



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

**In the Flute Room  
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
RMOW Environmental Coordinator, L. McIvor  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Get Bear Smart Society, N. Fitzgerald  
Member at Large, M. Toom

**PUBLIC:**

Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac

**REGRETS:**

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
RCMP, R. Knapton  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller  
Member at Large, N. Dudley

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by N. Fitzgerald  
Seconded by M. Toom

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of January 10, 2018.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by N. Fitzgerald

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

CARRIED

Updates Whistler Blackcomb –no activity  
AWARE/Grizzly Initiative –nothing to report  
RCMP, COS, Bylaw, Carney’s – not present

### PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

2018 Planning Reviewed 2018 Action Planning items identified during the December WBAC meeting to finalize priorities. The following priorities were confirmed:

- Parking lot signs program
- Construction bin program
- Re-engage with bear viewing companies and provide education for guides
- Callaghan road hunting regulation change
- Reach hotel concierge staff more effectively with bear information
- Communications update - focus on message for locals to call early

#### ACTIONS:

- L. Mclvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.
- L. Mclvor/H. Beresford to invite a rep from the Communications Department to the February meeting to participate in communications planning.

WBAC Terms of Reference The WBAC Terms of Reference were reviewed by WBAC and a discussion was held.

- Suggested edits and comments were reviewed and editing completed.

#### ACTION:

- L. Mclvor will circulate the amended Terms of Reference to the WBAC.

Moved by M. Toom  
Seconded by N. Fitzgerald

**That** the amended Terms of Reference are approved by the WBAC.

CARRIED

S2S Bear Management Symposium A presentation was given by L. Mclvor and M. Toom about the Sea to Sky Bear Management Symposium planning and a discussion was held.

- Concerns with time management during the break-out discussions were noted. Suggestions to alter the format for the break-out discussions were made and will be incorporated into the finalized outline.
- A specific solid waste break-out table topic could be considered by workshop organizers.
- The Bear Smart Restaurant Program will be considered for highlighting during the education break-out table session.
- Consideration will be given to inviting a local First Nations rep to deliver a welcome greeting and potentially, a bear dance and discussion about the importance of the bear in First Nations culture.
- Consideration will be given to leaving time at the end for the participants to mingle and connect some more.
- Media presence and follow-up piece will be considered.
- Consideration will be given to how to share resources amongst participants after the workshop

Other  
Business

C. Ruddy brought attention to work currently being done by Destination BC to create a tourism strategy for the area.

- Public engagement is currently underway. C. Ruddy is concerned that there are gaps in who is being engaged and whether all interests are represented.
- C. Ruddy to bring back details about upcoming engagement opportunities.

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE CARRIED OVER

A discussion regarding the Licence Inspectors' and Bylaw Officers' Association of BC: Bear management presentation opportunities  
<http://liboa.homestead.com/>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by A. DeJong

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the January 10, 2018 Council meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: S. Maxwell

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RECORDING SECRETARY: L. McIvor

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<b>Action</b>	<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bylaw Services will meet with H. Beresford and L. McIvor to examine wording issues in the Solid Waste Bylaw discussed in December WBAC meeting; will bring ideas back to WBAC at February meeting.	Dec 2017	To do
Environmental Coordinator to use stats received from RMOW Communication department and start improving pre-existing Communications Calendar.	Dec 2017	To do
Bylaw Services to revise wording of offences in the Municipal Ticketing Information system to fit on a ticket (i.e. wording too long currently).	Dec 2017	To do
L. McIvor to follow up with Emma DaSanto and Communications Department to offer assistance again on the garbage on buses initiative.	Dec 2017	To do
WBAC requests that Bylaw Services review the Solid Waste Bylaw with respect to the identified issues and bring back to WBAC for further discussion.	Dec 2017	To do
L. McIvor will circulate the amended Terms of Reference to the WBAC.	Jan 2018	To do
L. McIvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.	Jan 2018	To do
L. McIvor/H. Beresford to invite a rep from the Communications Department to the February meeting to participate in communications planning.	Jan 2018	To do
L. McIvor to circulate existing communications plan prior to February meeting with request for members to review.	Jan 2018	To do