



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 12, 2017, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

At Decker Room  
RMOW Public Works Yard

#### **PRESENT:**

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
Co-Chair, Get Bear Smart, S. Dolson  
Conservation Officer Service, S. Gravel  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller  
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
Member at Large, N. Dudley  
Recording Secretary, T. Schaufele

#### **Public:**

Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac  
Ellie Archer

#### **REGRETS:**

RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
Member at Large, C. Hedderson  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Wind River Bear Institute, L. Homstol

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by T. Lunn  
Seconded by B. Mueller

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of April 12, 2017.

CARRIED

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by S. Dolson  
Seconded by T. Lunn

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of March 8, 2017.

CARRIED

## VERBAL REPORTS

RMOW Bylaw  
Service

N/A

Carney's Waste  
Services

A discussion led by P. Kindree regarding Carney's Waste Services activities.

- Bear activity quiet around transfer station.
- RMOW Taxi Loop upgrade is impacting access to business. Potential attractant issue.
- Tim Horton's is leaving bins on driveway, storage is too small. Bylaw has attended due to open bins; and working with manager to try and find improvements.

ACTION: P. Kindree will connect with James Hallisey.

*S. Gravel arrived at 8:48am.*

Conservation  
Officer Services

A discussion led by S. Gravel regarding COS activities.

- Some sightings in Whistler
- B. Mueller back full time with T. Schumacher and K. Popjes.
- Wildlife Protection Group providing useful information.
- Conservation Agency announcement—hunting licenses fund the new Conservation Agency. Launch will be in fall of 2017 with \$5 million. A new organization (similar to Fisheries model) will be formed to manage wildlife. This won't affect COS, it won't have any role in enforcement or conflict.

Whistler  
Blackcomb

A discussion led by A. DeJong regarding WB activities.

- No sightings to report.
- Highest snowpack of year as of April 12, 2017 (3.5m)

RMOW

A discussion led by H. Beresford regarding RMOW activities.

- Council member S. Maxwell is replacing J. Ford on the WBAC.
- Draft Bear Response Plan reviewed—WBAC provided comments.

ACTION: COS, RCMP and H. Beresford make revisions to Draft Bear Response Plan.

- Bear Hazard Assessment—Mike Badry, MOE, suggested WBAC review document. Document was reviewed alongside Human Bear Conflict Plan in 2016.

ACTION: WBAC members review Hazard Assessment and provide comments. Compile for next meeting.

- Discussion regarding last year's recommendation to change hunting regulations along Callaghan Road

ACTION: H. Beresford will follow-up with FLNRO timing and process.

Get Bear Smart Society

A discussion led by S. Dolson regarding GBS activities.

- Applied for funding to CFOW ELF for funds to provide additional assistance with preventing conflicts at large events.
- S. Dolson will coordinate installation of life size bear signs with RMOW Parks staff.
- Received \$5000 from Habitat Conservation Trust Fund — L. Homstol to radio collar a bear accessing the golf carts to get more data on aversive conditioning efforts.

ACTION: COS and L. Homstol to discuss radio collaring.

Review Previous Actions

Anitra, GBS, and H. Beresford will meet to discuss communications. BSPA will meet with COS and Bylaw.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by S. Gravel

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the April 12, 2017 meeting at 10:28 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: S. Dolson

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RECORDING SECRETARY: T. Schaufele