



**REGULAR MEETING OF
FOREST WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting via Zoom
For information on how to participate: <http://www.whistler.ca/fwac>

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PRESENT:	Councillor, A. De Jong	1
	Chair, Member at Large, M. Tardif	1
	Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	1
	Member at Large, R. Millikin	1
	Member at Large, C. Young	1
	AWARE, C. Ruddy	1
	Recording Secretary, J. Wynott	1
ABSENT:	Member at Large, V. Cole	0
	Member at Large, D. Raymond	0
	WORCA, N. Koshure	0
STAFF PRESENT:	Manager of Environmental Stewardship, L. Burhenne	
OTHERS:	WORCA, Ben Hryciw	
	RMOW, Legislative Services, Ellen Grant	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair M. Tardif recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Lílwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By Member at Large, R. Millikin

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By Member at Large, C. Young

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Updates

Updates were given by Council, AWARE, WORCA, RMOW, Trail Planning Working Group, and Cheakamus Community Forest.

Council

- Council gave the first, second, and third readings for the 5 year financial plan.
- Council received a comprehensive presentation on the ebike pilot project. There was some local businesses who attend who voiced their feedback, however climate change demands us to make these changes in our community. The report is available in the public Council package and the video has been uploaded to whistler.ca.
- Mayor Crompton recognized the front-line staff over the holidays. It was a challenging Christmas with the weather conditions.

AWARE

- AWARE has been focusing on development work and year-end work.
- AWARE is meeting with partners and discussing 2023 programming.
- They have submitted two grants thus far for funding. More details to come if the grants are successful.

WORCA

- 2023 Fee for Service funding was approved and WORCA has submitted their first invoice.
- 2023 membership purchase is open and is doing well.
- WORCA received a letter of support from Squamish Nation Re: Into the Mystic and Darcy trail. Based on Section 57 approval, they could start trail construction later this year.
- WORCA is working on an application to the Trail Trust to develop accessible trails.

RMOW

- Ellen Grant, Insurance, Litigation and Risk Coordinator, Legislative Services sat in on the meeting to learn about Committee processes.

- Jessie Gresley-Jones, General Manager of Climate Action, Planning and Development will be leaving the RMOW. The posting for the role will go out shortly.
- The CWRP was adopted in April and will go to Council on January 24 with a progress report. The delay was really to ensure alignment between Firesmart and the Fire Department.
- The RMOW is working with Frontera Forest Solutions to develop the 2023 fuel thinning plans. Weather dependent, the plan includes thinning the remaining areas above the Rainbow neighborhood, Riverside, and then finishing the Kadenwood gondola area.
- No new members of FWAC will be added at this time.
- Olivia Carroll, Recording Secretary for FWAC, will return for the February meeting and resume RS duties.

Trail Plan Working Group

- No updates

Cheakamus Community Forest

- Simon Murray has departed the organization, and Heather Beresford, Executive Director, will become the new point person for the CCF.
- There will be a new Board Member appointed to replace Jessie Gresley-Jones.

The Committee discussed the opportunity of having an onboarding package for new members. C. Young volunteered to take the lead on this.

4.2 Chair & Co-Chair Election

The Committee elected Melanie Tardif as committee chair and Rhonda Milikin as committee co-chair.

Moved by Member at Large, C. Young

Seconded by Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the elected committee chair and co-chair.

Result: CARRIED

4.3 FWAC Annual Report

M. Tardif held a discussion regarding the FWAC Annual Report.

The Committee reviewed the draft report and discussed some additions and omissions. Overall, this year's report is more concise and direct than previous years, which the committee supports.

M. Tardif will circulate the draft requesting any comments and edits to be

completed by January 22 with the intention of adopting the document at the February meeting.

4.4 2023 FWAC Priorities

The Committee reviewed the FWAC annual calendar and made one edit moving the February meeting to Feb 15. The August meeting will proceed based on demand.

The Committee discussed their priorities and areas of focus for the 2023 season. They reviewed their Terms of Reference and voiced that more diverse agendas with a variety of areas of focus as per the TOR would add value to the Committee. L. Burhenne will create a draft calendar of topics for the year and bring it to the next meeting. C. Ruddy offered to create a list of past meaningful achievements by FWAC and topic areas that the committee was often involved in. This historic context will help guide the decision making on the focus areas for the year. The following process was suggested;

- Each month has a different priority or area of focus (ex. watershed)
- Each area of focus will have a committee member assigned to it. That member will be responsible for providing input on the agenda items and/or guest speakers
- Recording secretary to search RMOW files and supply any previous works the committee has completed on the topic. This to be distributed with the agenda one week before the meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By Member at Large, R. Millikin

Seconded By Councillor, A. De Jong

That Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

CARRIED

Chair, M. Tardif

Recording Secretary, J. Wynott