



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

Wednesday, October 12, 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:	Councillor, A. De Jong	9
	Chair, Member at Large, M. Tardif	7
	Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	6
	Member at Large, C. Rankin	9
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	Member at Large, C. Young	8
	WORCA, N. Koshure	5
	AWARE, C. Ruddy	6
	Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	9
	Manager of Environmental Stewardship, L. Burhenne	1
	Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	8
ABSENT:	Member at Large, V. Cole	4
	Member at Large, R. Millikin	6
OTHERS:	Manager, Parks Planning, RMOW, M. Pardoe	
	Diamond Head Consulting, M. Coulthard	
	Frontera Solutions, N. Soverel	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 Lil'wat7úl, 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, C. Young

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of October 12, 2022.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved By Member at Large, C. Rankin

Seconded By Member at Large, D. Raymond

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of September 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

- Election day is October 15, all-candidates meetings are complete and the Committee was encouraged to vote.
- A. De Jong attended a panel with C. Ruddy at the Whistler Cultural Symposium where discussions focused on indigenous, biodiversity and climate.
- Jen Ford is the new UBCM president.
- Sept 20 Council meeting saw the first and second reading for employee housing on Nancy Greene Drive.
- Vail resorts will see two new lifts on Jersey Cream and Fitz Chair.

A. De Jong was recognized for his contributions to FWAC as this meeting finishes his term as Council representative on FWAC.

AWARE

- The Zero Waste Heroes have been quite busy with event season. They are now working on reporting and recommendations for those events in the future. The final event is this weekend.
- AWARE and WCSS hosted an all candidates meeting where the questions were pre-posed to the candidates which allowed for richer answers allowing the candidates to research the questions before answering.
- It is waste reduction week next week.

WORCA

- No Updates

RMOW

- Luisa Burhenne joined the meeting as the successful applicant for the Environmental Stewardship Manager position. This was Heather's last meeting with FWAC.
- Wildfire thinning at Rainbow Neighborhood is complete.
- We are in extreme fire risk again, so thinning has stopped. Timelines are running tight for the Kadenwood site, and we are unsure if we can continue.
- The Field Trip is coming up on October 24th. The group is to meet at Muni Hall. Rides and carpooling to be discussed over email.

The Committee discussed thinning and burning the piles around Rainbow Neighbourhood. H. Beresford confirmed the piles are scheduled to be chipped and distributed on site this fall. The Committee also discussed the effect of the thinning and side trails.

Trail Planning Working Group

- No Updates.

Cheakamus Community Forrest

- The most recent Board meeting was October 6.
- An Open House is tentatively scheduled for October 26. More information to come once date is confirmed.
- The Callaghan and Soo blocks are on the books for this year. Wedge postponed until spring 2023.
- Simon Murray will be joining the field trip.

The Committee discussed if they would have an opportunity to review the Strategic Plan the CCF Board is developing. The CCF board will be responsible for that decision. The Committee encouraged the plan to be made public.

4.2 Recreation Trails Strategy

A presentation was given by M. Pardoe regarding a Recreation Trails Strategy update.

The presentation included a higher level discussion on where the RTS currently is. The strategy will be coming back to FWAC in November for a more detailed discussion regarding the SWOT analysis.

M. Pardoe reviewed the 5 phases of the project and outlined they are in phase 2 and 3. Version 2 of the numerous "Trail Topics" documents previously reviewed by FWAC have been received by staff. A Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis is underway. Both the version 2 Trail Topics and SWOT analysis will be provided to FWAC members prior to the November meeting. At the November meeting staff and the RTS consultants would like to focus on the draft SWOT analysis. The same will occur with the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee, the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee, and the Trails Planning Working Group.

First Nations consultation is underway. The first of two public engagement opportunities will occur once First Nations consultation is sufficiently advanced.

The Committee discussed access, limits of acceptable change and conflict management, all of which are to be included in the strategy. Committee also communicated concern with the short time frame to review version 1 documents, and requested additional time to review version two and SWOT analysis documents.

M. Coulthard joined at 3:39 p.m.

M. Pardoe left at 3:43 p.m.

4.3 Priority Habitat Strategy

A presentation was given by M. Coulthard, Diamond Head Consulting, regarding the Priority Habitat Strategy.

M. Coulthard introduced Diamond Head Consulting and the purpose of the Priority Habitat Strategy, which will help the resort to protect its natural areas assets as it continues to grow.

M. Coulthard reviewed the strategy objectives and the timeline for the strategy. Progress includes habitat mapping and state of biodiversity, environmental policy and existing programs review, and emerging threats. Development from the strategy includes a toolkit of recommendations, guidelines for staff, residents and developers, and monitoring and implementation. A draft strategy should be available for review by FWAC by end of October.

The Committee discussed the use of the LiDAR system mapping, modelling, and how it can enhance Whistler's understanding of the areas and mapping abilities. Overall, the Committee is excited to see this strategy materialize and likes that it puts the environment before recreation and human use. They discussed the opportunity to have the modeling take climate projections into account and monitor key indicator species.

N. Soverel joined at 4:18 p.m.

M. Coulthard left at 4:19 p.m.

4.4 Wildfire Monitoring Program

A presentation was given by N. Soverel, Frontera Forest Solutions, regarding the Wildfire Monitoring Program.

N. Soverel began with an update regarding the program and reviewing the three posed questions from the previous meeting including assumptions. Frontera has been working with FWAC members and is preparing a finalized draft plan by end of October for review by staff.

Frontera is proposing to establish 4 permanent sites for monitoring and data collection including the Callaghan FSR, Taluswood, Lost Lake and the Cemetery.

The Committee discussed plotting rain amounts to growth, carbon storage and different aspects within the plots. Overall, FWAC supports this program and

believes this is something Whistler can contribute to the greater knowledge of fuel management.

Timeline for the program includes:

2022 - Finalizing the monitoring plan and installing some plots

2023 - Complete all remaining monitor plot installation and begin ongoing monitor data collection. Annual report for 2023 to be submitted.

2024 - Continue ongoing monitor data collection. Annual report for 2023 submitted with trend analysis.

N. Soverel left at 5:06 p.m.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By Member at Large, C. Young

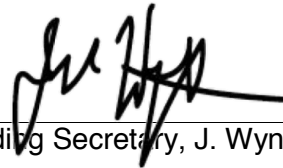
Seconded By AWARE, C. Ruddy

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of October 12, 2022.

CARRIED



Chair, M. Tardif



Recording Secretary, J. Wynott