

WHISTLER

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

**In the Franz Wilhelmssen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre – Formerly
Millennium Place
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Council agenda of November 1, 2016.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the Regular Council minutes of October 18, 2016.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Human Bear
Management Plan – 2nd
Edition (2016)
Report No.16-118
File No. 8396

A presentation by municipal staff.

That the Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition (2016) attached as Appendix A in report number 16-118 replace the 2009 edition and be adopted by Council.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Transportation Advisory
Group

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Group's Workshop No. 4 of July 11, 2016.

Forest and Wildland
Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2016.

Recreation and Leisure
Advisory Committee

Minutes of the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee meetings of May 12, June 16 and September 8, 2016.

Liquor Licensing Advisory
Committee

Minutes of the Liquor Licensing Advisory Committee meeting of July 14, 2016.

BYLAWS FOR THIRD READING

Zoning Amendment
Bylaw (1310 & 1350
Cloudburst Dr) No. 2128,
2016

That Council consider giving third reading to Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310 & 1350 Cloudburst Dr) No. 2128, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of the
Environment UBCM
Follow Up
File No. 2014.33

Correspondence from Hon. Mary Polak, Minister of the Environment dated October 17, 2016, regarding commitments to following up with topics raised from meetings at the Union of British Columbian Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

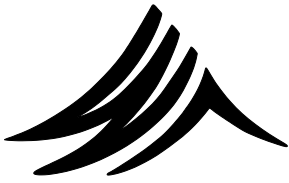
Graffiti Issues in Whistler
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Perri Domm, President and Founder of Goodbye Graffiti dated October 17, 2016, regarding statistics he has collected and the process he has taken to address issues of graffiti in Whistler.

DES Issues
File No. 3009

Correspondence from Karen Thomson, dated October 12, 2016 and October 24, 2016 regarding issues and concerns with her District Energy System.

ADJOURNMENT



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016, STARTING AT 5:30 P.M.**

**In the Franz Wilhelmssen Theatre at Maury Young Arts Centre – Formerly
Millennium Place
4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor J. Ford

Councillors: S. Anderson, J. Crompton, J. Grills, A. Janyk, S. Maxwell

ABSENT:

Mayor N. Wilhelm-Morden

Chief Administrative Officer, M. Furey
General Manager of Infrastructure Services, J. Hallisey
Acting General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, K. Roggeman
General Manager of Resort Experience, J. Jansen
Director of Planning, M. Kirkegaard
Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek
Manager of Communications, M. Comeau
Manager of Information Technology, K. Ing
Senior Planner, M. Laidlaw
Recording Secretary, M. Kish

*Acting Mayor Ford recognized the attendance of Eric Martin and Garry Watson
holders of the Freedom of the Municipality.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Council adopt of the Regular Council agenda of October 18, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council adopt the Regular Council and Public Hearing minutes of October 4, 2016.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Wolfgang Run - no address in Whistler asked the questions:

Will Council and staff be sincere in reading former Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Paul Hellyer's book "Money Mafia – World in Crisis", which explains about the Bank of Canada and how we can spend money into existence without incurring debt? That means for our housing. What if we had all the capital that we could spend into existence to solve our interim and affordable housing situation with excellence and collaborative imagination. What if we had all the money at our disposal. What if we thought there wasn't enough money, but what if we thought we could create and spend that money into existence for our infrastructure needs and mitigate the suffering that is going on in our community.

Has Council, CAO and staff done the in depth research to implement ATCO-esque camps to act as a shock absorber to dampen the un-real estate and unsustainable market practices in force today?

Has the CAO and staff implemented a step by step cost and benefit analysis by recommending a plan to end the social suffering? Did I not hear the excuse from the CAO for not planning smart interim dwelling in the last meeting because he was concerned about legal challenges if the people should they be wanting to keep their workforce village camp intact and might create a legal precedent? Is this legal card just another avoidance tactic to not do the most crucial proactive plan to end the suffering in our community at the cost of financial and social harm versus social wellbeing by using smart money creation through the Bank of Canada?

What are the reasonable excuses that staff and Council seem to reinforce week after week, month after month, year after year? Do we want to spend 3 million on interim housing or do we want to spend it on permanent dwellings? What if you were able to cultivate and shift into a dynamic political will to make available all the monies to be spent into existence for both interim and permanent housing?

Is Council and staff willing to investigate and educate themselves in this new political paradigm that was implemented between 1938 – 1974? It's a fact.

Will the Mayor set the bar higher and commit to solve the affordable housing shortage and commit and promise on public record that all creative shock absorbers will be set in place regardless what the housing market demands to have affordable high quality housing?

Will Council, staff and Mayor be willing to take in this great wisdom from William Lyon McKenzie King our former Prime Minister? Will you investigate the wisdom and how can we apply his wisdom today, make it dynamic and make our life better in this community and village?

"Once a nation parts with the control of its currency and credit, it matters not who makes that nation's laws. Usury, once in control, will wreck any nation. Until the control of the issue of currency and credit is restored to government and recognized as its most conspicuous and sacred responsibility, all talk of the sovereignty of Parliament and of democracy is idle and futile."

Acting Mayor Ford stated that she couldn't answer all the questions Mr. Run asked but reiterated that Mayor Wilhelm-Morden had offered to meet with him outside the Regular Council Meeting format to discuss his ideas further. Acting Mayor Ford replied that this Council and past Councils have been committed to doing the best they can to provide housing and to work with community stakeholders to assist in that endeavor. And that they are committed through the Mayor's task force on housing to look at creative ideas and to come up with solutions in a short and medium term platform. Acting Mayor Ford replied that they are working on it, are committed and are not ignoring the issue

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

A presentation was given by Eric Martin, President and Chair of the Whistler 2020 Development Corp. regarding the District Energy System at Cheakamus Crossing.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Whistler Writers Festival ran from October 13 to 16.
The festival held:

- twelve workshops
- fourteen reading events for adults
- one reading event for young readers
- one workshop for young writers
- a Chef's reception featuring authors of cook books
- and an authors in schools program in partnership with the English classes in five Sea to Sky corridor high schools.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that industry representatives from Penguin Randomhouse, Groundwood and other agencies and publishers were in Whistler to hear pitches from emerging authors. A Literary Salon workshop specifically for readers and book club members hosted book clubs Seattle, the Gulf Islands and the Fraser valley.

A new prize and event for independently published books was initiated this year. Participants came from Ontario, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta. The festival is in its fifteenth year and saw participation levels increase by 17 per cent with overall attendance at 1,810. The Resort Municipality of Whistler invested \$10,000 through the Resort Municipality Initiative funds from the Province of British Columbia in the following events: Comedy Quickies, Literary Cabaret and Signature Reading events. All were sold out.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that the sixth annual Whistler 50 Relay and Ultra was a success saying that feedback has been positive, despite the rain. A thousand runners participated in the event, of which sixty four solo participants ran the whole distance and the rest competed in teams. The event brought around one thousand, five hundred people to Whistler. The municipality's Festival, Events and Animation funding was invested in the Finish Line Party. At the finish line the runners received food and there was an awards ceremony at Whistler Olympic Plaza. The event donated money to the Sea to Sky Food Banks and have given thirty six thousand dollars over the past six years.

Acting Mayor Ford informed that Whistler Housing Authority and the Resort Municipality of Whistler arranged a free information session for landlords on October 13. Landlords B.C. spoke about tenant selection, making agreements, inspections and common issues. The event was a huge success. Over 40 people attended and filled the library's Community Room. A session on tenant's rights is planned for November with a presentation by the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre.

On behalf of the RMOW and Council Acting Mayor Ford congratulated artist Sarah Turton, whose proposal was selected for the design of the 2016 and 2017 fall and winter street banner series. Her proposal is called "Winter in Motion", and involves four different designs. This selection resulted from an open competition process. Sarah was also the winner of the previous spring and summer competition. Acting Mayor Ford encouraged everyone to check out the new banners, which are currently being hung on street light posts in Whistler Village. Through the Street Banner Program, each series is displayed for two seasons and then sold to the public. Revenue from sales contribute to future public art projects. Street banners are also upcycled through the banner to bags program, which turns retired banners into reusable bags. Learn more at whistler.ca/banners.

Acting Mayor Ford updated that the RMOW corporate operations have been formally recognized for achieving carbon neutrality in 2015. The recognition was given recently by the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee.

Acting Mayor Ford updated that the RMOW's corporate operations Carbon Neutral Operations plan, which is consistent with Whistler's Community Energy and Climate Action Plan, have achieved carbon neutrality annually since 2010 and Corporate GHG emissions have been reduced by 38 per cent since peak levels in 2009. The RMOW had signed the Climate Action Charter in 2007 to commit to working with the Province of British Columbia and the Union of BC Municipalities to take action on climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and continues to work diligently on climate management planning at both the community and corporate operations scales.

Acting Mayor Ford conveyed that an information session is being held about the St. Andrews alley waterproofing project for Parking Lot B. The session is to share information and also to receive input. Any businesses and residents impacted by the project are invited to attend on Wednesday, October 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Delta Whistler Village Suites.

Acting Mayor Ford encouraged Whistler's residents to take part in the ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday, October 20 at 10:20 a.m. At 10:20 a.m., hundreds of thousands of British Columbia residents will Drop! Cover! and Hold On! The drill is a particularly valuable exercise in this region because Whistler has a 15 to 20 percent chance of a damaging earthquake in the next 50 years. And we all have experienced minor tremors in the past year. If you would like to Drop! Cover! and Hold On! with a group, Whistler Public Library will be taking part. To sign up online, please visit ShakeOutBC.ca.

Acting Mayor Ford congratulated Palmer's Gallery Bar and Grill for being Whistler's first restaurant to complete the Whistler Bear Smart Restaurant program to be a Bear Smart restaurant. The program is offered online for free, and offers restaurant staff and managers practical solutions to minimize conflict between humans and bears at the workplace. The Get Bear Smart Society and the Resort Municipality of Whistler developed the program, which includes an initial consultation, training and a free follow-up evaluation as well as assistance. Anyone interested in taking part can contact the municipal Bear Smart program assistant at bearaware@whistler.ca.

Acting Mayor Ford shared that the Whistler Refugee Response volunteer group will be welcoming a Syrian refugee family to our community this week. If you would like to help the family adapt to their move, please find out more on the Whistler Refugee Response Facebook page and donations can be made on the group's website.

Acting Mayor Ford informed Whistler's residents that the Fitzsimmons Creek pedestrian bridge in Whistler Village will be undergoing maintenance from Tuesday, October 25 to Wednesday, October 26. The bridge will be closed those days from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pedestrians and cyclists can take two possible detours:

- The Valley Trail on Blackcomb Way past the Gondola Transit Exchange.
- The Valley Trail on Lorimer Road past the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

The maintenance is required to extend the life of the bridge.

Councillor S. Maxwell informed that it is Waste Reduction Week and that AWARE is hosting a photo challenge where you can enter pictures of your recycling activities. On Thursday October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre there will be a screening of "Just Eat It" which is a great movie by Vancouver filmmakers Grant and Jen who will be available to answer questions on waste reduction and food waste topics as well. From the Get Bear Smart Committee they have released some new videos from the YouTube channel. This is good for anyone new to Whistler wanting to know how to interact with bears - they are very funny, even for anyone who has been here for a long time.

Councillor A. Janyk, speaking as the Head Referee for the Whistler Youth Soccer Association thanked Paul Beswetherick, Landscape Maintenance and Snow Clearing Supervisor and his staff for their help in being able to fit in the final games scheduled on the fields this past weekend despite a weather warning for the area.

INFORMATION REPORTS

District Energy System
Annual Report
Report No.16-115
File No. 420.2

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council receive Information Report No.16-115 regarding the Cheakamus Crossing District Energy System Annual Report.

CARRIED

Planning And Building
Departments Application
Activity Report – 2016
Third Quarter
Report No.16-113
File No. 7076.01

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That Information Report No.16-113 summarizing the Planning Department and Building Departments application activity for the third quarter of 2016 be received.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

DES Repair and
Maintenance Program
Funding
Report No.16-117
File No. 420.2

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council approve an expenditure from Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) to Whistler 2020 Development Corporation (WDC) in the amount of \$350,000 for the purposes described Administrative Report 16-117; and

That Council approve the expenditure to be funded from the 2016 General Contingency budget; and.

That Council direct staff to increase the amount owed to RMOW by WDC by \$350,000.

CARRIED

Council Endorsement Of
Technology Advisory
Committee
Report No.16-116
File No. 2800

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Council endorse the creation of a Whistler Technology Advisory Committee ("TAC"),

That Council endorse the Technology Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A of Administrative Report to Council 16-116; and,

That Council endorse the Technology Advisory Committee as a Committee of Council.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council amend the Terms of Reference to include one member from Arts Whistler on the Committee.

CARRIED

Mayor's Task Force on
Resident Housing
Report No.16-114

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

File No. 2150

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference as amended as circulated to Council for the Mayor's Task Force on Resident Housing as outlined in Appendix A of Administrative Report to Council 16-114.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Whistler Bear Advisory
Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

That minutes of the Regular Whistler Bear Advisory Committee meeting of September 14, 2016 be received.

CARRIED

BYLAWS FOR ADOPTION

Building and Plumbing
Regulation Amendment
Bylaw No. 2126, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That Building and Plumbing Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 2126, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

What Is Whistler – Who
Are We?
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Hakon Kalvenes dated September 29, 2016, requesting Whistler consider changing our community branding from "Host Mountain Resort 2010 Olympic & Paralympic Winter Games" to something which identifies what we are today and want to be in the future be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Provincial Eating
Disorders Awareness
Week (PEDAW)
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Maxwell

That correspondence from Amy Pezzente, Provincial Eating Disorders Awareness (PEDAW) Campaign coordinator dated October 4, 2016, requesting that the Fitzsimmons Bridge be lit up purple February 3, 2017 in support of eating disorders awareness be referred to staff.

