



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

At Decker Room  
RMOW Public Works Yard

#### PRESENT:

Co-Chair, RMOW, H. Beresford  
RMOW Councillor, S. Maxwell  
Conservation Officer Service, K. Popjes  
Carney's Waste Systems, P. Kindree  
AWARE/C2C Grizzly Bear Initiative, C. Ruddy  
Whistler Blackcomb, A. DeJong  
RCMP, Constable P. Haider  
Public, L. Homstol

Bear Smart Program Assistant, Recording Secretary, A. Paris

#### REGRETS:

Co-Chair, Get Bear Smart, S. Dolson  
Member at Large, N. Fitzgerald  
Member at Large, C. Hedderson  
Public, E. Archer  
RMOW Bylaw Services, C. Riess

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by L. Homstol  
Seconded by P. Kindree

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear  
Advisory Committee agenda of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

CARRIED

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by C. Ruddy

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular  
Whistler Bear Advisory Committee minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

CARRIED

#### VERBAL REPORTS

A discussion led by K. Popjes regarding COS activities.

Conservation Officer  
Service

- 29 calls, 2 bears MVA, sow moved from bus stop
- High activity on Spring Creek road
- 1 non-compliance issue re: Earl's strata
- 19 Mile strata re: mountain ash
- Numerous village sightings and hazings
- Grizzly killed black bear in Callaghan - charged ATV and COS. COS removed carcass
- Reports of bear being fed in Kadenwood

RMOW Bylaw Services

Bylaw - absent.

RCMP

A discussion led by P. Haider regarding RCMP activities.

- Spring Creek school area seeing activity

ACTION: BSPA make contact with Spring Creek elementary

Carney's Waste Services

A discussion led by P. Kindree regarding Carney's Waste Services.

- Muderella coming up, had bear problems in 2015.
- A. DeJong will check with his special events coordinator, RMOW share what special events guidelines
- Car-less residents: George's War Wagon being turned away from using compactor sites. RMOW directed Carney's to refuse contractors.

ACTION: H. Beresford following up with RMOW solid waste management

Whistler Blackcomb

A discussion led by A. DeJong.

- Stable and no incidents
- Alpine berries → low crop, but better than 2015
- Some earth works construction → fresh green up this fall

AWARE

A discussion led by C. Ruddy regarding AWARE activities.

- Zero waste hero program, successful
- Whistler 50 in October
- Creating a planning toolkit for Zero waste events
- Michael Audain has created a Grizzly Bear Foundation. Meetings throughout BC, written report with recommendations

- Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative      A discussion led by C. Ruddy regarding Coast to Cascade Grizzly Bear Initiative activities
- Working on trail signage (for trailheads)
  - FLNRO reviewing signs, may use as well. Hopefully installing this fall
  - Teaming up with Michael Allen Sept. 27 for Whistler Library talk
  - New person (Gillian) doing contract with First Nations
- RMOW      A discussion led by H. Beresford regarding bear response plan
- Reviewed quickly, will distribute by email for comment
  - Communications flow chart - link to RMOW Emergency matrix to define hazing and bear handling
  - Add: Dave Patterson's suggestion for storing/placing Bear in Area signs and trail closed signs
  - Next step – S. Gravel and S. Dolson to review, then redistribute to WBAC for comment
  - Autumn outreach: Bylaw will patrol parks for dogs on leash and give people information that it will help save bears from coming into conflict. Social media blasts. Attending Connect Whistler (used to be called Welcome Week). New community group organized - connect with organizer.
- BSPA      A discussion led by A. Paris regarding RMOW Bear Smart Program Assistant activities
- Restaurant program is going well, Whistler Golf Course and Earl's using the program to train staff
  - Transportation companies will email clients with bear information
  - Report of open garbage can at Train Wreck site – removed with Parks Operations assistance
  - Bylaw updated by year end, and shared WBAC bylaw update recommendations with new Solid Waste Manager.
- A. DeJong and P. Haider left at 9:36 a.m.
- A discussion led by S. Maxwell regarding Car-less residents
- Draft report with recommendations
  - Reviewed other mountain resorts (Banff, Jasper and Canmore)
  - Considered other goals (waste diversion, GHG emissions)

- Developed list of recommendations, not just one thing will solve the problem

ACTION: S. Maxwell will prioritize list and group related ideas.

K. Popjes left at 10:01 am

Further discussion of ideas for reaching hotel guests.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by P. Kindree  
Seconded by C. Ruddy

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adjourn the September 14, 2016 Council meeting at 10:06 a.m.

CARRIED

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CO-CHAIR: Sylvia Dolson

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RECORDING SECRETARY: Anitra Paris