



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 12, 2016, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

At Decker Room
RMOW Public Works Yard

PRESENT:

Co-Chair, Get Bear Smart, S. Dolson
Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford
RMOW Bylaw Services, C. Riess
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn
RMOW Councillor, S. Maxwell
WB, A. DeJong
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree
Member at Large, C. Hedderson
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy
Public, L. Homstol
Public, I. Minic-Lukac
Public, S. Stangel

Bear Smart Program Assistant, Recording Secretary, A. Paris

REGRETS:

Conservation Officer Service
Member at Large, N. Fitzgerald
Public, E. Archer
RCMP, Sgt. R. Knapton

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by S. Maxwell

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear
Advisory Committee agenda of October 12th, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by C. Riess
Seconded by C. Ruddy

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular
Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of September 14th,
2016.

CARRIED

VERBAL REPORTS

Conservation Officer Service	N/A.
RMOW Bylaw Services	<p>A discussion led by C. Reiss regarding RMOW Bylaw Services activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced new Senior Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Tyler Lunn, who will attend future WBAC meetings.• Lots of reports and high bear activity, access to food sources• 6 garbage related calls in September (1 insulation, 1 debris, 1 construction site, garbage stored in truck, garbage in abandoned car)
RCMP	N/A
Carney's Waste Services	<p>A discussion led by P. Kindree regarding Carney's Waste Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No activity at Whistler sites• Electric fence wires being turned off at Callaghan composter, preparation for winter.• Discussion re: direction from RMOW for contractors taking garbage to compactor sites for residents without cars. RMOW approves as long as garbage coming from homes paying Whistler property taxes. Carney's requested an approval and tracking process managed by RMOW. <p>ACTION: H. Beresford will follow up on approval and tracking system with Solid Waste Manager.</p>
Whistler Blackcomb	<p>A discussion led by A. DeJong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low activity, no break-ins.• Day bedding behaviour• Viewing 1 to 2 bears per tour, foraging on re-vegetation• BBC film request. The off-white cub is alive
AWARE	<p>A discussion led by C. Ruddy regarding AWARE activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended Canadian Wilderness Adventures tenure approval and expansion open house. Will see 36

campsites plus other amenities added. AWARE requested a wildlife conflict prevention plan

- Solutions guide for business, waste security and bylaws. Draft in a couple weeks

Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative

A discussion led by C. Ruddy regarding Coast to Cascade Grizzly Bear Initiative activities

- Ongoing projects; trail signs being reviewed by BC Parks
- Whistler Library bear talk by Michael Allen was well attended. C2C GBI hosted a booth.

RMOW

A discussion led by H. Beresford regarding RMOW activities

- Milestones - not participating in the restaurant program yet. Bylaw has visited site, doors reinforced.
- George's War Wagon, RMOW response: depot can accept if garbage is from a house that pays taxes. Carney's request a list of contractors and homeowners to track
- Bear Response Plan - COS reviewing and plan on hold for now. Questions around scope of draft.
- Whistler Wildlife Protection forum, RMOW Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden, H. Beresford and A. Paris were in attendance
- Conflict Management Plan - presenting to Council Nov. 1st.

ACTION: H. Beresford follow up with Cascade Lodge re: mountain ash on property, refer to Bylaw.

Bear Smart Program Assistant

A discussion led by A. Paris regarding RMOW Bear Smart Program Assistant activities

- Delivered ecology units at local schools
- Preparation for Halloween, pumpkins as a bear attractant
- Bear Smart Restaurant Program
- Preparing for autumn events (Connect Whistler, Inside Scoop, etc.)

ACTION: A. Paris contact Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council about including bear attractant list/landscaping guide

Get Bear Smart Society

A discussion led by S. Dolson regarding the Get Bear Smart Society activities

- Mad Bear Skillz videos viewed

- Update on bear cut out signs. Will be located at Olympic plaza, across from Passive House, and upper village near underpass bridge
- #besafie campaign in spring of 2017
- Funding for signs from the CFOW and Fairmont

Car-less Residents
Working Group

Final version review. WBAC approves final version.