CARRIED

Memorial Bench
Program
File No. 8014

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Kerry Dennehy dated October 4, 2016, regarding changes to the Memorial Bench Program be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

District Energy System
Issues

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell
Seconded by Councillor J. Crompton

File No. 3009

That correspondence from Suzanne Adamson dated October 9, 2016, regarding issues with her DES be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Memorial Bench
Program
File No. 8014

Moved by Councillor A. Janyk
Seconded by Councillor S. Anderson

That correspondence Andy Szocs dated October 10, 2016, regarding changes to the Memorial Bench Program and supporting Kerry and Ginny Dennehy's memory bench legacy be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

Medical Marijuana
Business Opportunity
File No. 3009

Moved by Councillor J. Crompton
Seconded by Councillor J. Grills

That correspondence from Brad Harvey dated October 10, 2016, requesting an opportunity to work with the Municipality to institute a marijuana dispensary or lounge in Whistler be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED6

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor S. Maxwell

That Council adjourn the October 18, 2016 Council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor, J. Ford

Municipal Clerk, L. Schimek



REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: November 1, 2016 **REPORT:** 16-118
FROM: Corporate, Economic and Environmental Services **FILE:** 8396
SUBJECT: HUMAN-BEAR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2nd EDITION (2016)

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the Director of Corporate, Economic and Environmental Services be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition (2016) attached as Appendix A in report number 16-118 replace the 2009 edition and be adopted by Council.

REFERENCES

Appendix A – Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition (2016)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the updated Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition, is to identify priorities and provide direction for the next five years to the RMOW and its partners in bear management. Staff is requesting that Council move to adopt the plan.

DISCUSSION

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) has been engaged in proactive initiatives to reduce and prevent human-bear conflicts since 1995. In 2006, Council passed a motion to apply for Bear Smart Community status. The 2009 Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan (the Bear Plan) and its adoption by Council in June 2010 was the final step to completing the groundwork for applying to the provincial government for Bear Smart Community status.

In October 2011, the RMOW received Bear Smart Community status from the Ministry of Environment. Since then, the RMOW and its partners have continued to address issues identified in the 2009 Bear Plan in an effort to further reduce human-bear conflict in Whistler.

The Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC) reviewed the 2009 Bear Plan in 2016, and prepared an updated list of recommended actions. Those actions are designed to guide the RMOW and its partners in bear management priorities and responsibilities for the next five years.

The 2nd Edition of the Plan includes an analysis of the identified priorities and actions taken since the first Bear Plan was completed in 2009. The recommended priorities of the 2009 Plan were:

1. Develop a Community Vision That Supports Bear Smart Principles
2. Implement & Enforce Bear-Proof Waste Management Throughout Whistler

3. Reduce availability of other attractants (landscaping plants, fruit trees, birdfeeders, etc.)
4. Maintain and Support the Public Education Program
5. Maintain and Support the Whistler Bear Working Group
6. Modify bylaws and implement zero-tolerance compliance enforcement
7. Modify green space development and management planning
8. Maintain the intent of the Official Community Plan, including the PAN designations, and other development plans and permits
9. Encourage School District #48 to engage in Bear Smart practices
10. Improve bear information on RMOW website

Action has been taken on all of these priorities and while many require ongoing efforts and remain in the 2nd Edition, some new issues have arisen that need attention and were added to the updated management plan.

Key new recommendations include:

- Plan future trail and recreation sites with both black and grizzly bears in mind, and place appropriate informational signs.
- Consider RMOW funding for third party bear managers or alternate methods (volunteers) to supplement COS response
- Review the RMOW Special Events Guidelines annually against the performance of events to determine if further bear smart recommendations should be incorporated.
- Support conflict data collection and analysis that allows stakeholders to better identify conflict patterns in order to better target solutions, potentially through GIS mapping
- Investigate opportunities for improving access to the central waste and recycling depots for residents without cars.
- Support initiatives to reduce bear habituation and safety issues related to wildlife viewing along the Callaghan Road
- Encourage Whistler Blackcomb to continue to mitigate human-bear conflict and potential for bike park collisions.

The recommendations will be reviewed by staff and prioritized into work plans over the five year span of the plan. Most of the recommendations involve more than one of the members of the WBAC and are not the sole responsibility of the RMOW. As has historically been the case, planning, implementation and ultimately success will require and leverage the strong working relationships developed over the years by all the organizations and stakeholders involved in human-bear management.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Materials and Solid Waste	The resort community is clean and well maintained	Emphasis is placed on maintaining bear proof, therefore clean, solid waste management.

Natural Areas	Community members and visitors act as stewards of the natural environment	Website, signs and other communications continue to advise people of bear smart behaviour that reduces the risk of conflict.
Natural Areas	Continual learning about natural areas and species informs appropriate restoration and protection efforts	Understanding natural cycles assists in anticipating bear behaviour. E.g., a poor berry year means higher than average bear activity in the valley. Even though Michael Allen isn't a member of WBAC, he continues to share information with the RMOW on bear activity in the valley.
Partnership	Decisions consider the community's values as well as short and long-term social, economic and environmental consequences	Bears are very important to Whistler residents and visitors, and extra efforts are taken to respect the special place that bears hold in the community. To be successful requires a concerted effort from all the WBAC members to reach our goals.
W2020 Strategy	AWAY FROM Descriptions of success that resolution moves away from	Mitigation Strategies and Comments
	N/A	

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The Human-Bear Management Conflict Plan is consistent with the Corporate Plan and Whistler 2020's goals and objectives for protecting the natural environment, strengthening partnerships, and maintaining a safe and clean community.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

In 2016, the bear management budget was increased to \$45,000 from \$30,000. This includes co-funding for the Conservation Officer Service, the Bear Smart Program Assistant, and budget for communications. The Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition, can be delivered within the existing budget. Any additional bear management costs that might be considered in the future would be presented to Council for approval through the annual development of the Five-Year Financial Plan.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

The WBAC includes members from the RMOW, Conservation Officer Service, RCMP, Whistler Blackcomb, Carney's Waste, plus two members-at-large from the public. This Committee provides strong ongoing representation of community and stakeholder interest and collectively the group actively participated in the development of the updated Plan.

SUMMARY

The RMOW, its partners and the community continue to make progress in bear management, while still facing some difficult, ongoing challenges. The community must continue to strive to improve our waste removal and storage systems, communications, and to provide all residents with information that will make their properties and behaviours truly bear smart. The Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition, identifies what has been accomplished since the adoption of the 2009 Plan, provides an overview of ongoing and emergent issues, and presents a recommended road map for advancing human-bear management planning over the next five years.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Beresford
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP MANAGER
for
Ted Battiston
DIRECTOR, CORPORATE, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER

Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan

2nd Edition, October 2016



Table of Contents

1.	Background.....	2
1.1.	Bear Smart Community Program.....	2
1.2.	Bear Response Plan.....	3
1.3.	General Bear Safety Considerations	3
2.	Whistler's Updated Bear Plan	4
2.1.	What's Been Accomplished Since 2009.....	4
2.2.	Input Documents.....	5
2.3.	The Issues.....	6
3.	Recommended Actions	7
3.1.	Infrastructure.....	8
3.2.	Planning & Policy.....	8
3.3.	Public Education.....	9
3.4.	Partnerships	9
4.	Conclusion	9
5.	References.....	10
	Appendix A: MOE Policy, <i>Preventing and Responding to Conflict with Large Carnivores</i> : Bear Conflict Response Matrix (April 2016)	12
	Appendix B: Bear Exclusion Zone ("No Go Zone").....	13
	Appendix C: WBAC Recommended Amendments to Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 1861.....	14

1. BACKGROUND

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) has been engaged in proactive initiatives to reduce and prevent human-bear conflicts since 1995. The Whistler Black Bear Task Team was formed in 1997, and produced the *Black Bear Management Plan* in 1998. In 2004, bear biologist Wayne McCrory wrote a *Bear Hazard Assessment* for Whistler. In 2005, McCrory produced a follow-up *Bear-People Conflict Prevention Plan*. The information provided in the reports, and supported by strong community interest, prompted Council to pass a motion in 2006 to prepare the groundwork for making an application to the province to become a Bear Smart Community.

The commitment accelerated the planning and implementation of bear smart initiatives, and a number of the recommendations and implementation priorities in the earlier reports were acted upon. The 2009 Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan (the Bear Plan) was written using the earlier reports as background material with direct input from members of Whistler's Bear Working Group. The completion of the Bear Plan and its adoption by Council in June 2010 was the final step to completing the groundwork for applying to the provincial government for Bear Smart Community status.

In October 2011, the RMOW received Bear Smart Community status from the Ministry of Environment. Since then, the RMOW and its partners have continued to address issues identified in the 2009 Bear Plan in an effort to further reduce human-bear conflict in Whistler.

In October 2015, the Whistler Bear Working Group was made a committee of Council called the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC). This further secures a place for prioritizing bear management in the RMOW.

The WBAC reviewed the 2009 Bear Plan in 2016, and prepared an updated list of actions. Those actions will guide the RMOW and its partners in bear management for the next five years.

1.1. Bear Smart Community Program

The Bear Smart Community program was designed by the Ministry of Environment in partnership with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. It is a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses and individuals to work together.

The goal is to address the root causes of human-bear conflicts, thereby reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of bears that have to be destroyed each year.

The program is based on a series of criteria that communities must achieve in order to be recognized as being "Bear Smart". There are six required components a community must complete—or be committed to and engaged in implementing—in order for it to be designated a Bear Smart Community.

Table 1. Status of required components for designation as a Bear Smart Community

Component	Completed for Whistler
Prepare a Bear Hazard Assessment (BHA) using the criteria outlined.	√ (McCrory 2004)
Prepare a human-bear conflict management plan to address the hazards and conflicts identified in the BHA.	√ (adopted by Council June 15, 2010)
Implement a continuing public education program directed at all sectors of the community.	√ (Get Bear Smart Society, COS, RMOW)

Implement "Bear Smart" bylaws that prohibit the provision of food to bears as a result of intent, neglect, or irresponsible management of attractants.	√ (Garbage Disposal and Wild- life Attractants Bylaw No. 1861 passed March 2009)
Develop and maintain a bear-proof municipal solid waste management system.	√ , continuing progress
Revise planning and decision-making documents and policies to be consistent with the bear-human conflict management plan.	√

The continuation of the WBAC is fundamental to Whistler's success in achieving Bear Smart Community status. The WBAC is a partnership that includes federal and provincial agencies, municipal government, businesses, community groups and individual citizens acting as a dedicated team whose goal is to provide the community with leadership and direction as a Bear Smart Community.

1.2. Bear Response Plan

Once Bear Smart Community Program status is awarded, more options become available for managing human-bear conflicts in that community. The Conservation Officer Service (COS) policy, *Preventing and Responding to Conflicts with Large Carnivores*, provides direction for developing a response plan for human-bear conflicts that is specifically tailored to that community.

The response plan allows the COS and its partners the option of using non-lethal techniques, such as bear aversion, when bears come into the community and exhibit undesirable behaviours. Non-lethal control of bears, including short-distance (<10 km) relocation, aversive conditioning, and on-site release, are used in communities where a plan outlining responses to human-bear conflicts has been prepared and approved by the COS Regional Director. Non-lethal management techniques may be used when it is determined that a bear's behaviour does not pose a moderate to high risk to public safety or cause significant damage to public or private property.

The COS and RMOW review and revise the bear response plan to meet evolving management issues.

1.3. General Bear Safety Considerations

In general, the 2004 McCrory Bear Hazard Assessment stated that a low level of bear hazard exists throughout the RMOW because human developments overlap with generally low-quality black bear habitats. The risk is increased in these areas, however, by the availability of non-natural food attractants such as garbage, bird-feeders and landscaped berry bushes. A somewhat higher hazard also exists where more concentrated black bear foods occur seasonally, such as at the golf courses in the spring, the Valley Trail, local schools, and many of the children's play set areas.



Since 2004, there have been eight black bear-caused injurious encounters that have resulted in non-life-threatening injuries. Now that grizzly bears are now known to use the area, it is prudent to provide the public with more information regarding their presence and how to minimize the chance of an encounter. With respect to black bears, of the three potentially life threatening categories, a predaceous attack would be the most likely to be fatal.

In the other two categories - food/garbage-associated attacks and a chance encounter with a defensive mother black bear - injuries tend to be minor (McCrary, 2004).

The Whistler mountain bike park trail system and proposed expansion presents a higher-risk situation where there is the potential for a defensive mother black bear launching an injurious attack on a biker. Several bear-biker collisions have already occurred.

Events in Whistler that include trail running races or trail biking races, must consider the added risks of pursuing these activities in bear country. While rules dictate that people need to stay on course and cannot stop for bears during a race, the problem is that bears may react defensively toward people who are continually running/biking toward them. Normally, people would back away and give bears their space and the interaction would remain safe. Running/biking toward bears is seen as an offensive action in the animal world and may result in the animal taking some kind of action - usually a bluff, but it could get more serious particularly after several people do the same thing one after the other.

2. WHISTLER'S UPDATED BEAR PLAN

Whistler's 2009 Bear Plan paved the way for the community to apply for and receive Bear Smart Community status. In 2016, the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee reviewed the 2009 plan and other related documents to determine what actions had been completed and to develop a list of guiding actions for the next five years.

