



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

Wednesday, March, 8, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting via Zoom

For information on how to participate: <http://www.whistler.ca/fwac>

	Mtgs: YTD (3)
PRESENT:	
Councilor, A. De Jong	3
Co-Chair, Member at Large, R. Millikin	3
Member at Large, C. Young	3
Member at Large, D. Raymond	2
Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff	2
WORCA, N. Koshure	2
ABSENT:	
Chair, Member at Large, M. Tardif	2
Member at Large, V. Cole	0
AWARE, C. Ruddy	1
STAFF	
PRESENT:	
Manager of Climate and Environment, L. Burhenne	
Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	
OTHERS:	
WORCA, Ben Hryciw	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Rhonda Millikin recognized the Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, unceded territory of the Lílwat People, known in their language as Liíwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By A. De Jong

Seconded By C. Young

That Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting agenda of Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By C. Young

Seconded By D. Raymond

That Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Meeting minutes of Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Updates

Updates were given by Council, WORCA, and RMOW. There were no new updates from Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF). AWARE Representative, C. Ruddy was not present in meeting to provide new updates.

Council

- Council gave approval for funding Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 employee housing.
- Approved 'Glacier 8', the proposed Whistler Blackcomb staff housing building, which would be the 8th building in the existing complex, adding 200 staff beds.
- Northlands development progressing to Phase 3.
- Grizzly Biologist, Steve Rochetta gave presentation in recent WBAC meeting. His research shows up to 10-12 grizzlies in our sub-alpine/alpine.

WORCA

- Currently planning summer trail crew staffing.
- Recreation Sites & Trails have approved some trail requests, prioritizing Jane Lakes area, D'Arcy Burke memorial trail.
- Also focusing on trail accessibility for adaptive riders on some Cheakamus trails.
- Summer events: Crankworx (July) and Canadian Enduro will be using the same Enduro event – less race impacts on the trails.

RMOW

- Dale Mikkelsen has been hired as the new General Manager of Climate Action, Planning, & Development. Dale is the current President of WORCA, has worked for City of Vancouver, and most recently for the Burnaby 'UniverCity' project. He has been a resident of Whistler for seven years and is an active member of the community. Dale will begin work at the RMOW on April 3, 2023.
- Fuel thinning - waiting for snow to melt to start working season; contracts all in place.
- Climate Action update was provided to Council by Climate Action Coordinator, Maria Thorlakson. Biggest takeaway – we are making progress, but there is more that we can do and need to do to achieve our climate targets.

TPWG

- Public engagement for the Recreation Trail Strategy will be rolling out at the end of the month.

4.2 Annual Report

The committee discussed the final draft of the Annual Report. The report is directed towards CCF, however, the committee want the resolutions to be clear that the CCF is under RMOW. Staff confirmed that the report would be appended to the meeting minutes in which the final report is adopted by the committee. Committee decided to make an addendum to the report to include the suggestion of renegotiating the purchasing agreement between the CCF and the Province that is more reflective of today's market. This would in turn create more revenue for the parties which would

perhaps lessen the financial need for commercial logging. Committee will make final edits and circulate for review with the aim to adopt the report in April FWAC meeting.

4.3 Whistler Urban Development Containment Area (WUDCA)

Luisa shared the map of WUDCA and outlined the definition of the area. The map is available on Whistler GIS or within the Official Community Plan (OCP). FWAC focuses on everything outside the WUDCA. FWAC and Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee (RLAC) may have some overlap particularly with trails that may start in the WUDCA and finish outside the WUDCA, but generally the committees each have their own purpose and parameters.

4.4 Onboarding Package

Member, C. Young discussed the creation of the draft onboarding package for all new members. Committee was in support of this document as an onboarding concept for new members. Committee requested staff to label map with neighborhood names for better orientation. Committee will await FWAC’s revised mandate from staff following the committee review and ask that staff identify which other committees have a shared interest before finalizing document.

4.5 Community Parks

Member, R. Millikin started discussion on how FWAC might best support conservation in our community parks and asked Martin Pardoe how the committee can help. M. Pardoe noted that it requires a balancing act between preservation/conservation and aligning with the increasing demand and resilience to our parks. However, it is not within FWAC’s mandate to focus on community parks as it is within the WUDCA. Committee agreed that there are important aspects that require preservation, however a balance is required particularly as community parks are for the community and are not necessarily wild areas. It is not within FWAC’s terms of reference to advise on this subject.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Sea to Sky Land Use Plan

- Committee would like someone to speak on Sea to Sky Land & Resource Management Plan and how it relates to FWAC for future meeting.
- Link to the [Sea to Sky Land & Resource Management Plan](#) was shared with the group.

Next Meeting

- Scheduled for April 12th. Luisa will look into guest presentation for the Environmental Monitoring Report.

6. TERMINATION

Moved By A. De Jong

Seconded By C. Young

That the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee terminate the Regular Committee Meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

CARRIED

Co-Chair, R. Millikin

Recording Secretary, O. Carroll