ACTION: Attach recommendations to October 12 minutes as Appendix A.

Habitat Conservation Trust Fund still has \$5000 available from court order for WBAC. Suggested project is to continue study on hazing bears with access to one food source, i.e. golf carts. WBAC with letter of approval from MOE

ACTION: L. Homstol will complete the application

Other Business

Discussion: COS need assistance at times. Potential for Bylaw Services to do more hazing and this may be a better use of funds. Noted that Bylaw used to do first response but was withdrawn. COS responsibility. Layered service can create the most effective and efficient response.

ACTION: H. Beresford to review options.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by P. Kindree

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the October 12, 2016 Council meeting at 10:19 a.m.

CARRIED

CO-CHAIR: Sylvia Dolson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Anitra Paris

APPENDIX A

Car-free Residents and Discards

Summary of proposed solutions

The Whistler Bear Advisory Committee created a subcommittee to address the issue of how residents without cars can get their discarded materials to the correct locations. The solutions below were determined to be the ones to pursue. The solutions are categorized for ease of implementation. The information used in the development and evaluation of the solutions is included in Appendix A.

Actions to address car-free residents needs (in priority order)

1. Car or truck share system at depots for waste (look at low or no cost to user, easy to clean, short times, electric) –Lead: RMOW, possible partners –AWARE, car share company, WCSS, Regional Recycling
2. Bike carts available to borrow at depots —Lead: RMOW, possible partners –AWARE, bike share company, WCSS, Regional Recycling
3. Work with BC Transit to allow waste on the bus (can also pair with freezing garbage, IKEA back pack) –Lead: RMOW, possible partners -BC Transit, Whistler Chamber of Commerce
4. Online system to connect people to rides to depots (4 the love of bears –exists) –Lead: Get Bear Smart Society
5. On demand system for waste or book a pick up time in a given time window for that neighbourhood (option like SPUD to have access to house, option to have organics/recycling only) –Lead: private waste hauling company, RMOW to facilitate
6. Locking waste bin on property paid for by property owner (for known problem properties – required by bylaw or COS) –Lead: RMOW to investigate what is possible and facilitate
7. Agreements with landlords and tenants (links with other solutions) - Lead: RMOW to investigate and facilitate

Actions that should be part of the human-bear conflict management plan (to address this issue as well as others)

8. Door to door education (CBSM -community-based social marketing preferred), could be linked with community bear watch program, base it on existing CBSM Whistler research, Lead: RMOW, possible partners –Get Bear Smart
9. Enforcement –bylaw and COS –Lead: COS and RMOW Bylaw
10. Community bear watch program –could be done by bear smart coordinator –Lead: RMOW
11. Annual reporting to council –Lead: RMOW

Actions that will address this need but should be part of a broader community zero waste plan

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12. Communications to reduce waste (changing behaviour so that there is less material to handle)
Lead: RMOW with AWARE, SLRD, GBS, Carney's, others
13. Foster a culture of responsible materials handling (source separation, bear-proof systems) Lead:
RMOW with AWARE, SLRD, GBS, Carney's, others
14. Focus on separating organics from waste (40% waste is organics and this is the component that
draws bears), could transport this material more often - Lead: RMOW with AWARE, SLRD, GBS,
Carney's, others
15. Education for new and seasonal residents (examples include organizations' health and safety
days, Spirit program, reminder signs for attractant management/warning signs on highway light
boards) Lead: RMOW, Whistler Chamber, WCSS, possible partner Whistler Blackcomb
16. Work with SLRD Solid Waste coordinator - Lead: RMOW

Other ideas that need more consideration:

17. Incentive programs to handle waste/materials well (not incentive to waste but random reward
for doing the right thing)
18. Incentivize small pick up companies –voucher, tied to lack of transport and proper waste
segregation