2.1. What's Been Accomplished Since 2009

The 2009 Bear Plan outlines an action plan for Whistler. The following table includes the action plan and actions taken.

Table 2. Status of 2009 Bear Plan actions

Recommended Action	Action Taken
Develop a Community Vision That Supports Bear Smart Principles	The community agrees that we must minimize the number of bears killed as a result of human-caused problems. The challenge is for all residents (short and long term) to understand bear behavior and to take action to change our behavior to reduce potential conflicts.
Implement & Enforce Bear-Proof Waste Management Throughout Whistler	The RMOW continues to provide bear-proof containers at its depots, parks and village locations. The Callaghan transfer station is surrounded by an electric fence, and the Nesters and Function sites are now fully fenced. A weakness continues for residents without cars who can struggle to get their waste to the central depots and may dispose of waste illegally by dumping, or stockpile it which may attract bears to residences and sheds.

Reduce availability of other attractants (landscaping plants, fruit trees, birdfeeders, etc.)	The RMOW passed a policy in January 2013 that Sorbus aucuparia (Mountain Ash, single stem tree); Sorbus sitchensis (Mountain Ash, shrub, multi-stem); Vaccinium (blueberries & huckleberries); and clover will no longer be approved in landscape plans requiring municipal approval. The RMOW and other businesses also continued to remove attractants in the village (e.g., established mountain ash that attract bears). The message is constantly shared with the broader community.
Maintain and Support the Public Education Program	The RMOW took on a bigger role in public education starting in 2014 with the establishment of the Bear Smart Program Assistant position. The Get Bear Smart Society and Conservation Officer Service also provide public education.
Maintain and Support the Whistler Bear Working Group	The Whistler Bear Working Group was made a Committee of Council in October 2015, and is now called the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC). This further embeds bear management into municipal processes.
Modify bylaws and implement zero-tolerance compliance enforcement	The Garbage Disposal & Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 1861 is being updated and will include improvements for bear management recommended by WBAC. The COS Bear Response Officer position has been replaced by adding another full time officer who resides in Whistler and focuses on bear management.
Modify green space development and management planning	Bear management is considered during development proposal reviews, mainly related to planting plans.
Maintain the intent of the Official Community Plan, including the PAN designations, and other development plans and permits	Bear management policies were included in the 2013 OCP. Presumably when it is re-instated, those policies will still exist. In the meantime, staff are aware of bear management issues particularly related to solid waste infrastructure and landscaping.
Additional recommendations: Encourage School District #48 to engage in Bear Smart practices Improve bear information on RMOW website	<p>The BSPA continues to reach out to the local schools with some success. Michael Allen is in the elementary schools annually.</p> <p>The RMOW has significantly improved its website and the bear information it contains. See https://www.whistler.ca/services/environmental-stewardship/bears-and-wildlife/bears</p>

2.2. Input Documents

The following documents were reviewed and relevant recommendations brought forward into the Human Bear Conflict Management Plan update.

- The Preliminary Bear Hazard Assessment of RMOW, August 2004, Prepared by McCrory Wildlife Services, Ltd.
- Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan for RMOW, October 2009, Prepared by Maggie Paquet
- Minutes of Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (formerly the Whistler Bear Working Group)

- Minutes and notes from WBAC subcommittees: Car-free Residents with “Discards”, COS Bear Response Plan
- WBAC Submissions/Correspondence to RMOW staff with respect to Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants, Bylaw No. 1861 update, and Special Events Guidelines
- Get Bear Smart (GBS) and Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) Bear Think Tank/Brainstorming Facilitated Session - Minimizing Human/Bear Conflict in Whistler: Bear Think Tank Strategies and Initiative, 2015. To view report:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/e3pxz1sza6btgwe/GBS_Brainstorming_SummaryRecommendations.pdf?dl=0
- Human-Bear Conflict in North America: A review of causes and management approach by Sarah Elmeligi, MNRES, 2015. To view report:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/e3pxz1sza6btgwe/GBS_Brainstorming_SummaryRecommendations.pdf?dl=0
- Short Summary of Bear Smart Community Survey Results by Sylvia Dolson, Get Bear Smart Society, February 2016 To view report:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/76tt5oyrbekhxa/Summary%20of%20Get%20Bear%20Smart%20Community%20Survey%20Results.docx?dl=0>

2.3. The Issues

The root cause of conflict activity is the attraction to sources of human food or waste that are easily accessible by bears. In Whistler, the main sources are:

- Residents: improperly stored or stock piled garbage and recycling (mostly empties) are the dominant attractant, as well as bird feeders, poorly managed composters, barbecues, pet food stored outside, and fruit bushes/trees
- Commercial areas: unsecured garbage, recycling, and restaurant grease
- Visitors: intentional feeding, particularly to lure a bear closer for a photograph; or just getting too close for a selfie (and potentially, surrounding a bear)

Many bears in Whistler are habituated to some extent. Although some do remain wary, some exhibit site-specific habituation, such as on the ski hill or on golf courses because a bear’s feeding strategy is to tolerate human presence in locations or at times where/when there are less abundant natural food sources. Some bears take advantage of anthropogenic food sources (garbage, recycling, compost, BBQ grease, etc.) as well as landscaped plants (including grass on golf courses during the spring/fall) more than others. Some use these sources to supplement their wild diet seasonally or only during severe natural food shortages.

The main causes of bear mortality in Whistler in the last 5 years are conflict kills, collisions with motor vehicles, and infanticide. In the past, almost all mortality resulted from conflict kills. MVA’s have increased since the highway improvements. Infanticide was almost unheard of in this area 15 years ago – it is not known why it has increased recently. The bear population in 2016 is approximately 50-60 black bears, about half of the previous estimated total.

An average of 8 – 9 black bears are killed every year as a result of conflict in Whistler. This amounts to a mortality rate of about 15% - twice the Ministry Of Environment’s rate of sustainable human-caused mortality which is 8%. This total does not include other causes such as road mortality, infanticide, or hunting. An abnormally high number of orphaned cubs were also reported in 2015 – some died and three were over-wintered at a care facility and released back into their home range in May of 2016.

Generally, rates of interaction between humans and black bears, including sightings and conflict activity are dependent on the amount of natural food available to bears within their habitat. When natural foods are scarce, bears may enter residential and commercial areas in search of any food they can find.

Fall is often the highest conflict period of the year. This seasonal variation is caused by bear biological factors, like hyperphagia when during the fall, a bear's physiological responses to search for food are naturally heightened in order to gain sufficient weight to survive hibernation. Animals that have an insufficient fat layer tend to den later. Fall is also when most natural foods of any caloric value have been depleted further influencing the level of conflict.

Lastly, a community or region's bear management policy has a direct effect on the number of bears killed as a result of human-caused conflict. In BC, the Conservation Officer Service (COS) policy, Preventing and Responding to Conflict with Large Carnivores (MOE, April 2016), dictates officer response. Officers make decisions based on the policy and its Bear Conflict Response Matrix (see Appendix A). Each officer, however, has discretion on how and when the management actions are applied. The RMOW, COS and Get Bear Smart (GBS) Society are currently developing a Bear Response Plan to clearly articulate how the policy and matrix will be applied in Whistler given its Bear Smart Community status.

Visitors, non-permanent and new residents in bear country are more likely to report bear sightings. There is a strong aversion by local residents to report conflicts to the COS, even when a bear has entered their residence and caused damage, for fear that the bear will be killed. The WBAC attempts to counter this sentiment in the media with messages that emphasize the need to take responsibility for ensuring attractants are not accessible and calling the COS early so that non-lethal management techniques can be employed earlier in a bear's habituation cycle.

In addition to its attention to black bear management, in August 2014, the RMOW passed a resolution in support of the recovery of the threatened Grizzly Bear populations in southwest BC. Since then, the community Councils of Squamish, Pemberton, Lillooet, and the Board of the Squamish Lillooet Regional District, have all passed similar resolutions. This unanimous support for recovery throughout the entire Sea-to-Sky corridor indicates the strong value both residents and visitors associate with maintaining the iconic grizzly bear in our wilderness backyard. More information about grizzly bears in the area can be found at: <http://www.coasttocascades.org/>.

The presence of grizzlies as well as black bears in the area elevates the level of concern, particularly along trails that travel through known grizzly bear habitat. Signage to inform trail users of the possible presence of grizzly bears and black bears is essential to avoid liability suits. Trail/campsite closure (temporary or permanent) should also be considered as necessary.

For definitions of terms used see: (<http://www.bearsmart.com/wp-content/uploads/terms-concepts-h-b-conflict-mgmt-Hopkins-2010.pdf>)

3. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The updated edition of the Bear Plan identifies ongoing issues for our community and recommendations for improvement. The Whistler Bear Advisory Committee will review this document and its recommendations every 3 – 5 years to assess progress and address new issues that may arise.

The following recommendations for the community have been reviewed by the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC) and recommended as priorities:

3.1. Infrastructure

- 3.1.1. Plan future trail and recreation sites with both black and grizzly bears in mind, and place appropriate informational signs.
- 3.1.2. Continue to integrate bear-proof waste management infrastructure that allows for adequate space for solid waste disposal and diversion, and efficient solid waste servicing requirements into the municipal permitting process.

3.2. Planning & Policy

- 3.2.1. Continue to meet the requirements for provincial Bear Smart Community status as designated by the province's Ministry of Environment.
- 3.2.2. Continue to support the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee (WBAC).
- 3.2.3. Consider RMOW funding for third party bear managers or alternate methods (volunteers) to supplement COS response
- 3.2.4. Continue with the Bear Exclusion Zone, or "No-Go Zone," designation and management approach, as defined in the 2009 Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, Section 3.2.5. The main and upper Village are areas where bear presence receives immediate response to move the bear out. See map in Appendix B.
- 3.2.5. Continue to consult with the WBAC on the Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw No. 1861 update (WBAC recommendations included in Appendix C) and consider increasing the associated fines.
- 3.2.6. As Bylaw Services resources allow, enforce the Garbage Disposal & Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 1861, proactively and as a high priority.
- 3.2.7. Review the RMOW Special Events Guidelines annually against the performance of events to determine if further bear smart recommendations should be incorporated.
- 3.2.8. Ensure that municipal planning considers how green space locations, bear movement corridors, solid waste management sites, landscape planting plans, Firesmart planning, and public use of outdoor space can be designed to minimize human bear conflicts.
- 3.2.9. Ensure the Official Community Plan (OCP) and all relevant community documents continue to include Bear Smart principles.
- 3.2.10. Support conflict data collection and analysis that allows stakeholders to better identify conflict patterns in order to better target solutions, potentially through GIS mapping.
- 3.2.11. Audit municipal parks for potential safety issues related to children's play areas and bears.
- 3.2.12. Encourage the rehabilitation of Whistler's orphaned cubs and their release back to the wild.
- 3.2.13. Investigate opportunities for improving access to the central waste and recycling depots for residents without cars.

3.3. Public Education

- 3.3.1. Continue to fund the Bear Smart Program Assistant (BSPA) and related public education and communications programs, and consider extending the hours assigned to the position.
- 3.3.2. Keep www.whistler.ca updated to reflect current information; continue to post relevant bear smart advisories and tips on RMOW social media channels. Ensure website content is accurate and in alignment with best bear management practices.
- 3.3.3. Investigate erecting signs at visitor entry points to Whistler identifying that they are in bear country.

3.4. Partnerships

- 3.4.1. Continue to provide funding to the Conservation Officer Service to provide enhanced services related to Whistler's status as a Bear Smart community.
- 3.4.2. Encourage local schools and daycare facilities to collaborate with the WBAC and incorporate Bear Smart practices on school properties.
- 3.4.3. Encourage the COS and RCMP to regularly review and improve where needed their non-lethal bear management training programs.
- 3.4.4. Continue to support the COS in applying non-lethal management techniques.
- 3.4.5. Support initiatives to reduce bear habituation and safety issues related to wildlife viewing along the Callaghan Rd.
- 3.4.6. Monitor and encourage proactive bear management at local private campgrounds, including replacement of food-hanging system with metal storage lockers.
- 3.4.7. Encourage Whistler Blackcomb to continue to mitigate human-bear conflict and potential for bike park collisions.

4. CONCLUSION

The RMOW, its partners and the community continue to make progress in bear management, while still facing some difficult, ongoing problems. People are certainly aware that we must do what we can to reduce the availability of attractants, yet problems still exist. The large turnover of new residents each year means that public education is ongoing and necessary. Many newcomers have no idea bears live in Whistler and don't know what to do with their waste and recycling if they have no car. So we keep learning and improving and talking to people.

We must continue to strive to improve our waste removal and storage systems, our communications, and to provide all residents with information that will make their properties and behaviours truly bear smart. The Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan, 2nd Edition, identifies what has been accomplished since 2009, ongoing and new issues, and lays out a road map for the next five years.

The RMOW, its partners and the community of Whistler accept this challenge.

