



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019, STARTING AT 8:30
A.M.**

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

PRESENT:

Co-Chair and Recording Secretary, RMOW, H. Williamson
Conservation Officer Services, B. Mueller
GFL Environmental, Ryan
Get Bear Smart Society, E. Lamb
RMOW Council, A. DeJong
RMOW Bylaw Services, J. Pineda
Member at Large, I. Minic-Lukac
Member at Large, M. Webster
Member at Large, A. Baudouin

Conservation Officer Services, E. Harbich
Conservation Officer Services, J. Bjarnason

REGRETS:

RCMP, R. Knapton
Co-Chair. AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by J. Pineda

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Agenda of December 11, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by B. Mueller
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Minutes of November 13, 2019.

CARRIED

UPDATES

- Conservation Officer Service A presentation by B. Mueller was given regarding Conservation Officer Service activities and a discussion was held.
- Most bears have gone into hibernation
 - Still monitoring one bear in Alpine which is still active and has accessed a BBQ
- Bylaw A presentation by J. Pineda was given regarding Bylaw activities and a discussion was held.
- 0 calls regarding bears or attractants in the last month
 - 2 calls regarding squats, there was no attractants on or near these sites
- GFL A presentation by Ryan was given regarding GFL activities and a discussion was held.
- No bear related issues reported in Whistler but there continues to be ongoing issues with bears accessing garbage totes in Squamish
- Whistler Blackcomb A presentation by A. DeJong was given regarding WB activities and a discussion was held.
- Very little bear activity reported on the mountain, only 1 bear sighting in the last 10 days at the bottom of Excelerator
 - No bear related issues to report
- WWPG A presentation by I. Minic-Lukac was given regarding WWPG activities and a discussion was held.
- Biking for bears continued at the Whistler Golf Course until the end of November when bears were no longer being observed on site.
 - Tourists were being directed by local guides and organizations to go to the Whistler Golf course in order to see bears
- RMOW Environmental Stewardship A presentation by H. Williamson was given regarding RMOW Environmental Stewardship activities and a discussion was held.
- Three new bear cut out signs have been made up and will be installed in the day lots this winter
 - The Parks Planning Department will be joining the committee meeting in either February or March to present conceptual plans for Municipal Parks and receive feedback

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by B. Mueller

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of December 11, 2019 be terminated at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair and Recording Secretary,
Hillary Williamson