



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016 STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.  
In the Decker Meeting Room  
Public Works Building, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

### PRESENT:

Heather Beresford, RMOW, Co-Chair, Recording Secretary  
Sylvia Dolson, GBS, Co-Chair  
Simon Gravel, Conservation Officer Service  
Brittany Mueller, Conservation Officer Service  
Murray Smith, Conservation Officer Service  
Cara Barnsley, RMOW Bylaw Services  
Paul Kindree, Carney's Waste Systems  
Sue Maxwell, RMOW Council  
Colin Hedderson, Member at Large  
Nicole Fitzgerald, Member at Large  
Sgt. Rob Knapton, RCMP  
Lori Homstol, Public

### REGRETS:

Claire Ruddy, AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative  
Arthur DeJong, WB

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by N. Fitzgerald

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee agenda of April 13, 2016.

CARRIED

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by S. Maxwell  
Seconded by L. Homstol

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of March 9, 2016.

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

Welcome to Inspector Murray Smith, COS.

### **1. UPDATES**

#### **CONSERVATION OFFICER SERVICE (COS) UPDATE**

- Little activity, no calls.
- Meeting with Milestones on April 19
- GIS presentation at March meeting raised questions. GIS tech was correcting address mistakes by using his local knowledge. May be useful to use the data to review seasonal patterns. Could post weekly info on social media.

**ACTION:** S. Gravel determine capacity, timeframes and agreements. Provide update at next meeting.

#### **BYLAW SERVICES UPDATE**

- Bins for day lot 4 arrived. Install in May.
- WB hired 1 FTE to clean day lots.

**ACTION:** H. Beresford provide L. DeBou with bear messaging for day lot staff person.

#### **RCMP UPDATE**

- No calls
- Training by COS next month.

#### **CARNEY'S UPDATE**

- All quiet.

#### **WHISTLER BLACKCOMB UPDATE**

- N/A

#### **C2C GRIZZLY BEAR INITIATIVE**

- N/A

Reviewed 2016 workplan:

### **2. RMOW**

GIS – underway

Update Bear Management Plan – S. Dolson completing.

Bear Response Plan – COS & RMOW will contract out the writing.

Public Education – Restaurant Program will resume with new Bear Smart Program Assistant (position starts May 9)

RMOW Garbage Disposal Bylaw Update – RMOW hired AWARE to help businesses plan for organics diversion. Many problems identified, particularly around space available. WBAC can provide bear messaging.

Golf Courses outreach – S. Dolson will ask if they want the life size bear signs for messaging.

**ACTION:** COS will meet with golf course management.

Riverside Campground – meeting with new management proposed.

**ACTION:** COS will contact campground management for a meeting.

Whistler Spirit/Welcome Week – Bylaw used to do a “Trash Talkin” segment. Does that opportunity still exist?

**ACTION:** Determine if bear messaging can be included in the new video being prepared.

### 3. GBS

Car-less Residents subcommittee held one meeting, another scheduled for April 15. Identifying target population segments, aligning with other initiatives (TAG, zero waste), existing information, data gaps, barriers

Mountain FM PSAs prepared (1 spring, 2 summer, 1 fall)

Safety training for RMOW outside staff and two adventure companies.

**ACTION:** GBS connect with Museum on its Nature 101 guide training program.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Actions from previous meetings:
  - COS & Bylaw yet to meet
  - Information to developers – H. Beresford shared website information. Discussed Squamish’s system.  
ACTION: H. Beresford discuss solid waste planning process with DOS staff.
- Next Meeting – May 11

#### ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S. Maxwell

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the April 13, 2016 Regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: Sylvia Dolson