

# WHISTLER

REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

At Decker Room RMOW Public Works Yard

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of October 10, 2018.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Adoption of the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of September 12, 2018.

#### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Conservation Officer Service, RMOW Bylaw, RCMP, Carney's Waste Systems, Whistler Blackcomb, AWARE/ C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, Get Bear Smart, Whistler Wildlife Protection Group

Bear Smart Program Assistant

Update from the Bear Smart Program Assistant.

## OTHER BUSINESS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Review status of previous actions

**Action Log** 

Action	Meeting Date	Status
L. McIvor/H. Beresford	January	Adding parking lot
to touch base with		signs to the new
Parking Lot		RMOW Interpretive
Committee and		Panels Project. Will
RMOW		look into moving bear
Communications		cut outs from
Department.		playground to parking
		lot.
Bears 1-pager for	February	L. Harrison has
rental properties and		created this. Need to
new home owners.		look into how to
		distribute.
RMOW to consider	March	RMOW website

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existing and needed efforts to promote proper composting practices		updated. https://www.whistler.c a/services/waste- management/composti ng/backyard- composting
Talk to Kerry Ing regarding an RMOW reporting app for issues in the community and ensure that there is a bear component.	May	L. Harrison talked to Kerry Ing. App will not be created until 2019 and K. Ing will request feedback at that time. Completed.
Look into permitting for bear viewing tours and removing permits if operators are not operating under a set of guidelines that keeps bears and people safe.	May	Business License Bylaw is currently being rewritten and the change will allow RMOW to revoke business licenses to people who are not following laws. Complete for now but will look into actually revoking licenses once the bylaw is rewritten.
Talk to Tourism Whistler and all of the golf courses about promoting safe bear viewing practices.	June	L. Harrison will work on this.
WBAC members to review and provide guidance on design, content and location for 12 bear-specific interpretive panels developed by John Rae (RMOW), Kristina Swerhun and Brad Nichols (Whistler Museum and Archives) as part of RMOW's Interpretive Panels Project.	July	Underway. WBAC providing input. L. Harrison to distribute locations map for this project and request feedback. B. Mueller, N. Fitzgerald and C. Ruddy contacting golf courses.
Create protocol for trail closures	September	L. Harrison will create a draft of this and B. Mueller and the RMOW Environmental Coordinator will complete this during the winter.
Look into where bikers are being heli-dropped and what information regarding bear safety they are receiving.	September	L. Harrison will contact Blackcomb Helicopters about its heli-bike service.

Look into food cache	September	C. Baker is working
options for people		with WCSS on this.
camping in the valley.		

# **TERMINATION**