



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.  
In the Decker Room  
RMOW Public Works Yard**

**PRESENT:**

Co- Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller  
RCMP, Staff Sergeant P. Hayes  
RMOW Bylaw Services, C. Baker  
RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
RMOW, T. Schaufele  
Recording Secretary, A. Paris

**REGRETS:**

Co-Chair, Get Bear Smart, S. Dolson  
Member at Large, N. Dudley  
Member at Large, C. Hedderson  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by P. Kindree

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of September 13, 2017.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by T. Schaufele  
Seconded by S. Maxwell

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of August 9, 2017.

CARRIED

Welcome to RCMP Staff Sergeant Paul Hayes. Thank you to Sylvia Dolson for her years of commitment and service to the bears and our community.

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- Conservation Officer Services A presentation by B. Mueller was given regarding Conservation Officer Service's activities and a discussion was held.
- 22 reports about bear sightings, with increased volume recently.
  - Sightings at Cal-Cheak campground but bears have not received food rewards.
  - Riverside Campground generating reports. COS and Bylaw have attended and conducted patrols.
  - Unsecured garbage reported at rental house in Timber Ridge. Resolved with Bylaw and Whistler Support Services.
- RMOW Bylaw Services A presentation by C. Baker was given regarding RMOW Bylaw Service's activities and a discussion was held.
- Very few bear related calls
  - Whistler Blackcomb bear attractants audit, visited waste sites and maintenance areas with Waste Reduction Specialist T. Hamilton and RMOW Bear Smart Program Assistant A. Paris
  - Garbage was left unattended in a day lot during Crankworx tear down. Procedure updated.
- RCMP A presentation by P. Hayes was given regarding RCMP activities and a discussion was held.
- Very low bear activity, no Whistler calls regarding bears
- Carney's A presentation by P. Kindree was given regarding Carney's Waste Services and a discussion was held.
- New Nester's depot is open and operating.
  - Ironman went well. There was an issue with a small bin in a parking lot but a different bin was supplied that was easier to secure.
  - Gran Fondo, small issue with highway waste bins. This is an area to improve on next year.
- Coast to Cascades/  
AWARE A presentation by C. Ruddy was given regarding the Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative and AWARE's activities and a discussion was held.
- Coast to Cascades is hosting an event in Squamish "Bears, Beers and Backcountry." Behaviour info from FLNRO Ecosystem Biologist S. Rochetta.
  - Critter Gitter – a motion detector bear alarm deployed with success this year
  - COS waiting on electric mat order, and will place warning signs when used to warn avoid harm to humans

ACTION: Invite S. Rochetta to do a similar presentation in Whistler  
ACITON: Consider having Critter Gitters at the library on loan

*B. Mueller left at 8:58am*

RMOW- Bear Smart  
Program Assistant

A presentation by A. Paris was given regarding the Bear Smart Program Assistant's activities and a discussion was held.

- Whistler Museum's Discover Nature programs have officially been wrapped up, a successful season
- Emerald block party, residents identified attractants on municipal property
- PSA airtime on Whistler FM
- Presentation at AWARE's Green Talks was given regarding bear smart landscaping
- Bear Smart restaurant program digital conversion well underway
- Transit & transporting garbage – Seeking clarity on BC Transit policy to determine if garbage is allowed on buses
- Review car-free residents' options at October meeting
- No contractors have signed up for Contractors pilot project

ACTION: A. Paris and H. Beresford will discuss planting on municipal parks that attracts bears

ACTION: Forward contractor pilot project information to P. Kindree

RMOW- Solid Waste  
Bylaw

A discussion was held regarding the RMOW's solid waste bylaw.

- Bylaw has undergone three readings, coming for adoption soon. Zoning bylaw being amended to allow changes to space
- Bylaw Services discussed problems with construction bin contamination but no changes were made to the bylaw
- Development review process has improved. This is currently not in the bylaw but could be in DP/BP RMOW review process
- C. Baker recommended that Carney's call RMOW Bylaw Services if they need assistance with contractors
- RMOW is establishing a Zero Waste committee of council by year end, need to communicate with WBAC members

ACTION: H. Beresford will follow up with staff on how to include solid waste requirements in DP/BP RMOW review process

ACTION: WBAC to generate an information and checklist sheet for contractors to read and sign

ACTION: P. Kindree will send Carney's contractor diversion sheet to H. Beresford.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Communications plan focusing on autumn hyperphagia stage
- PSAs being developed, as well as Facebook boosted ads targeting a younger demographic

- WBAC terms of references need to be reviewed now that S. Dolson is leaving Whistler, add topic to October agenda

Previous Actions

- A. Paris will discuss food truck policies with D. Patterson and S. Hubbard
- Bylaw Services will add day lot issues regarding bear attractants to Parking Lot Committee agenda. This meeting is scheduled to take place soon
- Redistribute Bear Response Plan to COS, RCMP and Bylaw

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by S. Maxwell

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the September 13th, 2017, Council meeting at 10:06 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: H. Beresford

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RECORDING SECRETARY: A. Paris