



WHISTLER

MINUTES

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

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

PRESENT:

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Williamson
Co-Chair. AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy
Member at Large, I. Minic-Lucak
Get Bear Smart Society, E. Lamb
RCMP, R. Knapton
GFL Environmental, D. Imbeau
RMOW Council, A. DeJong

Recording Secretary, L. Harrison

REGRETS:

RMOW Bylaw Services, J. Pineda
Conservation Officer Services, B. Mueller
Member at Large, M. Toom

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Knapton
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory
Committee Agenda of May 8, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by R. Knapton
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear
Advisory Committee Minutes of April 10, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- RCMP A presentation by R. Knapton was given regarding RCMP activities and a discussion was held.
- A bear was killed in a car accident in Pemberton on May 2nd.
 - There have been very few calls in Whistler about bears.
- E. Lamb arrived at 8:37 am*
- Whistler Blackcomb A presentation by A. DeJong was given regarding Whistler Blackcomb activities and a discussion was held.
- It has been a very dry spring which is good for green up lower on the mountain but we need more rain for berries.
- AWARE/C2C A presentation by C. Ruddy was given regarding AWARE/C2C activities and a discussion was held.
- C2C had Dr. Lana Ciarniello, human-bear conflict expert review the Grizzly Bear Management Plan. C2C is looking to get her to do a presentation to the Committee of a Whole about her review.
- GBS The Biking 4 Bears program was a success with many conversations about keeping dogs on a leash.
- RMOW Environmental Stewardship A presentation by L. Harrison was given regarding RMOW Environmental Stewardship activities and a discussion was held.
- Rental 1-pager has been sent out to property management companies.
 - L. Harrison and bylaw had a meeting about food delivery companies. We are going to encourage companies and people to not leave food outdoors however bylaw will not be enforcing this.
 - Signs have been posted around Whistler golf course about keeping dogs on leash.
- GIS Mapping Initiative A presentation by H. Williamson was given on the GIS mapping initiative and a discussion was held.
- In 2016 the WBAC requested that data collected from the WildSafeBC program be mapped out so that the WBAC could identify any bear hot spots where outreach could be conducted.
 - After mapping the data it was determined that it is not very useful and just analyzing the data provides more information.
 - The COS data is more detailed so we will try to get that data instead as the WildSafeBC data has quite a few limitations.

OTHER BUSINESS/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Tourism Whistler contacted AWARE about a poster that a hotel had up showing improper bear viewing practices.

ACTION: L. Harrison to email all hotels with information for the concierges about proper bear viewing practices.

D. Imbeau arrived at 9:30 am

A presentation by C. Ruddy was given about a letter written by Whistler Off Road Cycling Association (WORCA) that requested the Trails Working and Planning Group (TWPG) mandate be revisited.

- Currently the group works more of a reporting group than a planning group.
- TWPG needs clear goals and needs a way to allow input.
- C. Ruddy brought up that the wildlife implications of trails needs to be considered from the very beginning.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by R. Knapton
Seconded by A. DeJong

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of May 8, 2019 be terminated at 9:40 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair, Claire Ruddy

Recording Secretary, Lauren Harrison