



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2022, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at www.whistler.ca/committees

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (4)
Chair, Tara Schaufele, RMOW Environmental Stewardship	1
Co-Chair, Claire Ruddy, Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative/AWARE	1
Brittany Mueller, BC Conservation Officer Service	1
Arthur DeJong, Council	1
Juan Pineda, RMOW Bylaw Services	1
Member at Large, Ivana Minic-Lukac	1
Recording Secretary, Tara Schaufele	1
REGRETS	
Adrien Baudouin	
Denise Imbeau, Carney's Waste Systems	
Simon Gravel, BC Conservation Officer Service	
Sgt. Rob Knapton, RCMP	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A.DeJong

Seconded by T.Schaufele

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C.Ruddy

Seconded by T.Schaufele

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of November 10th, 2021.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Martin Pardoe presented an update on the RMOW Recreational Trails Strategy.

- Progress update: community survey complete. Survey results can be viewed on whistler.ca. Overview of current trail networks complete.
- Highlights of survey results:
 - 73% of participants were permanent full-time residents.
 - Concerns for the environment were rated the highest.
 - Carrying capacity will be considered but no clear direction as to how at the moment.
 - Need for more adaptive and blue trails.
- WBAC requested to be added as a stakeholder for the development of the RTS.
- Recommendation to council:
 - Environmental mapping (RMOW internal mapping which has been completed and in progress) to be completed prior to trail development and utilized during location selection and trail development.
 - WBAC to provide input into trail plans for the RTS.

Bear Related Updates

An update by B. Mueller was provided

- Brittany has returned to COS in Whistler and will be involved in the WBAC again.

An update by J. Pineda was provided on behalf of RMOW Bylaw Services

- 7 calls over bear attractants between December and January.
 - Garbage observed at bus stops continues.
 - Restaurant shed not secure.
 - Garbage management at strata complexes.

An update by C. Ruddy, was provided:

- No updates.
- Request that street bins to be updated are bear proof.

An update by A. DeJong, was given regarding bear activity at WB:

- No bear activity noted on WB. No further updates.

An update by I. Minic-Lukac was provided

- No update.
- Suggested that bins have a phone number for people to call when bins are overflowing.

An update by T. Schaufele, was given on RMOW's bear smart program

- BSPA recruitment process initiated. New hire to start sometime in April.

- Margot Webster stepped down from the WBAC.
- A term extension for Adrien Baudouin and a request for Taylor Green to join the WBAC as a member at large starting in March, 2022 was approved by council.

Action Items

- Tara will connect with RMOW about ensuring new waste bins are bear proof.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business reported.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by J. Pineda.

Seconded by A. DeJong.

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of February 9th, 2022 be terminated at 10:23 a.m.

CARRIED

Tara Schaufele

Chair, Tara Schaufele



Co-Chair, Claire Ruddy