



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.**

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

### PRESENT:

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
Co-Chair, AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
RMOW Bear Smart Program Assistant, L. Harrison  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
RMOW Council, S. Maxwell  
Get Bear Smart Society, N. Fitzgerald  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
Whistler Wildlife Protection Group, I. Minic-Lukac  
RMOW Bylaw Services, C. Baker  
Conservation Officer Service, B. Mueller

### REGRETS:

RCMP, P. Hayes  
Member at Large, M. Toom

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by B. Mueller  
Seconded by S. Maxwell

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of July 11, 2018.

CARRIED

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded C. Baker

**That** Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of June 13, 2018.

CARRIED

### Updates

#### Conservation Officer Service

- Overall very few calls and majority of the calls are bear sightings only.
- The injured bear near the Fairmont was relocated however he returned to the golf course. He will be continually monitored.

- A bear was hit by a car on July 9, 2018 near Alta Lake however the bear was gone on arrival.
- There are lots of berries up high so it should be a good year for the bears.

*P. Kindree arrived 8:38 a.m.*

#### RMOW Bylaw Services

- The number of calls about attractants has dropped off.
- Illegal camping is still a major issue and sometimes there are attractants involved.

#### Carney's Waste Systems

- A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Carney's and the RMOW regarding a designated area in Lot 5 where Carney's can service underground garbage bins. This area will be constructed in the fall and all of the containers will be bear proof.

#### C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative/AWARE

- The Ministry of Forests, Land and Natural Resource Operations has implemented seasonal closures in the Upper Lillooet in the spring and fall for grizzly bears.
- Signage has gone up on every main forest service road in the corridor regarding grizzly bears.

*A. DeJong arrived 8:55 a.m.*

#### Whistler Blackcomb

- Michael Allen has counted 50+ bears moving through the controlled recreation area. He has also observed that mating season appears to have finished early this year.

*N. Fitzgerald arrived 9:15 a.m.*

### **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Bear Smart  
Program  
Assistant

Going to Callaghan Road on July 14, 2018 to talk to people about safe bear viewing practices.

Working with the Discover Nature program at Lost Lake every Wednesday to do outreach with visitors at Lost Lake.

Whistler Museum  
and Archives –  
Interpretive Panels  
Project

John Rae (RMOW), Kristina Swerhun and Brad Nichols (Whistler Museum and Archives) presented on RMOW's Interpretive Panels Project. Led a discussion about content, design and location for 12 bear-specific interpretive panels. L. Harrison and C. Baker are the main representatives from the WBAC on this project.

**ACTION:** L. Harrison distribute sign information and request feedback.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Reviewed status of past actions

Action	Meeting Date	Status
L. McIvor/H. Beresford to touch base with Parking Lot Committee and RMOW Communications Department.	January	Adding parking lot signs to the new RMOW Interpretive Panels Project. Completed.
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. C. Baker to follow up (July).
Bears 1-pager for rental properties and new home owners.	February	L. Harrison will work on this. Collaborate and coordinate messaging with AWARE's Eco-Citizen awareness initiative.
RMOW to consider existing and needed efforts to promote proper composting practices	March	L. Harrison will add a section about proper composting practices to website.
Talk to Kerry Ing regarding an RMOW reporting app for issues in the community and ensure that there is a bear component.	May	L. Harrison is working on this.
Investigate potential for shared online site for key WBAC resources, accessible by all group members	May	T.Symko looked into this and determined not practical or necessary. Instead, L. Harrison to prepare an Orientation Package for new WBAC members.
Talk to Tourism Whistler and all of the golf courses about	June	L. Harrison will work on this.

promoting safe bear viewing practices.		
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**TERMINATION**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by P. Kindree

**That** the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee terminate the July 11, 2018 Whistler Bear Advisory Committee meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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CO-CHAIR: C. Ruddy

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RECORDING SECRETARY: L. Harrison