



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 13, 2017, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

**In the Decker Room  
RMOW Public Works Yard**

**PRESENT:**

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
RMOW Environmental Coordinator, L. McIvor  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller

**PUBLIC:**

Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac

**REGRETS:**

RCMP, R. Knapton  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Member at Large, N. Dudley

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by P. Kindree  
Seconded by T. Lunn

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

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by P. Kindree  
Seconded by S. Maxwell

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

CARRIED

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

#### RMOW - Bylaw Services

A presentation by T. Lunn was given regarding RMOW Bylaw Services' activities and a discussion was held.

- Feedback provided on some wording in the Solid Waste Bylaw, mainly focused on Section 15 and its applicability to the management of construction bins;
- Main issues are related to enforceability of wording about who takes responsibility for ensuring that attractants aren't placed in construction bins, and therefore, who Bylaw can fine with an offence – bylaw clauses need to hold up in court;

*B. Mueller arrived at 8:41am.*

- Recommended to add some language clarifying acceptance of contractor responsibility to manage bin in accordance with the bylaw. Squamish has good wording for bin management on filming sites – suggested to add similar clause to our bylaw.

#### ACTIONS:

- Bylaw Services will meet with H. Beresford and L. McIvor to examine wording issues; will bring ideas back to WBAC at January meeting.
- Bylaw Services to revise wording of offences in the Municipal Ticketing Information system to fit on a ticket (i.e. wording too long currently).
- L. McIvor to add wording calling out contractor bin management in the Builder's information package, currently under review.

Moved by P. Kindree  
Seconded by B. Mueller

That WBAC requests that Bylaw Services review the Solid Waste Bylaw with respect to the identified issues and bring back to WBAC for further discussion.

CARRIED

#### Conservation Officer Services

A presentation by B. Mueller was given regarding Conservation Officer Service's activities and a discussion was held.

B. Mueller reported that it has been very quiet – no bear calls since October.

- Cougar sighting in Spring Creek in late November.
- CO Tim Schumacher taking leave for 7 months until July; new officer will fill in periodically during that time.

Carney's Waste Services

A presentation by P. Kindree was given regarding Carney's Waste Services' activities and a discussion was held.

- No bear activity to report;
- Composting component of Solid Waste Bylaw -> biggest issue is the lack of space for the number of bins needed;
- RMOW has arranged for systems to allow conversion of a parking space for waste bins (village core only).

AWARE and Coast to Cascades

A presentation by C. Ruddy was given regarding AWARE and Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative activities and a discussion was held.

- Signs program is progressing - connecting with RMOW Parks planning signs program;
- AWARE: met with RMOW special events staff to plan for 2018;
- Trail Planning Working Group – Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee and WBAC motioned to have a member join TPWG, AWARE member assigned;
- Grizzly Bear Initiative still working on presentation with FLNRO biologist Steve Rochetta for spring.

RMOW

A presentation by H. Beresford was given regarding RMOW activities and a discussion was held.

2018 Action Planning items and a discussion was held.

- Parking lot signs program: need to determine target audience, messaging. Suggested to discuss with the Parking Lot Committee to determine appetite for a bear information sign – potentially ask for a rep from this committee to attend January WBAC meeting. Suggested to have an RMOW Communications person attend January WBAC meeting to help determine path forward. Budget will need to be determined, along with potential partners.
- Construction bin program: Bylaw Services will lead, Environmental Stewardship to support; program will include communications component.
- Re-engage with bear viewing companies and provide education for guides: build on previous GBS materials, to be conducted by Bear Smart Program Assistant starting in April.
- Callaghan road hunting regulation change: COS and H. Beresford to lead.

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- Plan for reaching hotel concierge staff more effectively with bear information: to be done by Bear Smart Program Assistant upon starting in April.
- Communications focus on message for locals to call early: message to be incorporated into 2018 Communications Plan.

### ACTION:

- L. McIvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.

### 2018 Communications Plan

- Key messages were reviewed and discussed; conversation shelved until Feb 2018 WBAC meeting when RMOW has further information from Communications Department on 2017 activities, target audiences, messaging, and performance. Appears that Communications Plan will undergo substantial review.
- Suggestions included: placing onus on individuals, tailoring messaging to target groups and situations, needing to consider how messaging interacts with WBAC ToR and other established documents.
- Environmental Coordinator to use stats received from RMOW Communication department and start improving pre-existing Communications Calendar.

### ACTION:

- Immediate opportunity to support transportation of waste on buses with communications outreach. L. McIvor to move forward with RMOW Communications department in consideration of other organizations' wishes regarding communications on the matter.

### Sea to Sky Bear Management Symposium – draft outline

- Many good suggestions made by WBAC members – outline will undergo substantial revision. Need to consider the stakeholders that should be invited, their level of competency/knowledge on bear management, then build workshop content based on this – will help to ensure that content is not redundant and adds to the skill sets/knowledge of workshop participants.
- Recommended to expand invitees beyond local government reps; should include local advocacy groups and volunteers – those that are doing work on the ground. Invite Squamish and Lil'wat Nations, SLRD, advocacy groups, etc.

- Consider asking participants to identify key issues they want to discuss during workshop; could use survey monkey to ask 3-5 questions.

**ACTION:**

- L. McIvor to revise outline in partnership with Meg Toom; will share with WBAC at January meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by B. Mueller

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the December 13, 2017 Council meeting at 10:35 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: H. Beresford

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Recording Secretary: L. McIvor