5. REFERENCES

- BC Ministry of Environment. Dec 2002, Third Ed. *Human-bear Conflict Prevention Plan for Parks and Protected Areas in British Columbia*. Victoria, BC; pp. 73.
- Benoit, Jason. 2007. *North Shore Human Behaviour Study: Bear Attractant Management*. North Shore Black Bear Network and BC Conservation Officer Service; North Vancouver, BC; pp. 16.
- Black Bear Task Team (Whistler). 1998. *Black Bear Management Plan*, Whistler, British Columbia, pp. 60.
- Ciarniello, L. M. 1997. *Reducing Human-Bear Conflicts: Solutions Through Better Management of Non-Natural Foods*. Report prepared for the BC Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks, Bear-Human Conflict Committee; pp. 139, including appendices.
- Davis, Helen. 1996. MSc Thesis: *Characteristics and Selection of Winter Dens by Black Bears in Coastal British Columbia*. Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Bc; pp. 165.
- Davis, Helen M., Debbie Wellwood, and Lana Ciarniello. March 2002. "Bear Smart" Community Program: *Background Report*. BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Victoria, BC; pp. 108.
- Dolson, Sylvia, and Catherine Sherlock, Get Bear Smart Society. April 2006. *Responding to Human-Bear Conflicts: A review of non-lethal management techniques*. Part 1 of 3-Part Series. Conservation Officer Service, Ministry of Environment. April 2006; pp. 64.
- Groeger, Robert. 2007. *Whistler Bear Response Officer Program 2006 Year End Report*, Conservation Officer Service, BC Ministry of Environment, pp. 51.
- Groeger, Robert and Marc Zurbuchen. 2006. *Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan for the Resort Municipality of Whistler*, pp. 53.
- Herrero, Stephen. 2002. *Bear Attacks—Their Causes and Avoidance*. Rev. Ed. The Lyons Press, Guildford, Connecticut. pp. 287.
- Mazur, Rachel, and Victoria Seher. 2007. "Socially learned foraging behaviour in wild black bears, *Ursus americanus*." US National Parks Service (Sequoia and Yosemite national parks), Division of Resources Management and Science, MS # A10799R. Available online 3 March 2008.
- McCrary, Wayne. August 2004. *Preliminary Bear Hazard Assessment of Resort Municipality of Whistler*, McCrary Wildlife Services Ltd. New Denver, BC. pp. 110
- McCrary Wildlife Services, Ltd. , Wayne McCrary, RPBio, 2005. *A Proposed Bear-People Conflict Prevention Plan For Resort Municipality of Whistler (2005-2010)*, pp. 5-14 and pp. 88.
- McCrary, Wayne. 2006. *North Shore Bear Hazard Assessment*, pp. 7-8. Mensch, Elena. 2007. *Bear Aware/Bear Smart Whistler*, Final Report 2007, pp. 31. Miller, Dean. 2007. *Whistler Bear Response Officer Program, 2007 Year End Report*, Conservation Officer Service, BC Ministry of Environment, pp. 54.
- Milne, Drew. 2008. *Whistler Bear Response Officer Program, 2008 Year end Report*. Conservation Officer Service, BC Ministry of Environment, pp. 81.
- Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection. June 2003. *Wildlife-Human Conflict Prevention Strategy*. pp. 29 (no other attribution)
- Paquet, M. 2005. *Bear Hazard Assessment Report: Village of Lions Bay, BC. Port Alberni*; pp. 31, plus maps and appendices.
- Paquet, M. 2006. *Bear Hazard Assessment Report: Sunshine Coast Regional District. Port Alberni*; pp 76, plus maps and appendices.
- Paquet, M. 2007. *Bear Hazard Assessment Report: City of Coquitlam, British Columbia. Port Alberni*; pp. 81, plus maps and appendices.
- Paquet, M. 2007. *Bear Hazard Assessment Report: City of Port Alberni, British Columbia. Port Alberni*, pp. 76, plus maps and appendices.

Paquet, M. 2009. *Bear-People Conflict Management Plan for the District of North Vancouver (Proposed)*; pp. 111 (incl appendices).

Paquet, M. and W. McCrory. 2006. *Bear Hazard Assessment and Bear-People Conflict Prevention Plan for District of Squamish, BC. Squamish and New Denver*. 81 pages plus appendices.

Parker, Christopher. 2008. *Recommendations for Black Bear/Human Conflict in British Columbia. Executive Summary*. [Only the Executive Summary was available. The report was commissioned by the BC Environment ministry.]

Sims, Michelle. 2008. *Bear Aware/Bear Smart Whistler, Final Report 2008*, pp. 66.

Visser, Lorna. 2007. *Using community-based social marketing strategies to promote bear smart human behaviour: A review of the literature on bear-human conflict in a CBSM context*. Carmanah Strategies. New Denver, BC; pp. 38.

Wellwood, Debbie. 2001. *Hazard Assessment of Bear-Human Conflict in Stewart, British Columbia—Phase 1*, Raven Ecological Services, Smithers, BC.

Appendix A: MOE Policy, Preventing and Responding to Conflict with Large Carnivores: Bear Conflict Response Matrix (April 2016)

Definitions

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/lpn0qtge580a23d/BC%20BEAR%20Conflict%20Matrix.pdf?dl=0>

		Bear Behavior/Level of Conflict					
		Level 1 Wary of human (leaves on approach)	Level 2 Habituated (indifferent to presence of humans)	Level 3 Assertive behavior or causes property damage (including livestock, pets)	Level 4 Follows/bluff charges humans (threatening) or is fed by humans	Level 5 Causes human injury (defensive/surprise attack). Enters unoccupied building	Level 6 Predatory or non-defensive attack. Enters occupied buildings
Habitat Type and Feeding Source	Level A Bear is feeding on natural foods in natural area or continuous bear habitat	Manage	Manage	Manage with option to remove	Manage with option to remove	Manage with option to remove	Destroy
	Level B Bear is feeding on natural foods in area adjacent to continuous bear habitat	Manage	Manage	Manage with option to remove	Remove from population	Remove from population	Destroy
	Level C Bear is feeding on natural foods in sub-urban or residential area with immediate escape route	Manage	Manage	Manage with option to remove	Remove from population	Remove from population	Destroy
	Level D Bear is occasionally feeding on non-natural foods in remote area (camps etc).	Manage	Manage with option to remove	Manage with option to remove	Remove from population	Remove From population	Destroy
	Level E Bear is frequently feeding on non-natural foods in residential area with immediate escape route	Manage with option to remove	Manage with option to remove	Remove from population	Remove from population	Destroy	Destroy
	Level F Bear is frequently feeding on non-natural foods in confined/urban areas with no immediate escape route or enters an occupied building	Manage with option to remove	Remove from population	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy	Destroy

Appendix B: Bear Exclusion Zone (“No Go Zone”)

(from 2009 Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan)

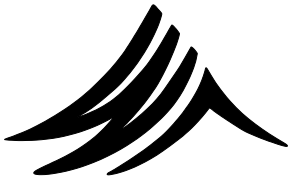
Appendix 4 - Enlarged map of Bear Exclusion Zone for Whistler, 2005.



Appendix C: WBAC Recommended Amendments to Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants Bylaw, No. 1861

- Change wildlife resistant container to wildlife-proof in the definition and throughout the sections > “wildlife-proof container” means a fully enclosed container with a sealed lid and a self-latching mechanism of sufficient design and strength to prevent access by dangerous wildlife, that is securely affixed to the ground or to an immovable object or fixture, and that is described in Bylaw Appendix A;
- Add Section: Landlords must ensure that tenants are provided with bear-proof garbage and recycling disposal – either on site or provide a collection service to remove garbage and recycling from the property on a minimum weekly basis. Any on-site disposal must be bear-proof and emptied on a minimum weekly basis.
- Make bear-proof waste shed guidelines requirements mandatory. Change enclosure specs to add that exterior walls should not be made of wood. Delete page 2 that shows an open style shed with saloon style doors. Perhaps, in the interest of encouraging recycling, delete page 1 as well as it only shows a floor plan that includes a garbage bin with no options for recycling. By allowing this design w/o recycling options, we open up the possibility of storing the recycling outside of an enclosure.
- Update Appendix A contact info. in Bylaw
- Amend Section 4 to read: Garbage and recycling containers required for temporary special events, such as sporting events, concerts, weekend ball tournaments, weddings, and outdoor conventions are subject to the requirement under section 3.
- Section 16 > change number of units from 12 to 6: Single family and multiple family residential development having six or more dwelling units shall provide a garbage storage site located inside a building or within a wildlife proof enclosure or within a wildlife resistant container.
- Add a section that deals with ICI waste > No person shall dispose of industrial, commercial and institutional waste or recyclable materials except into:
 - (a) a wildlife proof container;
 - (b) a container in a wildlife proof enclosure;
 - (c) a wildlife proof garbage compactor; or
 - (d) subject to section 6, a recycling facility.
- Section 6: should include ICI waste as well as domestic garbage.
- Section 17: No person shall store, handle or dispose of wildlife attractants in such a way that they attract or are accessible to dangerous wildlife.
- Clause 8 –does this include litter or just illegal dumping? Do we need to reference provincial law here?
- Clause 14 – reword to be clearer – it now says if you have wildlife proof container, it must be closed as opposed to containers must be wildlife proof or in secure building/enclosure, also requires people to have enclosure as opposed to maintain enclosure if have it.





WHISTLER

File 546

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) WORKSHOP 4 MONDAY JULY 11, 2016, STARTING AT 9:00 a.m.

In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden, RMOW Mayor - Chair
Andrée Janyk, RMOW Councillor
Steve Anderson, RMOW Councillor
Bill Murray, Citizen-at-Large
Janusz Sobieniak, Citizen-at-Large
Ben Smith, Citizen-at-Large
Mike Furey, RMOW – CAO
Mark Sedgwick, WB – VP Information Technology
Karen Goodwin, Tourism Whistler – VP Market Development & Sales
Mecki Facundo, Whistler Chamber of Commerce – Manager, Whistler Experience
Matthew Boyd, BC Transit – Regional Planning Work Lead
Don Legault, MOTI – A/Operations Manager, Howe sound and Sunshine Coast
James Hallisey, RMOW – General Manager Infrastructure Services
Emma DalSanto, RMOW – TDM Planner & Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Scott Pass, Transit Management Advisory Committee, Citizen-at-Large
Paula Smith, BC Transit *alternate*
Jesse Morwood, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) *alternate*
Linda Glenday, District of Squamish – CAO

REGRETS:

Jan Jansen, RMOW – GM of Resort Experience

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Andrée Janyk
Seconded by Steve Anderson
That the Agenda of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) of July 12, 2016
be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bill Murray
Seconded by Andrée Janyk
That the Minutes of June 9, 2016 of the Transportation Advisory Group
(TAG) be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Transportation Today Presentation

Canada Day Traffic Issues – Summary:

RMOW staff presented highway traffic data from the Canada Day Weekend (Thursday June 29 through Sunday July 3, 2016) and compared it to February 2016 and August 2015 traffic data. It was noted that vehicle volumes at the Brio traffic counter are trending higher than 2015 which was higher than any other year. Both weekend and weekday northbound and southbound vehicle counts at the Brio traffic counter are significantly higher than at the Alice Lake traffic counter suggesting many vehicles trips are generated within Whistler.

Transit 101 – Whistler Transit System:

BC Transit Staff, Matthew Boyd, BC Transit Regional Planning Work Lead and Paula Smith, BC Transit Regional Transit Manager, presented an overview of transit planning in Whistler. Topics included:

- introduction to the BC Transit regional transit system partnership
- general transit planning principles review
- the Whistler Transit System network, seasonality and performance
- the recently adopted Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan including the recommendations for local, regional and interregional transit

ACTION: Staff will circulate the link to the Sea to Sky Transit Future Plan and the TCRP Synthesis 101 report which outlines the results of making transit fare-free in Resort Communities in the US with the minutes.

Transportation Options – YVR to Whistler:

Karen Goodwin, VP Marketing Development & Sales for Tourism Whistler presented a review of customer experience within the transportation sector for both arrivals and departures from the Vancouver international airport (YVR) or downtown Vancouver to Whistler.

TAG discussed that BC Transit include information from the Tourism Whistler report in their upcoming Sea to Sky Transit Corridor Study. There was also discussion regarding the recommendations and the potential overlapping recommendations with the BC Transit study specifically related to lobbying the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB). Tourism Whistler's focus is on the challenges/limitations non-exclusive transportation providers face and the impacts on the customer experience. BC Transit is more focused on commuters. Coordinated lobbying efforts by Tourism Whistler, BC Transit and regional partners to the PTB should be considered.

Transportation Tomorrow Exercise

Economic Partnership Initiative (EPI) Summary:

Ted Battiston, RMOW. Director, Corporate, Economic & Environmental Services, presented a high-level overview of the Economic Partnership Initiative, how it relates to transportation planning and the 2016 Updated Summary of Key Findings and Economic Planning Report that will be considered by Council at the July 12, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

ACTION: Staff will email the link to the updated copy of the 2016 report and a link to the presentation to Council of July 12, 2016.

Whistler Community Forum Comment Summary:

RMOW staff presented the categories of transportation related comments received at the June 15, 2016 Community Forum and circulated a document including all transportation related comments for TAG members to consider.

ACTION: *Staff will circulate an electronic version of comments with the minutes.*

2016 Summer Saturdays Pilot Project:

RMOW staff presented a concept of a summer Saturdays transportation pilot project that was developed from suggestions received at the June 15, 2016 Community Forum as well as a review of the 2016 traffic volumes and Canada Day long weekend issues. The objective of the pilot would be to improve Customer Experience this summer for visitors, locals and commuting employees on Saturdays (our busiest traffic day) from the August long weekend to Labour Day. The project would be incentive based with a strong focus on Communication and the "Know Before You Go" messaging. The pilot would include free transit to 6pm (or all service day) as well as additional transit service between Cheakamus Crossing and the Village from 7ish am to 5ish pm.

TAG members saw both an opportunity and a risk of asking people to change their behaviour every 7th day or five consecutive Saturdays. There was a discussion about providing additional parking in the community. TAG members suggested that the pilot should have a strong evaluation component and that it should be communicated that we were testing potential long-term solutions. TAG would like to see the results of this initiative presented in the fall.

