



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

ZOOM

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (9)
Chair and Recording Secretary, Tara Schaufele, RMOW Environmental Stewardship	6
Arthur DeJong, Council	10
Juan Pineda, RMOW Bylaw Services	8
Ivana Minic-Lukac, Whistler Wildlife Protection Group	10
Brittany Mueller, BC Conservation Officer Service	7
Taylor Green, Member at Large	5
Martin Pardoe, Guest Speaker	
Lorne Russel, Guest Speaker	
Todd Hellinga, Guest Speaker	
REGRETS	
Adrien Baudouin, Member at Large	4
Claire Ruddy, AWARE	5
Simon Gravel, BC Conservation Officer Service	0
Sgt. Nathan Miller, RCMP	0
Denise Imbeau, GFL Environmental - Waste Management	1
Hanneke Snijder, Whistler Blackcomb	1

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong
Seconded by I. Minic-Lukac

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Agenda of November 9, 2022.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. De Jong
Seconded by J. Pineda

That Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Minutes of October 10, 2022.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Recreational Trails Strategy	<p>Martin Pardoe, Todd Hallinga and Lorne Russel presented on the Recreational Trails Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research re Species at Risk and Grizzly Habitat considered in development of strategy and trail selection.• Trails will be assessed against environmental indicators to assess effective building and location.• T. Schaufele asked if RMOW data from ecosystem monitoring program has been considered in the development of the RTS? T. Hallinga indicated yes and info from the Priority Habitat Framework as well.• T. Schaufele asked if seasonal variations will influence trail making decisions and / or spur closures (i.e., trails in heavily impacted areas during heavy rains)? T. Hallinga indicated that bears have been considered but some more thought will be put towards other seasonal variations potentially influencing closures.• A. DeJong asked if fire risk has been considered for trail building? T. Hallinga answered no and that he will explore how they could consider this.• T. Green asked how the RTS communication strategy processes is working towards RMOW connection with trail forks and all trails? L. Russel indicated that the RMOW has a good relationship with trail forks but needs to work on that with all trails.
Updates	
Conservation Officer Service (COS)	<p>A presentation by B. Mueller was given regarding the Conservation Officer Service activities and a discussion was held</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bear activity has reduced but there has still been activity in the village with bears accessing underground parkades to obtain food and grease from restaurants.• Sow and cubs are thought to have gone into hibernation.
RMOW Environmental Stewardship	<p>A presentation by T. Schaufele was given and a discussion was held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cougar observed in Village. No new reports, thought to have moved on.• Strategic planning meeting to be held after Senior Mgmt. and council announce changes to committees.• T. Schaufele will be away during December's meeting. Taylor will chair and Hillary Williamson will step in on behalf of the RMOW and as recording secretary.
RMOW Bylaw Services	<p>A presentation by J. Pineda was given regarding RMOW Bylaw Services activities and a discussion was held.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bear accessing garbage area under Earls in underground parkade. Staff moved garbage into stairwell with shut door to resolve issue.

- Construction sites have been attractant areas as of late. People walking past are dumping trash into construction bins.

A DeJong

A presentation by A. DeJong was given.

- Upslope – Garibaldi Park (approx.. 2200m) there are minimal berries.
- We have had the wettest spring on record for 50 years followed by the driest fall on record for 50 years
- Evidence of animals digging into marmot dens, not sure of which animal

Whistler Wildlife
Protection Group

A presentation by I. Minic-Lukac was given regarding Whistler Wildlife Protection Group activities and a discussion was held.

- A lot of education around Nita Lake after cub and sow issues.

ACTION ITEMS

- Additional comments on RTS are to be provided to Martin Pardoe by November 24, 2022.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by T. Schaufele
Seconded by A. DeJong

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of November, 2022 be terminated at 9.47 am

Tara Schaufele

Chair, Tara Schaufele

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Recording Secretary, Tara
Schaufele