

WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting

Held via Zoom – Link available at www.whistler.ca/FWAC

| PRESENT | Mtgs. YTD (10) |
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| Member at Large, M. Tardif, Chair | 10 |
| Member at Large, C. Rankin, Co-Chair | 10 |
| Member at Large, J. Areshenkoff | 8 |
| Member at Large, J. Hammons | 10 |
| Member at Large, T. Burton | 8 |
| Member at Large, R. Millikin | 9 |
| Member at Large, D. Raymond | 8 |
| Member at Large, D. Bonin | 7 |
| WORCA, N. Koshure | 6 |
| RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford | 10 |
| Recording Secretary, J. Wynott | 5 |

| REGRETS | |
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| Councilor, A. De Jong | 9 |
| AWARE, C. Ruddy | 8 |

CALL TO ORDER

Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee recognized The Resort Municipality of Whistler is grateful to be on the shared, uncaded territory of the Lil'wat People, known in their language as Liłwat7úl, and the Squamish People, known in their language as Skwxwú7mesh. We respect and commit to a deep consideration of their history, culture, stewardship and voice.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Millikin

Seconded by J. Areshenkoff

That Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Raymond
Seconded by J. Areshenkoff

That Forest Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Open Committee Minutes of Wednesday, November 10, 2021 as circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

WORCA

- Trail crew work is complete for the season.
- WORCA is working on compiling their fee for service report and their application for next year's fee for service funding.
- There are some section 57 applications in to the province including Into the Mystic (Mystic Function) and Jane Lakes (Darcy Burke Memorial Trail).
- There was some damage to trails from the rain storms that will need repairs in the spring.

RMOW

- The funding application for the Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Fund was submitted in November.
- Staff is expecting the CWRP in the near future and will share the draft with FWAC once received.
- Council is reviewing budget.
- RMOW has announced mandatory vaccines for staff, volunteers and contractors. Staff will gain clarity on what that means for committees.
- The budget for 2022 Wildfire Management will be similar to that of the 2021 budget.
- Priorities for thinning treatment in 2022 include finishing Taluswood, the area behind Brio and the area adjacent to the new development in Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2.

CCF

- Completing debris mulching along the Cheakamus Lake Road. The road will require some work in the spring.
- There was a board meeting, and the CCF is still waiting on Squamish Nation representation.
- There will be a CCF open house in February.
- Simon Murray is reviewing the FWAC Annual Report and will take it into consideration as he is planning 2022.

CCF 2022 Harvesting Plans

Discussion was held regarding the proposed harvesting of Block B04 that Simon Murray presented in the November 10 meeting. Comments that were circulated and discussed including;

- The area proposed for harvesting resulted from a 1919 wildfire so should be mature from a carbon sequestration standpoint and the timber should be quite valuable.

- Several of the blocks are bisected by streams or are adjacent to streams so the provision of adequate buffers and updating the Brew Creek Coastal Watershed Assessment will be important.
- Helicopter harvesting is expensive and more suitable for areas with limited access and other environmental concerns such as protecting riparian areas.
- Helicopter harvesting could limit Squamish and Lil'wat participation.
- B04 contains several roads that may be usable for harvesting with some maintenance.
- In most cases, extraction distances for cable based or ground based harvesting to these roads does not look excessive with several openings being next to existing roads.
- FWAC requests more detailed site plans and justification for helicopter harvesting.
- FWAC discussed harvesting options

Modernizing Forest Policy in BC

A presentation by John Hammons, RPF (retired) was given regarding the implications of changes to BC forest management legislation and a discussion was held.

The presentation refers to the [Modernizing Forest Policy in BC](#) intentions paper.

Forest Act

- Very old legislation that originated in 1912.
- Concerned with selling crown timber – tenures, payments, AACs and other issues.
- Biggest issue for CCF is tenure reallocation – taking away AAC from majors and reallocating to First Nations, BCTS and communities.
- This is the second such tenure reallocation – the first being in 2003 which resulted in the creation of the CCF.

Forest Act Tenure Allocation & General Recommendation

- CCF should be in a strong position to receive some of this reallocation as the CCF is an amalgamation of First Nations and the RMOW community and should investigate the possibility.
- One of CCF's strategic challenges is an age class unbalance, i.e., a lack of mid-age stands.

Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)

- FRPA now being revised to implement the Government's vision, to give Government more control over the details and respond to public's concerns over forest management.
- Major change is a shift from timber management to ecosystem management.

Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) & general recommendation

- Hierarchy of plans: Strategic, Landscape (10 years) and operational/site (5 years).
- New emphases on landscape level planning lead by Government which will replace Forest Stewardship Plans

- Decision to redo CCF's EBM plan should probably be reconsidered in favor of Landscape Plan, timing is an issue as it will take time to transition.
- No moratorium on old forest harvesting, but a reduction and reset on how it is done. CCF's past harvesting practices are compatible with this reset.
- Opportunity to set new old forest retention targets at the landscape level that will promote biodiversity and adaption to climate change.
- Opportunity to formalize CCF EBM Reserves.

Recommendations to facilitate eventual landscape plan preparation

- CCF should make sure that available TEM mapping and BEC classification are integrated with provincial mapping to support new landscape unit planning.

Managing Forestry Activities on Provincial Public Land in British Columbia

A [diagram](#) identifying how Forest Landscape Planning will be inserted into the provincial system for managing forest activities was discussed.

- Strategic Land Use Planning, Forest Landscape Planning and Operational/Site-level Planning are used together to direct forestry activities and guide stewardship of B.C.'s public land and resources.
- Each type of planning has a valuable and complementary role in managing forestry activities to advance reconciliation, strengthen the economy, address climate change and enhance sustainability.
- Forest Landscape Planning is being introduced to help translate high-level strategic land use planning direction to specific forest management areas and bridge the gap between Strategic Land Use Planning and Operational/Site-level Planning.

2022 FWAC Calendar The standing items for 2022 FWAC Calendar were set.

January

- Elect chair; approve annual meeting schedule.
- Consolidate comments on proposed harvest plan and forward to CCF Board.

Feb/March

- Meeting with Rec Sites and Trails BC

May/June

- Field inspection to review previous year's harvesting and other forest management work not visited in October, plus visit current/proposed harvesting sites.
- Whistler Blackcomb and BC Parks – update on annual planning and projects

July - present draft report on CCF activities

September

- Finalize FWAC annual report for the CCF
- Review other strategic planning issues such as EBM plans/reports, FSP revisions, and other strategic documents.

October

- Field trip before October meeting to view year to date harvesting and other forest management activities for the current year.
- Review membership and advertise after meeting for new members as necessary.

November

- Review compartment maps, compartment planning and information sharing summary sheets and master summary sheet (wood volume harvesting summary). CCF representative to attend and present on the proposed harvesting timelines and outline for that year. FWAC to formally express support or concerns for the annual program to RMOW through minutes, and directly to CCF Board.

2022 Membership Confirmation

The committee gave recognition to John Hammons and Derek Bonin who have come to the end of their 6 year term and will not be returning as per Terms of Reference. Trevor Burton's maximum 6 year terms ends May 2022. The committee discussed the application process for the three available committee seats. Colin Rankin confirmed interest in serving on FWAC for one more year. Melanie Tardif will confirm. The other members are within their first 3 year term.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

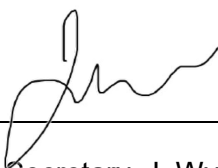
Moved by J. Hammons
Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest Wildland Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, December 8, 2021 be terminated at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, M. Tardif


Recording Secretary, J. Wynott