Correspondence:

Moved by Janusz Sobieniak

Seconded by Ben Smith

Train service from
North Vancouver and
Prince George

That correspondence from Mayor Lampman dated March 7, 2016, regarding train service from North Vancouver to Prince George be deferred to the next TAG meeting.

CARRIED

**Updates and Other
Business**

Council is revising the Terms of Reference for Transit Management Advisory Committee (TMAC) to move the transportation planning function out of TMAC to the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). This will include inviting the current Citizens-at-large that sit on the TMAC to TAG.

Next Meeting

The next TAG meeting will be scheduled mid-September 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Steve Anderson

That *Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) adjourns the July 11, 2016 regular TAG meeting at 12:10 pm.*

CARRIED

CHAIR: Nancy Wilhelm-Morden



WHISTLER

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, STARTING AT 3:00 P.
In the Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

File: 8221.03

Name	Meetings to Date: 7
Present:	
Councillor Steve Anderson	4
Member at Large, Arthur DeJong	7
Member at Large, Derek Bonin	6
Member at Large, John Hammons	5
WORCA, Craig Mackenzie	6
AWARE, Claire Ruddy (since March)	4
Member at Large, Johnny Mikes	6
Member at Large, Rob Davis	4
Member at Large, Trevor Burton (since June)	2
Regrets:	
Member at Large, Candace Rose- Taylor	4
Recording Secretary	
Heather Beresford	7

Adoption of Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by J. Hammons
Seconded by J. Mikes

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest &
Wildland Advisory Committee agenda for September 14, 2016.

CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Hammons
Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest &
Wildland Advisory Committee minutes for July 13, 2016.

CARRIED

S. Anderson arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Motion to Elect Chair

Moved by J. Mikes
Seconded by A. DeJong

That Claire Ruddy serve as FWAC Chair until January 2017; and

That Derek Bonin serve as FWAC alternate Chair until January 2017.

CARRIED

Discussion re: FWAC member terms

- Peter Ackhurst replaced by Trevor Burton
- Claire Ruddy replaced Bryce Leigh for the AWARE seat
- John Hammons, Gordon McKeever and Rob Davis terms complete and will be replaced by year end.

VERBAL REPORTS

Verbal Reports

Council:

- SLRD approved Canadian Wilderness Adventures applications. Proponents working on plan details.

Craig Mackenzie arrived at 3:15 p.m.

AWARE:

- GIS student completed an interactive “story” regarding ancient trees
- 2017 projects include alpine monitoring and advocacy

WORCA:

- Lord of the Squirrels descent trail complete
- Improved existing overgrown trail to Jane Lake
- Building Cut Above in Stonebridge area

RMOW:

- Brio fuel thinning project partially complete, will finish remaining area in fall 2016 or spring 2017
- Comprehensive Wildfire Plan being developed
- Planning autumn project for Callaghan fuel thinning
- Discussion re: apparent conflict between Firesmart principles and existing tree covenants

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Access Management Planning underway; incorporating FWAC access management principles
- CCF Fall 2016 harvesting plans: P02a, A02 (a,e,f,g), W08c, W02 (b,c,d), Callaghan fuel thinning.
- CCF 2017 field work planned for layout: Cheak01, Cheak15, fuel reduction at R04, Cheakamus Lake Road, and Loggers Lake Road.
- Applied to new Forest Enhancement Society for fall 2016 funding to complete Callaghan fuel thinning and future projects.
- Discussed news that more recreation sites are planned for the Sea to Sky Corridor. Concerns throughout corridor with garbage, wildfire risk, and lack of toilet facilities at the informal camping sites, and concern that new sites won't be able to be monitored effectively.

ACTION: Invite Bob Cunneyworth, FLRNO Natural Resource Officer Supervisor, to a FWAC meeting to discuss Compliance and Enforcement policy, program and issues, and Alistair McCrone, RSTBC to discuss recreation sites plan.

CCF Annual Report

A discussion led by H. Beresford regarding the 2015 annual report to the CCF.

FWAC reviewed the draft and made final revisions. Annual report is attached to minutes as Appendix A.

Moved by D. Bonin
Seconded by J. Hammons

That FWAC approves the final version of the 2015 CCF Annual Report for distribution to the CCF Board and RMOW Council.

CARRIED

FWAC Priorities & Tasks

A discussion led by J. Mikes regarding the FWAC priorities and tasks for 2017 and future.

Opportunity to reflect on current FWAC priorities and tasks against Terms of Reference, and make suggestions for potential changes.

Discussion re: balance of topics. Seems heavily weighted toward Cheakamus Community Forest. Addressing technical forestry questions at FWAC table may not be best use of time. Consider more use of subcommittees. FWAC wants to address each Terms of Reference area more equally.

Potential new topics for 2017:

- Review one Commercial Recreation Operator plan and operations annually
- New FLNRO recreation sites – Alistair McCrone
- Compliance & enforcement – Bob Cunneyworth
- BC Parks & Recreation Sites and Trails BC
- Wildlife issues

- Independent Power Projects
- Wildfire Planning

ACTION: Send out Terms of Reference. Each member prepare a short list of potential topics for 2017 & 2018.

Other Business

OTHER BUSINESS

October Field trip – H. Beresford to send out doodle poll with potential dates.

Future Agenda Items:

- Field Trip (October)
- MOF Visual Quality Objectives (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)
- MOF Fire Management Plan (confirm timelines with MoFLNRO)
- Bob Cunneyworth, Compliance & Enforcement
- Alistair McCrone, Rec Sites & Trails BC (new rec sites)

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by C. Mackenzie

That the Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee adjourn the September 14, 2016 meeting at 5:01 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR: C. Ruddy

RECORDING SECRETARY: Heather Beresford

Appendix A: 2015 FWAC Annual Report to CCF

2015

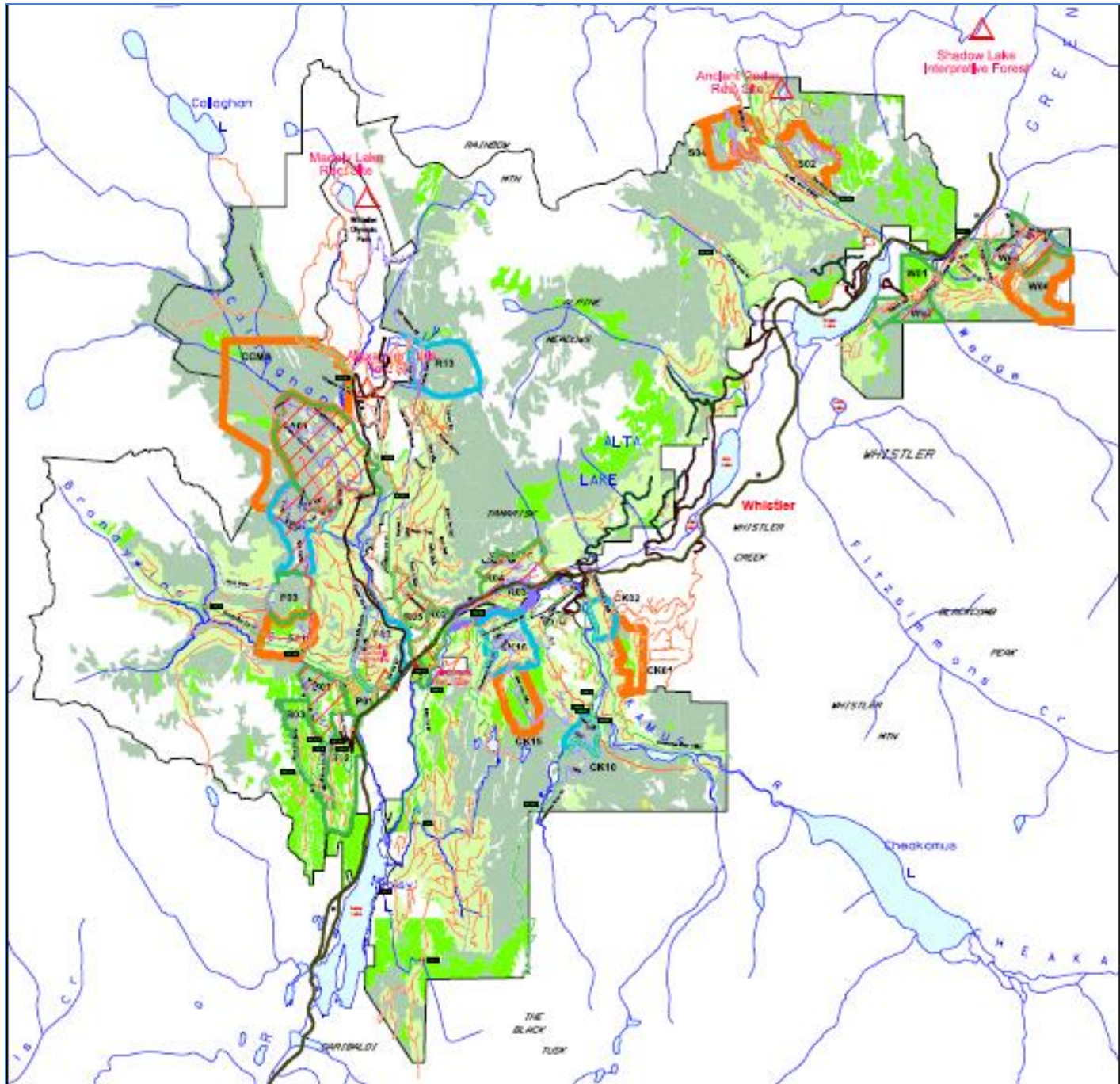
FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT ON 2015 CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST HARVESTING



Contents

Compartment Area Key Map	8
Introduction	9
Table 1: Harvesting Summary 2015	9
Table 2: Harvesting Unit Rating according to adherence to silviculture strategy	10
Discussion	10
Field Observations (May 5, 2016)	10
General comments:	10
Compartment Planning Unit: Callaghan Fuel Thinning Project (C3 North)	10
Compartment Planning Unit: Powder02 (g)	11
Compartment Planning Unit: Powder 02 (c, f)	12
Compartment Planning Unit: P02 (a)	12
FWAC Comments on 2015 Harvesting	13
Recommendations	13
Summary of Actions Taken on Previous Recommendations	15

Compartment Area Key Map



Introduction

The Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF) operates under the K3V forest license and is one of more than 50 community forests in British Columbia. Situated on more than 33,000 hectares surrounding Whistler, the CCF was established in 2009, when the Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation and Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) jointly signed a 25-year tenure with the provincial Ministry of Forests and Range. Together, these three equal partners oversee the management and operation of the forest under the auspices of the Cheakamus Community Forest Society, an independent not-for-profit organization.

The purpose of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee's (FWAC) annual report is to provide recommendations for forest management improvements to the RMOW Council, the CCF Board of Directors and to the forestry operations contractor. Field observations are drawn from a field trips held in May 2016. Minimal logging occurred in 2015 due to the abrupt withdrawal of Richmond Plywood in the spring and the early forest fire season. Those remainder of the 2015 harvesting plans will be implemented in 2016.

The Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee considers five key factors in its analysis and provides a rating:

Analysis Factors	Report Card Mark
Is the CCF using best management practices to respect ecological principals and maintain biodiversity?	B
Do the CCF operations match the annual harvesting plans and other guiding documents?	B
Are the harvesting operations sensitive to visual impacts? And were other measures applied to minimize impacts on the shared use of the forest, particularly regarding tourism?	B
Does the fuel management harvesting bring the CCF closer to community FireSmart objectives?	A
Does the harvesting reflect balancing access with protecting habitat and other values?	Access goals are in development

Table 1: Harvesting Summary 2015

Comp	Area	# of Opening	Ave Opening	Contractor	Perm Roads	M3
P02A	4.9 ha	1	4.9 ha	Sqomish LP	No	798.0
P02 C-G	8.3 ha	5	1.7 ha	Skytech Yarding Services	Upgrade	2,628.5
R05	5.5 ha	1	5.5 ha	Skytech Yarding Services	Yes	117.10
W02	0	0	0	JR Trucking	No	78.1
Totals	18.7	7	2.7		Total M3	3,621.7

A total of 3,621.7m3 was scaled under the K3V. A total of 7 openings created a total gross harvest area 18.7Ha with an average opening size of 2.7ha. 3 of the 7 openings left moderate levels of retention and 4 with low levels of tree retention. P02A and R05 were both incomplete at year end.

Table 2: Harvesting Unit Rating according to adherence to silviculture strategy

Unit Name	Comments	Rating
Callaghan Fuel Thinning (R05)	Met the fuel thinning prescription but it may not have thinned enough to most effectively reduce fire risk	B+
P02 (a)	Debris to composter at no cost to CCF. Retention OK.	B
P02 (c, f, g)	Good screening from road, watercourses protected. Could have been more retention of more larger trees	B-

Discussion

FWAC is encouraged that CCF including fuel thinning in the harvesting plans, and suggested CCF consider planting more deciduous trees to continue to lower fire risk.

FWAC encourages more cable logging systems rather than ground based logging to minimize impacts to the ground and protect the soil and water.

Consider thinning second growth stands by removing approximately two thirds of the stems and one third of the volume resulting in the retention of the most dominant trees that have the greatest potential for growth and to sequester carbon into the future

Retained trees need to be protected from scarring to optimize growth and maintain tree health.

FWAC appreciates the open discussion with the CCF foresters, and finds the field trips very informative.

