



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.  
In the Decker Meeting Room  
Public Works Building, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

**PRESENT:**

RMOW, Heather Beresford  
GBS, Sylvia Dolson  
Conservation Officer Service, Chris Doyle & Simon Gravel  
Bylaw, Nancy Johnston  
RMOW Bear Smart Program Assistant, Kate Brandon  
Carney's Waste Systems, Ray Christensen  
RCMP, Sgt. Rob Knapton  
WB, Arthur DeJong

Recording Secretary, Kate Brandon

**REGRETS:**

RMOW Council, Sue Maxwell

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by N. Johnston  
Seconded by Arthur DeJong

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of October 14, 2015.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Arthur DeJong  
Seconded by Simon Gravel

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the regular Black Bear Working Committee minutes of September 9, 2014.

CARRIED

**PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

**CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE (COS) UPDATE**

- 10 calls in past 14 days

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- Bear with injury to back left leg reported on Gondola Way, expecting that more reports will come in on this bear
- Audits and enforcement; 5 tickets for attractants, and multiple tickets for stopping in vehicle to watch bears on Callaghan Valley Road and one for harassing a bear
- Positive reinforcement –COS considering developing a positive compliance letter for businesses excelling at attract management
- Sow and cub destroyed after history of multiple human/wildlife conflicts: camper, food caches, garbage structure
- Matrix policy applied to destroying bears, no policy changes have been made this year
- Diversionary feeding will not be supported by COS

**Action item:** In the event that a bear is destroyed, COS, Get Bear Smart Society and RMOW (and RCMP as necessary) will have a teleconference to discuss circumstances and action going forward

- COS agreeable to meet with Pique and Question to discuss communication and media reporting
- New COS position to start next week

**Action for November meeting:** discuss matrix and its application, provide clarity on how is applied to a Bear Smart community, provide translocation policy clarification

### RCMP UPDATE

- Supporting COS enforcement of Motor Vehicle Act: cars stopped to view bears in Callaghan Valley Road
- No bear calls received for October
- 20 calls over September; man chased by bear on his bike, bear accessed a waste bin at Muderella, bear was shot at while accessing a garbage shed no blood or body located-matter dealt with internally

### CARNEY'S UPDATE

- No customer complaints or requests
- Blackcomb Lodge compactor installed and some work left to do in recycling area, overall plan has changed and new totes for recycling are being ordered
- Events: plan to meet with RMOW Special Events Manager to debrief on previous season and discuss upcoming and next year events to better manage waste and wildlife concerns
- Working with AWARE towards compliance on waste segregation new bylaws

### WHISTLER BLACKCOMB UPDATE

- Bears feeding higher up the mountain in areas where clover and other grasses are still flourishing
- SWOT analysis done on policies annually or after an incident, opportunity to improve, suggest that WBAC do similar at end of each year
- Will provide any information about bear populations to assist the COS on local bear populations

#### **BYLAW UPDATE**

- 6 garbage calls
- Few attractant issues, tipped over a fridge, food in a vehicle asked owner to remove food immediately
- ScandinaveSpa had a shed accessed that has not been an issue in the past and have now been asked to improve the structure
- Garbage calls are responded to immediately

#### **GET BEAR SMART SOCIETY (GBS) UPDATE**

- Group watched the draft 4 the Love of Bears video, "I Need a Lift" to get feedback.
- Website to facilitate community ride sharing to help people get garbage and recycling to the waste transfer stations ask for a lift/offer a lift. It will be used in various social media platforms primarily Facebook and YouTube
- Target audience 18-25 years

#### **RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER (RMOW) UPDATE**

- **Council approved the creation of the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee.** Terms of Reference explained.
- Parks crews cleaned up acorns on Whistler Way. Consider power washing trees in the spring to prevent development of acorns
- Other location near bus stop Lake Placid to remove Mountain Ash
- Signage improved and placed at various locations will stay up until mid-November:
  - 2 at Lost Lake
  - 1 between day lots 1&2
  - 1 at bridge to the Upper Village
  - 2 in Creekside on Valley Trail
  - 1 at Cheakamus
  - 1 Alpha Lake Park
- Attended Whistler Restaurant Association meeting to discuss participation with Get Bear Smart Restaurant program
- Canvassing in Kadenwood and Creekside
- Implemented new posters for bus shelters
- Continued social media updates and Mad Bear Skillz videos
- Preparing for Whistler Welcome week

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

*There were no items of Other Business.*

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Nancy Johnston

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the October 14, 2015 Council meeting at 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: Sylvia Dolson