



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

Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom
For information on how to participate: <http://www.whistler.ca/fwac>

PRESENT: Councillor, A. De Jong
Chair, Member at Large, M. Tardif
Member at Large, C. Rankin
Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford
Recording Secretary, J. Wynott
AWARE, C. Ruddy
Member at Large, D. Raymond
Member at Large, C. Young
Member at Large, V. Cole
Member at Large, R. Millikin

ABSENT: WORCA, N. Koshure
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff

OTHERS: Frontera Forest Solutions, N. Soverel

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Tardif recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Líl'wat People, known in their language as Líl'wat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Sḵwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Councillor, A. De Jong
Seconded By Member at Large, R. Millikin

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of August 10, 2022.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Member at Large, R. Millikin

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of July 14, 2022.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Updates

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

Council

- Council has been on a recess through August and is not back until Sept 6.
- Election date is set for October 15.
- Council adopted the Cannabis Retail Policy, which will grant temporary use permits. There are 5 locations identified for potential shops. The Mayor is pushing for First Nations opportunities within the retail outlets.
- The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report went to Council. Emissions are 70% higher than 2020, but 8% below 2019, however we are not hitting the set targets. Municipality emissions have dropped 15% from 2020.
- Council adopted the Big Moves Climate Action implementation report.
- Council gave WB Glacier 8 approval, which will be the 8th building at base 2, employee housing.

AWARE

- No Update

WORCA

- The crew just had two weeks off from trail maintenance and are back at it this week.
- None of the Crankworx events are on WORCA maintained trails other than a small kids cross country event on AM/PM in the Cheakamus area.
- WORCA is hoping to walk the Section 57 trail applications with the Squamish and Lil'wat First Nations in late August, as well as, carry out an environmental review/inventory for any sensitive areas or crossings along the trail line.
- A huge thank you to AWARE who came to WORCA's assistance in receiving a grant from the WB Foundation aimed at "greenifying" our trail crew tools.
- WORCA is waiting for follow up from Simon Murray and the CCF regarding the final cut block designs planned for the Wedge area.

C. Ruddy joined at 3:17 p.m.

RMOW

- Alpine Axeceleration Forestry completed Taluswood and moved to Rainbow a couple weeks ago. Some trails will be closed until work is completed in the fall.
- The Wildfire Vegetation Management RFP was posted for the next three year contract. Alpine Axeceleration is in its last year. It closes on September 6 and will choose next contractor by mid-October.
- M. Pardoe and the RTS team appreciated FWAC's input on Recreation Trails Strategy.
- The Rodenticide Policy is going to Council on October 4 which recommends not to use rodenticide on municipal property. There will be communications going out next year to help inform the public on other options.
- The Manager of Environmental Stewardship job posting has closed and interviews are taking place later this month.
- Ebikes were discussed and speeds on the Valley Trail.

N. Soverel joined at 3:23 p.m.

Trail Planning Working Group

- No updates

Cheakamus Community Forest

- The CCF Strategic Planning Session was on July 20. A consultant is working on writing up a draft strategy that will be circulated to the board once it is complete.
- The next board meeting is in early October. The financials for 2017/2018/2020 have been posted to the CCF website in addition to the minutes.

4.2 Draft Wildfire Treatment Monitoring Plan

N. Soverel, Frontera Forest Solutions, gave a presentation regarding the draft Wildfire Treatment Monitoring Plan. He provided an outline of the monitoring plan and progress to date, in addition to his goals for 2022 including finalizing the monitoring plan and explore options for permanent sample plots.

The monitoring plan proposes to investigate three questions related to wildfire vegetation management impacts. FWAC provided discussion and feedback. The presentation will be distributed for FWAC to provide feedback on in addition to a list of literature.

Frontera is proposing to establish 4 permanent sites for monitoring and data collection. Attributes for monitoring were included in the presentation. There is an

opportunity to engage BCIT students, First Nations and citizen science in the monitoring plan development, plot creation and data collection.

FWAC was encouraged to provide feedback, and N. Soverel is working with the FWAC Subcommittee to help form the plan. Once the draft is complete, it will be submitted for review.

4.3 National Healing Forest Initiative

A presentation by C. Rankin regarding the [National Healing Forest](#) Initiative.

The National Healing Forest initiative is an invitation to Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, institutions, and individuals to create green spaces across Canada to honour residential school victims, survivors, and their families, as well as murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. The goal is for communities and individuals to work together to create a healing forest or green space, whether within urban parks or in rural settings.

Discussion occurred regarding the initiative and how to approach the development of a Healing Forest. The Town of Gibson's has started some preliminary work for this and committee members were encouraged to view their progress.

Moved By Member at Large, C. Rankin

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That FWAC recommends Council explore opportunities around developing a Healing Forest with Squamish and Lil'wat Nations.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By Member at Large, R. Millikin

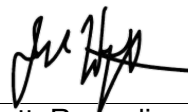
Seconded By Member at Large, C. Young

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of August 10, 2022 at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED



M. Tardif, Chair



J. Wynott, Recording Secretary