Field Observations (May 5, 2016)

General comments:

- CCF needs to consider carbon sequestration when planning harvesting. Taking too many young plantations may compromise carbon obligations.
- Encourage CCF to use harvesting methods and equipment that impact the forest floor less, minimize water erosion.
- Encourage CCF to develop a long term prescriptions for each opening, full life cycle of the stands to have a better overall understanding of management goals including wildfire and biodiversity goals.
- Encourage CCF to make firewood available and to alert public to the locations. A good opportunity to connect public to CCF and its benefits.

Compartment Planning Unit: Callaghan Fuel Thinning Project (C3 North)

- RMOW funded, CCF carrying out operations.

- Thinning along Callaghan Road started in 2014, continued in 2015 and finishing spring 2016
- 9 hectares total, \$10-15,000/hectare to treat; log sales returned \$5000/ha
- Following B.A. Blackwell prescription for shaded fuel break. Goal is to reduce ladder fuels that can carry fire into the crown, and to reduce crown density to reduce risk of crown fires
- Lessons learned: it's very expensive to handle wood numerous times to get it to the road for loading, so now building central trail into sites to move material more efficiently
- Discussion re: efficacy of leaving so many trees on site. Consider leaving only 200 stems/hectare. Fire risk would be lower for a longer period of time. Remember that this work needs to be repeated in future as trees grow back in. Also consider scaling up to thin hundreds of hectares. RMOW needs to budget on a 20 year cycle by determining how many hectares need treatment and divide by 20. Also plan for future maintenance treatments which are required every 20 years at approximately \$1000 per hectare.

Compartment Planning Unit: Powder02 (g)

- Powder 02 is broken into various retention levels
- Powder 02 (g) is a 1.3 hectare area, with 350 stems/hectare
- 1 plot per hectare reviewed to determine tree density. Government requires CCF to track trees over time. Important for provincial RESULTS tracking system and the carbon program.
- Prescribed to leave 50% of trees as selected by machine operator.
- Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) is deficient. CCF is planning on two trees per hectare to fall down in future as CWD or to cut down two trees in future. This retention strategy should fill in the CWD. Previous slash burning removed it first time around.
- Some selective pruning of trees in past.
- Allowed to leave some slash piles behind.
- Some fuel reduction value. Not as clean on the ground as fuel thinning sites. 200,000 kg of limbs hauled out with no tipping fee. Cost \$10,000 per hectare compared to \$30,000 for the very clean sites. Could choose to do more sites like this and save money, get more hectares done.
- FWAC noted that this is a regeneration harvest and could have taken more out. Disagrees with going into young plantation because it's a lost opportunity for future. Discussion of growth curves. These trees are cut at least 30 years earlier than their maximum growth and value; also significantly more harvest area is needed to produce the same volume. By taking trees out now, it's a lost future opportunity for getting more value out of the trees. Although in some markets, the smaller trees have value compared to older trees. Commercial thinning could be an option, but the market needs to be good and trees close to the road to reduce costs. A long-term commercial thinning timber sale may be an option to allow contractors to invest in thinning-specific equipment.
- Document objectives for doing this site and what is planned for future. Such a document gives the next forest managers a plan to review and understand.
-
- This is an area of high hazard fuel identified by Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
-
- Is there a self-guided tour opportunity? Does it make sense to put something together to help explain what's taking place on the ground. Commitment to deliver interpretive aspects were written into the Forest Stewardship Plan and are delivered in the Whistler Interpretive Forest. There are signs in place but not particularly public friendly information as it's very dense and dry. CCF could target school groups for guided tours.

Compartment Planning Unit: Powder 02 (c, f)

- Discussion on quality of seedlings and silviculture responsibilities. Operations generally don't have to replant as much anymore as seedling quality has improved.
- For the sake of biodiversity, it would be good to mix in some white pine, but blister rust resistant planting stock is hard to get.
- Stocking approach is "don't do the same thing everywhere." This approach provides a variety of trees for different markets and habitats.
- Removed 200,000 kg of wood waste to composter, remainder will be burned.
- Area will be replanted with fir and cedar
- This is an old road system that was reopened and connects to Brandywine and Blackcomb Snowmobile's winter route.
- Direct access to Callaghan paved road blocked by boulders. CCF needs a permit to connect to MOTI highways.
- Retention of unharvested roadside buffer somewhat isolates roadside slash from heavily travelled Olympic Road.



Figure 1: Coarse Woody Debris P02 (c, f)



Figure 2: Debris Pile P02 (c, f)

Compartment Planning Unit: P02 (a)

- P02 (a) is adjacent to the Brandywine snowmobile parking. The area was cat logged 50 years ago.
- Current logging maintained trees along the road to shield views from Highway 99.
- Existing old roads used.
- Brush taken to composter.
- Work was finished in May.
- Commercial thinning would work well on this site. Trees ages/types were variable after previous logging. With commercial thinning, still maintaining a well-stocked stand.



Figure 3: Old road system reopened in P02 (a)



Figure 4: Logs piled next to snowmobile parking lot

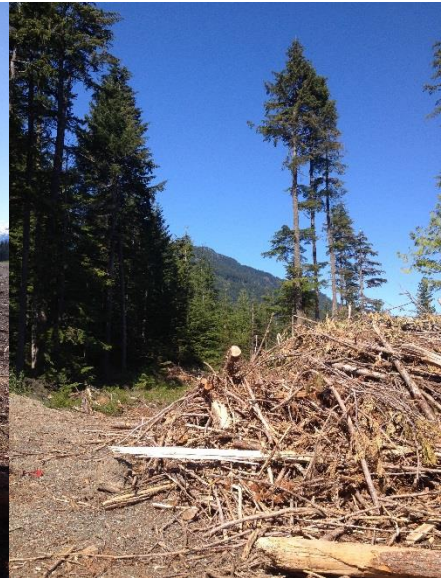


Figure 5: Debris Pile P02 (a)

FWAC Comments on 2015 Harvesting

Excerpt from Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee minutes from May 11, 2016 containing comments on field trip observations.

- FWAC is encouraged that CCF including fuel thinning in the harvesting plans.
- Encourage more cable logging systems rather than ground based logging to minimize impacts to the ground and protect the soil and water.
- Consider thinning second growth stands by removing approximately two thirds of the stems and one third of the volume resulting in the retention of the most dominant trees that have the greatest potential for growth and to sequester carbon into the future
- Trees retained need to be protected from scarring to optimize growth and maintain tree health
- Discussion re: planting more deciduous to reduce fire risk.
- FWAC appreciated the open discussion with the CCF foresters, very informative.

Recommendations

- Significant debris piles should be burnt.
- FWAC made recommendations for appropriate levels of Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) in its May 2014 memo to the CCF Board (see Appendix C for more details). FWAC recommends:
- CCF implement the recommendations
- Update the EBM Plan with revised CWD levels
- Implement a CWD/WT monitoring and reporting system for each harvesting unit.
- FWAC recommends the CCF consider and incorporate the FWAC Access Management Planning principles received by Council at the July 12, 2016 meeting, and develop access management guidelines to guide the decision-making process when reviewing new access/roads against visual, environmental and public recreation values. This would provide consistency for decisions.

MINUTES

Regular Forest & Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting

September 14, 2016

Page 14

- FWAC recommends that the CCF more closely follow the silviculture strategy's approach to opening size and retention levels.
- FWAC recommends the CCF implement a rigorous monitoring program related to EBM goals, CCF principles, and harvesting objectives. It could take the form of an after harvest biodiversity report card that is prepared annually for each new opening that FWAC and other members of the community could use to assess progress towards EBM objectives. It would report on items such as final opening size, wildlife trees (numbers, species, broad size/wildlife habitat suitability class and distribution), wildfire hazard, and CWD levels. FWAC further recommends that the CCF consider participating with the RMOW remote sensing/aerial photography program to ensure that the CCF is covered in future programs and then utilize orthophotos as part of this analysis. The CCF could also consider the use of drones to capture aerial views for sharing on its website.
- FWAC recommends that the CCF continue providing informal feedback through field trips and attending FWAC meetings as well as prepare an annual written memo for responding to FWAC recommendations in this report.

Summary of Actions Taken on Previous Recommendations

Recommendations from the 2013 – 2014 FWAC Annual Report to CCF:

FWAC recommends the CCF develop access management guidelines related to commercial & public recreation access that consider visual, environmental and public recreation values.

ACTION TAKEN: Included in Integrated Resource Mapping and analysis project and the 2016 planning process for the CCF's access management plan.

FWAC recommends that the CCF and/or the RMOW should push the province for a stronger commercial recreation referral process involving more stakeholders.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

FWAC recommends that the CCF Board of Directors consider the following recommendations and after decisions are made, update the Silviculture Strategy and Standard Operating Procedures with the changes.

- FWAC recommends CCF implement a revised Coarse Woody Debris policy as per the STAND LEVEL BIODIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHEAKAMUS COMMUNITY FOREST dated May 21, 2014 and provided to the CCF Board of Directors. The document's recommendations are:
 - FWAC recommends the definition and density of CWD be revised to match the Chief Forester's recommendation of 23 pieces/hectare in CWHds-mm-ms, each being a minimum of 20 cm in diameter and 10 m in length.
 - Sustain 50% of the naturally occurring amounts of down wood at the landscape level.
 - Managed stands may be insufficient.
 - Sustain a range of size and decay classes of down wood.
 - Ensure that some large pieces are retained.
 - Provide both aggregated and dispersed down wood.
 - Retention of wood – first, as trees, then as logs – is critical for many species.
 - Don't do the same thing everywhere.

ACTION TAKEN: CWD approach revised on the ground where possible, but silviculture policy not updated.

FWAC emphasizes the need for CCF to implement a rigorous monitoring program related to EBM goals, CCF principles, and harvesting objectives. It could take the form of an after harvest biodiversity report card that is prepared annually for each new opening that FWAC and other members of the community could use to assess progress towards EBM objectives. It would report on items such as final opening size, wildlife trees (numbers, species, broad size/wildlife habitat suitability class and distribution), wildfire hazard, and CWD levels.

ACTION TAKEN: CCF implemented a monitoring plan in 2016 to meet carbon and EBM Plan requirements.

FWAC recommends that the CCF Silviculture Strategy should be revised to include the role of understory trees.

ACTION TAKEN: Under review



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, May 12, 2016, STARTING AT 4:30 P.M.

At Municipal Hall – Flute

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Member-at-Large, Murray Lunn
Member-at-Large, Bob Calladine
Member-at-Large, Josie Chuback
Member-at-Large, Dave Clark
Member-at-Large, Chris Kaipio
Member-at-Large, Eric Wight
Member-at-Large, Colin Pitt-Taylor
Member-at-Large, John Konig (by phone)
Member-at-Large, Roger Soane
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, Martin Pardoe
Manager, Recreation, RMOW, Roger Weetman
Councillor, Andrée Janyk

REGRETS:

Tourism Whistler Representative, Meredith Kunza
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry
School District Representative, Rick Hume
Member-at-Large, Stephanie Sloan

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Added to agenda: Update on goose management in parks, Whistler Blackcomb's Renaissance project, BCRPA Symposium summary.

Moved by Eric Wight
Seconded by Josie Chuback

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of May 12, 2016

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bob Calladine
Seconded by Roger Soane

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt minutes of March 23, 2016

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Chair

Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee election of Chair

Nominated: Murray Lunn, Josie Chuback (declined), and Roger Soane

A vote was held via ballot paper. Murray Lunn elected chair. Roger Soane agreed to be vice-chair.

RLAC Orientation

An orientation for the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee's new members was presented by Resort Parks Planning Manager. Presentation included overview of the RMOW's corporate organizational chart and working relationship between different departments and divisions; a summary of and links to municipal guiding documents including Whistler2020, the Official Community Plan (1993), the Economic Partnership Initiative, the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan, the Whistler Community Cultural Plan, the Whistler Master Wayfinding Strategy, community monitoring, and the municipal budget; information and relationship to other Committees of Council specifically the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee, the Measuring Up Committee, and the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee. Members were provided with a hard copy of the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan.

RLAC Current Priorities

The Managers of Resort Parks Planning and Recreation presented a list of 2016 RLAC priorities as per the October 2015 approved Committee minutes:

- Indoor outdoor sports fields
- Support park ranger program
- Improve upon dog issues
- Support reinvestment at Meadow Park Sports Center

Staff provided a brief update on each of these. A short question, answer and discussion session followed. Committee members were invited to attend artificial turf stakeholders meeting on May 19; a request was made to have a municipal Bylaw Services representative attend a future RLAC meeting to provide additional details on the pilot park ranger program and to discuss dog issues within the community.

Current Project update

The Managers of Resort Parks Planning and Recreation provided an update on currently active projects including the Skateboard Rejuvenation Project, Meadow Park Sports Centre Roof Replacement, BMX Track, Meadow Park Sports Centre Valley Trail Improvements, Valley Trail Cycling Safety Review, and a draft E-bike Policy. Discussion on the Committee's four priority projects occurred in the previous agenda item.

Staff also presented a brief over view of 19 other capital projects within the approved 5 Year Financial Plan 2016 - 2020 that are of relevance to the Committee.

MINUTES

Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee Meeting

May 12, 2016

Page 3

One Duck Lake Access from Emerald Drive

A committee member noted that what has been historically the public route to One Duck Lake has been cut off. Staff reported that the municipality is aware of the situation, that the access that has been used for years is in fact across private lands and lacks formal public access, and that the municipality is seeking opportunities to establish public access although all lands off of Emerald Drive are privately held. It was suggested that the municipality investigate other locations where a similar problem might occur, and try to get ahead of any future closures.

Questions and Discussion

A Committee member asked for clarification on the number of terms Committee members-at-large are eligible for. Staff reported that all terms are two year, that a maximum of two consecutive terms is permissible, and that under extraordinary circumstances Council may appoint a member or members to a third consecutive term.

