

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 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	Mtgs: YTD (10) 10 8
	Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	7
	Member at Large, V. Cole	5
	Member at Large, R. Millikin	7
	Member at Large, C. Rankin	10
	Member at Large, D. Raymond	9
	Member at Large, C. Young	9
	WORCA, N. Koshure	6
	AWARE, C. Ruddy	6
	Manager of Environmental Stewardship, L. Burhenne	2
	Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	9
OTHERS:	S. Murray, CCF S. Gordan, WCS T. Hellinga, Cascade Environmental	

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 Lilwat7úl, 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.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member at Large, R. Millikin Seconded By Member at Large, V. Cole

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

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 October 12, 2022.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Updates

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

The Committee congratulated A. De Jong on his reelection.

Council

 The new Council was sworn in on November 1. The first Council meeting with the new Council is scheduled for Tuesday November 15.

AWARE

- It has been a busy month with events for waste reduction week.
- Winter programming has started again including Zero Waste Heroes back in schools.
- There will be a gallery display of the How to be a Good Eco Citizen contest at MYAC Nov/Dec. The launch party is Friday night.
- AWARE is working on year end reporting and planning for next year.

WORCA

- Essentially finished all trail work for the season, despite the snow. The
 crew was able to work late through October. This included finishing up
 bridging work on Salted Caramel to complete the Dessert Platter and
 doing some repair work to the trails that were used for the Canadian
 Enduro event in September.
- WORCA is still waiting to hear back from the province regarding the Section 57 applications which is proving to be a slow process.
- Moving into reporting to the RMOW for the FFS grant for this season.
- Annual BOD retreat is the weekend of the 19th and there will be some discussion regarding all things trails, events held in the valley in 2023, and what next season might look like.

RMOW

- The Wildfire Monitoring Plan was distributed to FWAC and comments have been implemented. This is a living document, and will adapt as new research is presented.
- The RMOW is undergoing an organizational restructuring and a new division is being introduced called *Community Engagement and Cultural Services*. The Environmental Stewardship department will remain in the same division which has been renamed *Climate Action, Planning and Development*. The department is also being renamed from *Environmental Stewardship* to *Climate and Environment*.
- The CWRP is scheduled to go to Council on December 6.
- Despite a short working window due to extreme fire hazard, then snow, thinning at Kadenwood made good progress. The work will be completed in the spring.
- A draft of the FWAC Annual Report will be circulated in the near future. It will be on the December Agenda, with the goal of a January completion.
- FWAC has two positions available that will be posted in the near future.
 C. Rankin has reached his 6 year expiry, and we have yet to replace T. Burton.
 - C. Rankin was recognized for his contribution to FWAC.

Trail Planning Working Group

Update to be provided at next meeting.

Cheakamus Community Forest

Update to be provided at next meeting.

S. Murray joined at 3:14 p.m. N. Koshure joined at 3:22 p.m.

4.2 2022/2023 CCF Harvesting Plans

A presentation was given by S. Murray regarding the 2022/2023 CCF Harvesting Plans.

Simon reviewed the 2023-2024 harvesting plans with the Committee including S02-16 Mile Creek, P03, P04, P05-Callaghan Valley, P06-Brandywine Creek, and B04-Brew Creek. Maps where displayed to the Committee and timelines and consultation requirements were discussed for each location.

S. Murray then reviewed the reduction treatment plans for 16 Mile Creek, Wedgemount Creek, Alpine, Rainbow and Emerald.

Due to time restrictions, the Committee was encouraged to submit questions and comments to Simon directly. The Committee will collect questions beforehand and send Simon the consolidated and summarized list.

The committee acknowledged Simon and thanked him for his service, as he will be moving on from the CCF at the end of the year.

- T. Hellinga joined at 3:57 p.m.
- S. Gordan joined at 3:58 p.m.
- L. Russel joined at 4:01 p.m.
- M. Pardoe joined at 4:01 p.m.
- S. Murray left at 4:04 p.m.

4.3 Recreation Trails Strategy

A presentation was given by M. Pardoe, S. Gordon and T. Hellinga regarding the Recreation Trails Strategy.

- M. Pardoe reintroduced the project and the RTS team. He reviewed the purpose and scope of the project, and identified that the project was in Phase 3 which includes First Nations consultation, draft trail topics, Force Field analysis and initial directions. The RTS has been to FWAC in July and October.
- S. Gordan reviewed the format of the presentation. Committee members were encouraged to ask clarifying questions, then to make their comments directly into the working document.
- T. Hellinga reviewed three topics that relate to FWAC that the RTS team is seeking feedback on including;
 - Environmental Sustainability Guidelines
 - Access and Staging
 - Communications

The Committee was asked to submit their comments/feedback by Wednesday Nov 16.

The Committee complimented the RTS team on their work.

M. Pardoe, S. Gordan and T. Hellinga left at 4:46 p.m.

4.4 Field Trip Debrief

A discussion occurred regarding the FWAC field trip.

The Committee agreed to review the field trip notes once circulated. After review, the notes will go into the Annual Report. The Committee discussed the opportunity to have S. Murray back to the December FWAC meeting to participate in a debrief and out-boarding. The Committee would like to hear 3 key

issues that Simon identified during his time with the CCF and is looking for key areas that FWAC could assist with supporting these issues.

The Committee commented that in future, field trips should be allotted more time or a reduction in agenda needs to take place.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no items of Other Business.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By Member at Large, C. Rankin

Seconded By Member at Large, D. Raymond

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of November 9, 2022.

CARRIED

Chair, M. Tardif