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REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, June 10, 2015, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

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Name	Meetings to Date: 6
Present:	
John Hammons	6
Candace Rose-Taylor	4
Arthur DeJong (joined in April)	2
Rob Davis, Chair	4
Bryce Leigh	4
Peter Ackhurst	3
Regrets:	
Johnny Mikes	4
Gordon McKeever	5
Craig Mackenzie (joined in March)	2
Steve Anderson, Councillor	3
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford, RMOW	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by John Hammons
Seconded by Peter Ackhurst

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee agenda of June 10, 2015.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Candace Rose-Taylor
Seconded by Bryce Leigh

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes of May 13, 2015.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS

3. Updates

Council:

Councillor Anderson not in attendance. FWAC discussed Council direction of April minute's recommendations: all recommendations were accepted except the feasibility study/road upgrade suggestions for the 19 Mile and north Flank Trail access points.

AWARE:

Nothing to report.

WORCA:

N/A

RMOW:

Wildfire Management:

- Millar's Pond fuel thinning started on April 7. Burning took place until fire hazard rating moved into high. Cutting will continue with burning completed in fall.
- UBCM "Firesmart" funding program applications: 1. Operational thinning funds for Brio, 2. Prescription funds for Kadenwood/Big Timber.

FWAC Terms of Reference – revised TOR will be taken to Council soon for approval.

New FWAC member – ad in paper June 16, recommendation to Council on July 7.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

Carbon project – Final agreement with province signed on June 11

BC Community Forest Association – Heather will be attending the BCCFA conference in Clearwater June 11 – 13.

Discussion: Suggestion that RMOW hire a forester with land management expertise to represent RMOW interests on CCF operations. Agreed to table until next meeting.

Arthur DeJong arrived at
3:40 p.m.

4. WB Update

Verbal presentation by Arthur DeJong, WB.

- Rendezvous Lodge renovations underway (\$5m budget).
- Master Plan Update under negotiation.
- Climate change is a planning priority.
 - Mitigation: strong policy to reduce operating footprint to zero. Strong waste diversion goals and results.

- Adaptation: optimizing what is already in place to work as efficiently as possible in limited snowpack conditions.
- Diversification of products and services necessary to meet changes in demographics and increase in summer visitors. E.g. expand the bike park.
- WB staying in touch with global trends and practices

5. Field Trip Review

Discussion and Comments:

- W08 is well done. Not a clearcut plantation and meets silviculture strategy. Suggest one block have a lighter thinning than others for comparison purposes.
- CCF harvesting is more sensitive than work done elsewhere in corridor. CCF is "tending" the forest rather than practicing "regeneration" harvesting.
- Brew02 – John has been taking FWAC members out to view and will provide notes for CCF annual report. Noted that there is very little CWD, and not much recruitment opportunity. It's a large block, not many trees left standing and not good quality. May meet FSP standards but not EBM standards.

ACTION: H. Beresford will draft FWAC CCF annual report for review at July meeting.

6. Access Management Planning Principles

Discussion:

- CCF not actively doing access management planning
- Consider incorporating S2S LRMP Coordinated Access Management Plan (CAMP) completed in May 2009. Review CAMP directions and determine if suitable for inclusion.
https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/tasb/slrp/lrmp/surrey/s2s/docs/S2S_CAMP_Approved_May2009.pdf
- Goal is to create guidelines and principles for FWAC's use.
- Identify the vision. Will need to explain why the principles matter. Access mgt plan (AMP) then outlines principles/policy that supports the vision and guides decision-making.
- FWAC reviewed comments provided by FWAC members since last meeting (from Rob, John and Johnny).

Next step: FWAC review S2S LRMP CAMP. Does it do the job or do we need to do more. Note that it is primarily directed at road access. In July, FWAC will create the vision.

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

Future Agenda Items:

- July – CCF Annual Report; RMOW forester model; AMP vision
- September - CCF Integrated Resource Mapping project (FWAC subcommittee report & discussion)
- October - CCF Integrated Resource Mapping project & multi-year plan (CCF representative)
- Spearhead Traverse Project Update
- MOF Visual Quality Objectives (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)
- MOF Fire Management Plan (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)

ADJOURNMENT

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the June 10, 2015 meeting at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Davis', written over a horizontal line.

CHAIR: Rob Davis