New Business

Update on Goose Management in Parks

A Committee member asked how the goose management work was progressing. Staff reported that generally the efforts were seeing positive results in so much as a significant decrease in recorded geese feces. The Committee requested a overview and update presentation at a future meeting.

Whistler Blackcomb's Renaissance Project

A Committee member would like the opportunity to have a discussion about this project, specifically the Project's aquatic facility and its potential impacts to the planning and operation of the municipal Meadow Parks Sports Centre.

BCRPA Symposium Summary

The BC Recreation and Parks Association annual symposium was held in Whistler in April 2016. Several Committee members volunteered for the event and were able to participate in some of the Symposium's activities at no cost. Attendees discussed their Symposium experiences and observations.

Next Meeting

4:30pm, June 16, 2016. Flute Room Municipal Hall

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting to be 4:30pm, June 16, 2016. Flute Room Municipal Hall

ADJOURNMENT

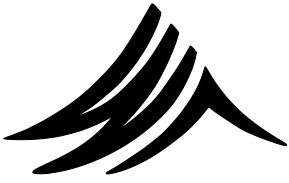
That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the May 12, 2016 committee meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Moved by John Konig

Seconded by Bob Calladine

CARRIED

CHAIR: Murray Lunn



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016, STARTING AT 4:30 P.M.

At Municipal Hall – Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Bob Calladine, Member at Large
Josie Chuback, Member at Large
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large
John Konig, Member at Large
Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large
Stephanie Sloan, Member at Large, Acting Chair
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, Martin Pardoe
Manager, Recreation, RMOW, Roger Weetman
Councillor, Andrée Janyk
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Murray Lunn, Member at Large
Dave Clark, Member at Large
Roger Soane, Member at Large
Eric Wight, Member at Large
Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative

GUEST:

Lindsay DeBou, RMOW, Bylaw Supervisor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Nominated Stephanie Sloan as acting chair for the June 16, 2016 meeting.

Moved by Josie Chuback
Seconded by Andrée Janyk

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of June 16, 2016

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Josie Chuback
Seconded by Collin Pitt-Taylor

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of May 12, 2016

PRESENTATIONS

Pilot Park Ranger Program

A presentation to committee members from RMOW's Bylaw Supervisor. Providing an overview on the park ranger position and the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

The key elements of this position are to monitor and increase presence on the valley trail. The ranger will be operating on a bicycle in the morning shift and via vehicle in the afternoon shift. Shifts will operate Friday – Monday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Position will supplement and enhance existing Bylaw Services.

The park ranger will be able to issue tickets. The ranger will also be recording data following each shift, and will monitor the program progression and observed incidents on shift.

Discussion held on multiple items including;

- Dogs in parks, specifically alternatives and future plans for dog control in parks.
- Alpha Lake Park, regarding signage inconsistencies. Way finding program 2017 all parks will be getting re-done to give consistent information.
- Consumption of liquor in all parks.
- River of Golden Dreams – RCMP working on the River of Golden Dreams to monitor and control. Educating users to take their garage with them and provide information flat sheet with the sale of boats.

Lindsay DeBou left the meeting 5:10 p.m.

Artificial Turf Field Project Update

An update to the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee on the artificial turf field project from Parks Planning Manager.

Roger Weetman entered the meeting 5:11 p.m.

Overview of the May 19 stakeholders meeting for soccer and American football users; a great turn out and support from staff and committee

members. A questionnaire was handed out to those attending, only 3 of 5 have been returned. The June 9, 2016 stakeholders meeting for baseball users was also very informative.

Next steps; received complete questionnaires. Analysis, review and consideration, needs assessment recommendations to Council.

A discussion was held with members and staff including, comments on field needs, fields in nearby communities, user types, user fees and how to attract users from other communities.

Pilot Food Truck Program

Parks Manager provided an update to the Committee on the pilot food truck program. Information on current process, information available on whistler.ca. Included sites will be Spruce Grove, Lost Lake, and Rainbow Parks beginning July 1 – Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MPSC Roof Replacement and Arena Shutdown

An update to the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee on the phase 2 roof replacement project and recent arena shutdown at the Meadow Park Sports Centre. Roof over arena almost complete and on schedule and budget. Completion of arena update to be complete by Sept. 2016.

An update on current grant applications, in progress and will keep the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee updated.

Other project updates

A quick update on a number of locations was provided by Parks Manager

- Mons Valley Trail tunnel, anticipated opening in July, 2016
- Train Wreck bridge, anticipated opening in July, 2016
- Alpine trail program, crew have started on lower elevation trails.
- Eva Lake park – New playground installed
- Meadow Park – tennis courts rebuilt and opening in June 18, 2016 weather permitting
- BMX track going well

OTHER BUSINESS

Information update from committee member. One Duck Lake – cut off the road to protect people as there is heavy vehicle operating possible soon to opening again. Green lake – Deerhorn private owner thinking about putting in a road.

Next meeting September 8, 2016

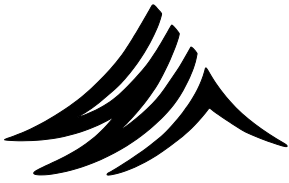
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Colin Pitt-Taylor

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the June 16, 2016 committee meeting at 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR: Stephanie Sloan



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF LIQUOR LICENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016, STARTING AT 8:45 A.M.

**At Municipal Hall – Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4**

PRESENT:

Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Pubs, Mike Wilson
Food & Beverage Sector Representative – Nightclubs, Terry Clark
Whistler Community Services Society Representative, Jackie Dickinson
Public Safety Department Representative, RCMP, Rob Knapton
RMOW Staff Representative, Secretary, Frank Savage
Councillor, Andrée Janyk
Recording Secretary, Kay Chow

REGRETS:

Accommodation Sector Representative, Chair, Colin Hedderson
Food & Beverage Representative – Restaurants, Vice-Chair, Kevin Wallace
Liquor Control and Licensing Branch (LCLB) Inspector, Holly Glenn
Whistler Fire Rescue Service Representative, Geoff Playfair

GUEST:

Kevin Winter, owner Coast Mountain Brewing

Call to Order

Frank Savage, LLAC Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and assumed the role of Chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Terry Clark
Seconded by Mike Wilson

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee agenda of July 14, 2016.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Rob Knapton
Seconded by Mike Wilson

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adopt the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee minutes of June 9, 2016.

CARRIED

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Janyk provided an update of current topics being discussed by Council, including the recent endorsement of the Updated Summary of Key Findings & Economic Planning Report.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Coast Mountain Brewing
Company – Brewery
Lounge Endorsement
File No. LLR1258

Frank Savage introduced Kevin Winter, owner and brew master of Coast Mountain Brewing. Frank presented the following.

1. Coast Mounting Brewing is opening a craft brewery at 1212 Alpha Lake Rd. This application requests a brewery lounge endorsement to the beer manufacturing licence.
2. The LCLB requires a resolution from local government council addressing the same regulatory criteria as for a new liquor primary licence.
3. The municipal process requires a review by LLAC with a recommendation to municipal Council.
4. Coast Mountain Brewing has applied for a manufacturing licence with endorsements to conduct tours, sell to beer produced on site and related non-liquor products to the public.
5. Approval in principle to construct the brewery has been received from LCLB; manufacturing of beer is pending final inspection.
6. A manufacturing licence permits the production of beer at the site, provide beer samples, conduct tours, and sales for consumption off site.
7. The brewery meets the municipal zoning requirements, but no specific local government approval for a beer manufacturing licence.
8. The application being considered by the LLAC is for a brewery lounge, which can operate somewhat like a neighbourhood pub.
9. Initially there were plans for a lounge patio; the patio will not be proceeding at this time and is not part of the present application. A lounge patio application could be submitted in the future.
10. Hours of service 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; occupant load = 27 persons; minors permitted when accompanied by a parent or guardian; food and non-alcoholic beverages must be available at a reasonable price.
11. This application was referred to LLAC members for comment. No comments were received. A newspaper advertisement was placed in the local newspaper as well as a sign at the site. One comment was received from the public, a resident from the Lofts housing complex, suggesting that more transit service to Function Junction is needed to deter drinking and driving.
12. The nearest liquor primary establishments are located at Creekside.
13. Noise impacts, the brewery lounge is planning to close between 9:00 – 10:00 p.m., the licence would permit the lounge to open to 1:00 a.m.
14. Community impacts, craft breweries are becoming more popular, this presents an opportunity for residents and visitors to sample the beer.
15. LLAC criteria, there is no new development associated with this application. There is potential demand for this type of facility for Cheakamus Crossing residents.
16. Is this type of application a potential problem for the community? If properly managed not likely, if not properly managed there could be problems.
17. Parking should be adequate, no problems anticipated during peak parking times of other businesses and during the use of the lounge.

MINUTES

Liquor Licence Advisory Committee Meeting

July 14, 2016

Page 3

18. No traffic impacts anticipated. Comment received about transit reflected a broader concern about the level of transit service in Function Junction.
19. No policing impacts anticipated.

Kevin Winter presented the following.

20. Background information: Mr. Winter is a professional commercial brewer for eight years, with home brewing many years prior to that. Husband and wife team, have been in Whistler for almost 20 years with many years' experience in the hospitality industry.
21. Coast Mountain Brewing is a small scale community brewery, not a large scale production brewery that utilizes large scale equipment with large trucks driving in and out of the site.
22. Focus will be on the community, involved in community activities. Fill a missing segment of Whistler's craft brewery industry.
23. Anticipate providing product to 20 to 30 Whistler restaurants and pubs. Delivery will be done by Kevin. Intend to maintain 40% of the capacity on site.
24. Brewing experience gained by working for Whistler Brewing Company, then additional brewing and industry exposure gained working with a brewing company in the Fraser Valley, which earned the 2014 Best Pilsner Award at the Canadian Brewing Awards and at the North American Brewing Awards earned Gold for best scotch wheat ale.
25. The planned brewery tours will be educational.
26. Would like Coast Mountain Brewing to become part of the fabric of the community of Whistler and be viewed in a positive light. Engage the neighbours.
27. The location is ideal for this type of business, it will drive further awareness to this area and serves the Cheakamus Crossing residents, giving them family oriented options that are within walking distance.
28. Lounge/retail area is a small cozy room, featuring reclaimed cedar.
29. Partnering with Whistler Cooks for food services.
30. Growlers are an integral part of the business, a large focus and investment. 1 litre or 1.89 litre glass jar available to purchase for consumption off site.
31. The brewery lounge endorsement is also integral to the business; otherwise the licensing restriction is 375 ml per person per day. The tasting rooms have been a major contributing factor to the boom in the craft brewing industry.
32. The brewing equipment and system is custom fabricated by a shop in Maple Ridge.
33. The small scale production will allow for brewing a wide array of beers, this will differentiate Coast Mountain Brewing from other breweries.
34. Wine on tap available in the brewery lounge for consumption on site only; 1 white, 1 red boutique BC wine.

Questions from LLAC members:

1. Q: The road in this area can be dangerous, as there is a lot of drop-off and pick-up traffic at the adjacent Vibe Dance Studio. How will parking be managed?
A: Parents either drop off and leave or wait in their cars. Ongoing discussions with Vibe Dance Studio regarding parking and noise, there hasn't been any negative feedback, only positive feedback.

The dance studio has parking in front of their establishment as well as a large amount of parking available to them at the side of the building. Coast Mountain Brewery will have parking in the front. Propose to approach the landlord and request painted parking lines in front of the building to differentiate the parking areas and spaces. Do not anticipate any parking battles. Sidewalks would be helpful and would enhance safety.

2. Q: What are the hours of operation?
A: The licence permits operating hours from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The plan is to open at 1:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Sunday opening at 11:00 a.m. Closing time most days at 8:00 p.m. with weekends closing at 10:00 p.m. or later if there is an event such as a hockey game.
3. Q: How many tanks are there?
A: There are six 1,700 litre uni-conical fermentation tanks that produce 34 fifty litre industry standard kegs per batch. four weeks for an ale, six weeks for lager, producing approximately 100 batches per year.
4. Q: In addition to the wine on tap will there be other liquor or spirits offered?
A: Will focus on wine by the glass and do not intend to provide spirits, mixed drinks or cooler type beverages.
5. Q: Whistler Cooks will provide food, is it cold food? Is there any way to heat the food?
A: There is no intent to prepare food, only serve food. Whistler Cooks will be able to provide appealing savoury options that are also available for take away. Food will be placed in a wax paper bag, similar to a muffin purchase from a coffee shop.
6. Q: Are non-alcoholic beverages available?
A: Yes, initially prepackaged sodas will be available. Eventually there will be in-house sodas made by Coast Mountain Brewing.
7. Q: How will you get your product into the local pubs, restaurants and retail stores?
A: A sales rep would enter an establishment and meet with the manager, establish relationships, face time, i.e. door to door sales. Provide point of sales material, sell sheets.
8. Q: Is there involvement with the pub sector? Will the pub sector group accept a non-liquor primary establishment?
A: Pub sector representative response: "Yes"

LLAC member comments:

1. Council representative: support this application; it will add diversity to the community; would like to see public transportation issues to Function Junction addressed as they are becoming a concern and also to reduce local car traffic in the area.
2. Pub sector representative: full support from those that responded to the referral; members are excited that Function Junction is becoming less industrial and is becoming a "place to go for coffee and beer". International guests want to be able to take something home that is from Whistler, another product offering from Whistler will speak volumes.
3. RCMP representative: no concerns.
4. Nightclub sector representative: no comments from the nightclub sector.

