



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

In the Decker Room
8020 Nesters Road, Whistler, BC V8E 0G4

PRESENT:

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Williamson
GFL Environmental, D. Imbeau
RMOW Council, A. DeJong
RMOW Bylaw Services, C. J. Pineda
Conservation Officer Services, B. Mueller
Conservation Officer Services, E. Harbich
Member at Large, I. Minic-Lucak

Recording Secretary, L. Harrison
RMOW Parks and Trails, L. Russell
Member of the Public, B. Webster

REGRETS:

RCMP, R. Knapton
Member at Large, M. Toom
Co-Chair, AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy
Get Bear Smart Society, E. Lamb

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by B. Mueller

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory
Committee Agenda of July 10, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by E. Lamb
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear
Advisory Committee Minutes of June 12, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Conservation Officer Service

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

- Ongoing issues with bears accessing garbage in Whistler.
- A bear accessed food on a picnic table in Alpha Lake Park.
- A bear accessed a cherry tree in the village 2 days ago. This is a high priority issue and the COS is attempting to haze the bear out of the village and get the tree removed.
- A bear accessed compost in the Rainbow neighbourhood.

RMOW Bylaw Services

A presentation by J. Pineda was given regarding RMOW Bylaw activities and a discussion was held.

- 14 animal attractant calls to bylaw this month, none of these were related to illegal camp sites. Tickets were issued to some of these properties.
- There were 2 calls for illegal campsites in June, neither of these had animal attractants. This number is down from previous years.

Whistler Blackcomb

B. Webster called in to meeting at 8:37 a.m.

A presentation by A. DeJong was given regarding Whistler Blackcomb activities and a discussion was held.

- The bears are moving higher up the mountain with green up. There are no berries in the alpine yet.
- The cougar that was in the bike park appears to have moved on.

RMOW Environmental Stewardship

A presentation by L. Harrison was given regarding RMOW Environmental Stewardship activities and a discussion was held.

- Bear Smart Program Assistant, L. Harrison, will be delivering bear smart messaging at the Lost Lake Discover Nature Booth, two Wednesday Farmers Markets and a Whistler Off-Road Cycling Association (WORCA) toonie ride.
- The bear cache program happening in conjunction with Whistler Community Social Services (WCSS). All 5 units have been distributed and the users have reported no bear interactions since using the units.

WWPG

A presentation by I. Minic-Lucak was given regarding WWPG activities and a discussion was held.

- WWPG has done door knocks around Alpha Lake Park and in Nordic and Rainbow neighbourhoods.

D. Imbeau arrived at 8:53 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Alpine Trails
Update

L. Russel from RMOW Parks and Trails gave an update on the alpine trails project and a discussion was held.

- For 2019 there will be a moratorium on e-bikes, dogs and events on the trails.
- There is increased signage on the trails about bears in the alpine area.
- The alpine ranger program has increased to 7 days a week on the Sproatt trails and weekends on the Rainbow trails.
- A vegetation and habitat survey will be completed in 2019 and wildlife cameras will be added to the trails.
- The completion of the Beverley Lake trail is on hold until the vegetation and habitat survey is completed.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by B. Mueller

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of July 10, 2019 be terminated at 9:04 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Hillary Williamson

Recording Secretary, Lauren Harrison