



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

**In the Decker Room  
8020 Nesters Road, Whistler, BC V0N 1B8**

**PRESENT:**

RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
RMOW Environmental Coordinator, L. McIvor  
RCMP, R. Knapton  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller  
Member at Large, N. Dudley  
Member at Large, M. Toom

**PUBLIC:**

Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac

**REGRETS:**

Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Get Bear Smart Society, N. Fitzgerald  
RMOW Bylaw Services, T. Lunn

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by B. Mueller  
Seconded by S. Maxwell

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of March 14, 2018.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by B. Mueller

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of February 14, 2018

CARRIED

## Updates

### Conservation Officer Service

- No bear reports in Whistler
- First bear report in Squamish; bear was getting into garbage

### RCMP

- No bear activity
- RCMP and COS will arrange training for new officers including distribution of 2017 Whistler Bear Response Plan

### RMOW

- Advancing Letter of Agreement between COS and RMOW regarding COS delivering extra services in Whistler. RMOW pays COS \$20k annually for these additional services.
- S. Gravel, COS, considering changes to the Callaghan road hunting regulations as part of larger planning exercise.

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

### Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw

Reviewed draft Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw.

- RMOW Bylaw Services, Environmental Stewardship, and Infrastructure Services have collaborated on proposed amendments.
- Updated definition of wildlife attractant: in light of updated definition of wildlife attractant, suggested to promote public education on what proper management of compost looks like to ensure that public understands that composting is allowed in Whistler, but needs to be managed properly.
- Amendments related to Solid Waste Management Plan provide increased clarity of what the plan entails. Also made supporting guidance more prominent on whistler.ca special events webpage.
- Suggested to promote the Tourism Whistler Sustainable Events Guidelines within the Solid Waste Management Plan and potentially add a section that specifically addresses bears.
- Suggested to consider use of "Wildlife Resistant" instead of "Wildlife Proof" in bylaw.

### S2S Bear Management Workshop

The S2S Bear Management Workshop is scheduled for April 18 at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

- Invitations sent to corridor local governments, First Nations, WBAC, other partners.
- Mike Badry and Simon Gravel to speak.
- 30+ participants confirmed so far.
- Currently nailing down format for small-group and plenary discussions.

Communications Planning

RMOW provided an update on the 2018 bear management communications planning.

- 2018 Bear Management Communications Plan was revised to reflect input received at February WBAC meeting. Plan now considered final.
- 2018 ES Communications Calendar being populated based on the Plan.

Waste on Buses

RMOW provided an update on the waste on buses pilot project underway.

- No negative feedback has been received from bus drivers.
- Uptake is thought to be minimal at this time.
- L. McIvor to continue advancing efforts for project partners to collaboratively develop a communications strategy.

Action Log

Action	Meeting Date	Status
L. McIvor to follow up with Emma DalSanto and Communications Department to offer assistance again on the garbage on buses initiative.	January	In progress. Lindsay met with Emma and Whistler Transit on Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> and Lindsay has created a high-level communications framework and shared this with Emma/Anyssa. Lindsay to continue pressing for engagement.
L. McIvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.	January	In progress. Budget may allow for design of signs in 2018 and production in 2019.
T. Lunn discussed opportunity for RMOW to share bear management approach at upcoming License Inspectors and Bylaw Officers Association of BC zone meeting or annual conference in 2019.  T. Lunn investigate how to get on zone meeting agenda.	February	Unknown. T. Lunn no longer working with RMOW after end of March. RMOW to follow up.

Bears 1-pager for rental properties	February	On hold until later date. Collaborate and coordinate messaging with AWARE's Eco-Citizen awareness initiative.
RMOW to consider existing and needed efforts to promote proper composting practices	March	Not started.
Follow up on suggestion to promote the Tourism Whistler Sustainable Events Guidelines and bears section within the Solid Waste Management Plan template	March	Not started.

Other Business

T. Lunn has taken on a new role with a different organization and will no longer be with the RMOW and participating on the WBAC. Chris Baker, RMOW Bylaw Services, will take over his seat on the WBAC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by N. Dudley

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the March 14, 2018 Council meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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 CO-CHAIR: H. Beresford

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 RECORDING SECRETARY: L. McIvor