MINUTES

Liquor Licence Advisory Committee Meeting

July 14, 2016

Page 5

5. Whistler Community Services Society Representative: very supportive and excited about this new proposal; no concerns, but would like to stress the increased need for public transportation.
6. RMOW Resort Experience representative: no municipal concerns; the property meets the zoning requirements for the brewery lounge and the other proposed brewery activities.

Moved by Mike Wilson

Seconded by Jackie Dickinson

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports the application from Coast Mountain Brewing for an endorsement for a new 27 person capacity interior brewery lounge.

CARRIED

Moved by Jackie Dickinson

Seconded by Mike Wilson

That the Liquor Licence Advisory Committee supports the provision of additional transit service to and from Function Junction to support the additional business, activities, variety of uses and attractions in Function Junction; the LLAC would like this recommendation to be referred to the Transportation Advisory Group for consideration.

CARRIED

This application will be presented to municipal Council at the regular meeting on July 26, 2016.

Provincial Liquor Policy Changes

Frank Savage presented an overview of the June 29, 2016 Liquor Policy Working Group Update included in the LLAC meeting package.

1. One of the recommendations of the recent provincial liquor policy review is to permit hotel front desks to provide patrons a welcome drink and to allow patrons to carry the drink to their room.
2. The LCLB is proposing a policy change for a hotel with a food or liquor primary licensed establishment to permit hotel patrons to leave the establishment and take the drink to their hotel room. This would be an additional term and condition guideline for the hotel and the establishment's operations. The onus would be on the hotel to manage compliance with liquor regulations.
3. There was a brief discussion regarding a proposed LCLB policy change to permit standalone patios, without an interior licensed area.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting Thursday, August 11, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

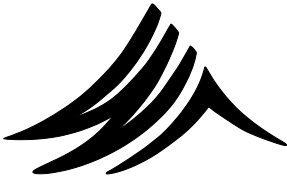
Moved by Terry Clark

That Liquor Licence Advisory Committee adjourn the July 14, 2016 meeting at 9:59 a.m.

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR: Frank Savage

SECRETARY: Frank Savage



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF RECREATION LEISURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, STARTING AT 4:30 P.M.

At Municipal Hall – Flute Room
4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

PRESENT:

Bob Calladine, Member at Large
Chris Kaipio, Member at Large
Roger Soane, Member at Large
Eric Wight, Member at Large
Dave Clark, Member at Large
Meredith Kunza, Tourism Whistler representative
Manager, Resort Parks Planning, RMOW, Martin Pardoe
Manager, Recreation, RMOW, Roger Weetman
Councillor, Andrée Janyk
Recording Secretary, Shannon Perry

REGRETS:

Murray Lunn, Member at Large
Stephanie Sloan, Member at Large, Acting Chair
Ian Currie, Howe Sound School District 48 representative
Josie Chuback, Member at Large
John Konig, Member at Large
Colin Pitt-Taylor, Member at Large

GUEST:

Lindsay DeBou, RMOW, Bylaw Supervisor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Roger Soane nominated for acting chair due to Murray Lunn's absence.
Item added to the agenda, food truck and Mons Valley Trail tunnel update
added by Martin Pardoe.

Moved by Bob Calladine
Second by Eric Wight

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation
Leisure Advisory Committee agenda of September 8, 2016

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bob Calladine
Seconded by Chris Kaipio

That the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adopt the Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee minutes of June 16, 2016

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Artificial Turf Needs
Assessment Project
Update

A brief update to the committee from RMOW Parks Planning manager
Latest update includes:

- Data collection delayed, it has been a lengthy process due to detailed research under taken. The data has been collected.
- Draft findings coming in late September, RLAC should see results in October.

Pave Lost Lake Loop
Trail

Deferred for future topics.

Parent and tot programs
at MPSC

Information/update provided from RMOW Recreation Manager. Brief discussion was held with the RLAC.

Park and Valley Trail
Way finding Project

An update was provided from the Parks Planning Manager; new way finding signs are now being rolled out throughout Whistler Village and following that the RMOW plans to update parks, valley trails and road wayfinding. The RLAC reviewed draft signage for Whistler's parks and valley trail, explanations provided by Parks Planning Manager and a brief discussion was held.

Drafts will be reviewed over the winter period, more updates to follow for the RLAC

Q&A:

What etiquette will be going on the signage?

Still being reviewed by staff and an update will be provided at a future meeting.

Why flat map? A fold up map would be useful.
Easy to hand out.

Why north village?

To keep consistent, outcome of Master Wayfinding Project

MPSC Valley Trail
Extension Project Update
and Next Steps

MPSC was successful in receiving the BikeBC grant of \$90,000.

RLAC reviewed plans for the valley trail extension at MPSC. An explanation of expected changes provided to the RLAC. Aiming for completion by July 1, 2017. Construction will go to tender this fall.

MPSC Roof
Replacement Project
Update

Brief update from Recreation manager, roof replacement at approx. 90 – 95% completion.

Andree entered 5:16 p.m.

FUTURE TOPICS

Pilot Food Truck
Program

Has been successful, especially in warmer weather. Survey coming out to the public September 9th, 2016

Pilot Park Ranger
Program

An update from RMOW Bylaw Supervisor. The pilot project has been well received. Stats include; 161 dogs off leash 6 dogs off leash per day. 226 people with open liquor 8 per day, smoking interactions were very low, parking interactions also low. Slack lining has now come to the attention of the park ranger, issues with public using their lines on the wrong trees. Public very responsive and happy to see park ranger being in the parks. Province have approved liquor in parks (up to municipality). Vancouver have passed liquor in parks designated by the municipalities. Summary from Bylaw Supervisor to follow and go to the RLAC for a resolution.

Mons Valley Trail Tunnel

An update from Parks Planning Manager. Project not yet complete approximately due around Canadian Thanksgiving. A brief overview from was provided to the RLAC.

Geese management
2016 trail planning
working group summary
RLAC 2017 budget

To be discussed at a future meeting

To be discussed at a future meeting

To be discussed at a future meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

Add discussion on Alpha Lake Park showers to next agenda.

NEXT MEETING

October 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Eric Wight

That Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn the September 8, 2016 committee meeting at 5:47 p.m.

CARRIED

ACTING CHAIR: Roger Soane

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY OF WHISTLER
ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW (1310 and 1350 CLOUDBURST DRIVE) NO. 2128, 2016**

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE WHISTLER ZONING AND PARKING BYLAW NO. 303, 2015

WHEREAS Council may, in a zoning bylaw pursuant to Sections 903 and 906 of the *Local Government Act*, divide all or part of the area of the Municipality into zones, name each zone and establish the boundaries of the zones, regulate the use of land, buildings and structures within the zones, and require the provision of parking spaces for uses, buildings and structures;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310 & 1350 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2128, 2016".
2. The Resort Municipality of Whistler Zoning and Parking Bylaw No. 303, 2015 is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) Part 13 is amended by replacing the text in Section 66(3) with the following:

‘The maximum permitted gross floor area of all buildings on Parcel 1 shown on the Key Plan provided for this Zone is 2400 square metres and on Parcel 2 shown on the Key Plan is 2000 square metres.’
 - (b) Part 12 is amended by replacing the text in Section 51(3) with the following:

‘The maximum gross floor area for all buildings in the RS12 Zone is 3875 square metres.’
3. If any section or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Bylaw.

GIVEN FIRST READING this 4th day of October, 2016.

GIVEN SECOND READING this 4th day of October, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 464 of the *Local Government Act*, a Public Hearing was held this this __ day of _____, _____.

GIVEN THIRD READING this __ day of _____, _____.

ADOPTED by the Council this __ day of _____, _____.

Nancy Wilhelm-Morden,
Mayor

Laurie Anne Schimek,
Municipal Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true
copy of Zoning Amendment Bylaw (1310
& 1350 Cloudburst Drive) No. 2128,
2016.

Laurie Anne Schimek, Municipal Clerk



Reference: 304367

October 17, 2016

Her Worship Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden
and Council representatives
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler BC V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Council representatives:

I am writing to follow up on my recent meeting with Resort Municipality of Whistler representatives at the 2016 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

The annual UBCM convention offers an important opportunity for local governments to have conversations and outline priorities with the provincial government. These meetings help to inform ministries on issues that matter most to communities in British Columbia. I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you and discuss issues of mutual importance.

Ministry staff have committed to following up on the issues raised at this meeting.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you.

Sincerely,

Mary Polak
Minister





Suite 206 – 950 Powell Street
Vancouver, B.C V6A 1H9
Toll Free Across North America 1-877-684-4747

October 17th 2016

Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden and Council
Resort Municipality of Whistler
4325 Blackcomb Way
Whistler, B.C. V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor Wilhelm-Morden and Council,

I am writing you today as the owner and founder of Goodbye Graffiti™ the world's largest graffiti removal organization. My company was founded in Vancouver B.C. in 1997 and we now service customers across North America and beyond.

It is also important to note that I live in Whistler with my family and my son attends Waldorf. In 1999 I approached the RMOW and presented my programs for eliminating the graffiti problem in Whistler. In 2016 I am still attempting to do this and, ironically, the same people are rejecting the idea.

Some facts to consider:

- Whistler has an ongoing graffiti problem
- The RMOW spends money to deal with it
- The RMOW has no budget for this
- Each time your staff remove a piece of graffiti the cost is as much as 200 times more than when we do it
- Cities across NA have evolved to deal with this issue – RMOW has not
- Per capita Whistler has more graffiti than most other Canadian cities now
- Much of the graffiti is old – meaning it has contributed to adding new graffiti
- Your city and public assets have graffiti – approximately 29% of them to be more specific
- You just spent over 1 million on new signs
- The old signs have about 850 tags and stickers – now what?
- Your staff refuses to entertain a professional approach to this issue
- People from other cities do not expect to see illegal graffiti here – they have cleaned up at home

Some questions we can answer for you:

- How much graffiti do you have?
- How much to remove every last piece?
- How much do you get each week?
- Why not pay \$4.00 to remove a tag?

We Get it *off* & Keep it *off*™



Goodbye Graffiti™

Suite 206 – 950 Powell Street
Vancouver, B.C V6A 1H9
Toll Free Across North America 1-877-684-4747

- How much is it to remove every single tag every single week?
- How much would we save by doing this?
- How effective is a knee jerk program like the program in Whistler?
- How do we get the other stakeholders to clean up on their own?

Remember, this problem is not about the staff at RMOW. This is about putting a stop to completely preventable errors. There needs to be a desire to enact solutions in line with the latest science and best practices. Do you suck up all the waste water and recycle it for example? Your staff does not want a solution based on science. They insist on a program instead based on personal opinion. This irrational position raises some important questions, for example: What other tasks are being done using personal opinion over science based solutions? And exactly what does your staff know about long term efficacy of your current abatement strategies and asset preservation programs?

There is a very low cost approach here. This cannot simply be ignored. And this approach is 100% effective.

My time is yours on this matter. I trust you will not just refer me to the same individuals who have so carefully avoided taking a responsible and sustainable approach to this worldwide problem. The evolution of municipalities regarding graffiti vandalism is strangely not happening in this very progressive place.

Looking forward to talking,

Perri Domm

President and Founder

The Goodbye Graffiti™ Group of Companies

Across North America 1-877-684-4747

Direct: 604-830-7085

pdomm@goodbyegraffiti.com



We Get it *off* & Keep it *off*™

-----Original Message-----

From: KAREN THOMSON [<mailto:karenthomson@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 10:58 AM

To: Mayor's Office <mayorsoffice@whistler.ca>

Subject: DES

Hello Mayor and Council,

I have written two letters regarding my DES system and have not received any response except to say the letters were received. I am one of the unlucky owners of a home in Cheakamus Crossing that has a faulty system. I was one of the early unlucky ones and spent \$7000 getting my system to work. I have had a skilled technician come twice a year since the initial fix (2 years ago) and have had it working. I would like the \$7000 back that I had to spend to get a technician to figure out what was wrong and finally fix it. I am happy to provide the invoices from all the companies that came and tried to fix it but had no manual or instructions to go by. This includes Western Technical who was used throughout the warranty process and following who was unable to repair it and limped it along until the warranty ran out. I feel us first owners with issues who tried to get their DES repaired before anyone admitted to issues with the DES should be reimbursed. Now there are systems across the housing complexes with issues but there is now a manual and companies that are trained on the DES. I shouldered the training of Custom Air on my dime as that is how they learnt how to repair them. I would like my money back. This system is a joke and I am not financially able to cover the replacement of it.

Please do the right thing and repay me the financial cost. I endured financial and emotional and relationship costs due to the burden of covering the \$7000.

Thank you,

Karen Thomson
39-1275 Mount Fee Rd
Whistler, BC V0N 1B1
604-906-0368

From: KAREN THOMSON [<mailto:karenthomson@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 12:49

To: Mayor's Office <mayorsoffice@whistler.ca>

Subject: Unit 39-1275 Mount Fee Rd

Hello Mayor and Council,

Please respond to my email as all my previous ones have been ignored.

Thank you for the recent support in Cheakamus Crossing with the DES system. It is nice to see action. I am not clear if previous bills are covered up to \$1000. Are they? I spent \$7000 to get my system working and I am extremely upset the municipality will not acknowledge it was faulty install and improper water that caused you issues. I hope the municipality will honour the \$1000 for previous bills as a minimum but I really want all my expenses incurred to get the system going paid back. I used your recommended company Western Tech until my warranty ran out and it was never repaired. I would love the municipality to step up and refund us early repair cost people who struggled to get the system repaired.

Thank you for your time. I can provide any invoices you need to prove the outrageous costs to get heat in my home.

Thank you,

Karen