that the CCF does not use pesticides. FWAC wanted to highlight to Council this controversial treatment and its potential damaging effects.

#### TPWG

- No updates

#### CCF

- The CCF had a board meeting on April 7.
- Proposed Brew heli logging is currently on hold.
- Simon Murray is busy planning the Wedge and 16 Mile sites.

#### TOR Review

A discussion occurred regarding the FWAC Terms of Reference.

- Council adopted the updated TOR on February 22.
- The new TOR can be found at [whistler.ca/fwac](http://whistler.ca/fwac)
- Changes were made to section 3.0, (c) and (f).
- A diversity section was added.
- Two annual field trips were added.
- The communications section reflects that FWAC is to communicate with Council through committee minutes.

#### FWAC Annual Calendar Review

A discussion occurred regarding the FWAC Annual Calendar, and where FWAC areas of focus are for the year. The following changes were made in the calendar for 2022-2023

- **January (2023)** – includes new member introductions, chair election, priority discussion and clarifying annual priorities, as well as review of proposed harvesting for the CCF.
- **February (2023)** – Review Environmental Stewardship plans within the scope of FWAC TOR.
- **May (2022)** – RMOW Wildfire Projects, Frontera Forest Solutions proposal draft wildfire monitoring plan.
- **June** – Recreation Trail Strategy update.
- **Sept/Oct** – Review and access priorities.

Staff will prepare an updated agenda item calendar for internal use with FWAC.

## FPM Report

A presentation by C. Rankin was given regarding the Forest Practices Board Report and upcoming provincial changes to watershed management. A discussion was held.

C. Rankin identified that there are 3 current provincial initiatives relevant to FWAC and CCF and outlined each one.

### Watershed Security Strategy and Fund

- The [Discussion Paper](#) (released in January 2022) describes priorities and proposed outcomes of relevance to the Whistler Landscape Unit (and the CCF and RMOW) and funding available for initiatives and pilot projects.
- The province has announced funding for watershed planning. A new ministry has been established. This will move to modernize forest planning, and put increased emphasis on watershed governance and integrate water more effectively into land use planning. There are currently some initiatives and pilot projects sponsored by the government.
- As part of this, the province has established a watershed security fund which allows applications for funding.

This is a funding opportunity RMOW should investigate.

### Forest Practices Board Special Report on Water and Forest Practices:

- Forest Practices Board released a special report in January: [Forest Practices and Water](#).
- The Board reviewed the province's work related to forestry and range practices and their impact on water and prepared this report to inform the Watershed Security Strategy & Fund, the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy, and the initiative to modernize forestry legislation.
- The Board is of the view that BC could address these issues by acting on the following four opportunities: 1. Improve public involvement by making water a core value in forest planning, including forest landscape planning. 2. Manage cumulative effects of forest practices on water as a legal requirement in all watersheds. 3. Improve regulation of forest practices that contribute sediment to streams. 4. Reduce the impact of historical practices on water through a renewed program of watershed restoration.

FWAC would like to highlight the increased focus on protecting water when doing forest harvesting and share that with the CCF.

### Modernizing Provincial Land Use Planning

- There are a number of pilot projects coming up with a focus on visitor use management and high use areas.

Discussion occurred highlighting the following;

- FWAC asked where this work fits with the RMOW and CCF planning, and if it is time to review plans;
  - [Sea to Sky Coordinated Access Management Plan](#)
  - [21 Mile Creek Source Drinking Water Plan](#) (RMOW)
  - [CCF's Ecosystem-based Management Plan](#)
- FWAC recommended that the RMOW update the CCF's EBM Plan although it is the CCF's plan.
- The 21 Mile Source Drinking Water report falls under Utilities. Staff will discuss with Utilities to see if there is budget or any planning to update the report.
- Whistler water and the monitoring of lake water was discussed. Staff reported water lake quality is monitored and there are currently no areas of concern. Lake management is a provincial responsibility but internally falls under Resort Operations and Environmental Stewardship, and they are considering steps that can be taken to manage the recreation activities on the lakes.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- *Staff will send out a doodle poll to determine date of CCF spring field trip. Locations will be the Wedge and 16 Mile FSR harvesting areas.*

#### **MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by C. Young  
Seconded by A. De Jong

**That** the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, April 13, 2022 be terminated at 5:02 p.m.

CARRIED



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Chair, M. Tardif



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Recording Secretary, J. Wynott