



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, November 10th, 2021, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M

Remote Meeting

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

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (4)
Chair, Tara Schaufele, RMOW Environmental Stewardship	6
Co-Chair, Claire Ruddy, Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative/AWARE	6
Simon Gravel, BC Conservation Officer Service	4
Arthur DeJong, Council	6
Juan Pineda, RMOW Bylaw Services	6
Member at Large, Ivana Minic-Lukac	6
Member at Large, Margot Webster	6
Member at Large, Adrien Baudouin	6
Recording Secretary, Tara Schaufele	6
REGRETS	
Sgt. Rob Knaption, RCMP	5
Denise Imbeau, Carney's Waste Systems	5

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Could not be viewed at that time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A.DeJong
Seconded by C.Ruddy

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of August 11th, 2021.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No presentations were scheduled for this meeting.

Bear Related Updates

An update by S. Gravel was provided

- Bear getting into construction bins. COS has addressed this with the company.
- Court case re bear feeding concluded—courts support COS decision. Bear showed unprecedented signs of habituation.
- COS will continue attractant audits.
- Bear attracted to Earls grease bin. Bins and doors were secured, likely the bear was attracted to the smell.
- Bears are attracted to the open covered area at the Auden museum. Simone requested some thought be put towards solutions for this area.
- Brittany will be returning Sea to Sky COS next season.
- COS (Brittany) and BSPA will pick bear educational sessions at schools next season.

An update by J. Pineda was provided on behalf of RMOW Bylaw Services

- Garbage is increasing at bus stops. Bylaw tries to locate addresses in the garbage to better target education efforts.

An update by A DeJong, was given regarding bear activity at WB:

- Still very low bear activity/movement on WB—although efforts to monitor bear counts could be increased.
- Hopeful that bear viewing at WB will return next season and could be used to collect bear sightings info.

An update by I. Minic-Lukac was provided

- Biking for bears at the golf course for fall was completed. Less bears than in the spring. 1 off-leash dog.

An update by T. Schaufele, was given on RMOW's bear smart program

- Recreational Trails Strategy will be completed in December and presented to the WBAC in the New Year.
- Potential for BSPA and WB to initiate a citizen science program for monitoring on WB.
- COS and RMOW will finalize Riverside campground mgmt. this winter.
- Minimal bear reports throughout the valley

Action Items

- RMOW to include messaging regarding secured garbage allowed on transit via social media.

- BSPA will connect with COS in spring regarding educational programs at schools.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pumpkins at Rainbow were attracting bears—target education regarding pumpkin mgmt. at Rainbow—COS indicated they are not highly concern but educational efforts could help.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by Arthur
Seconded by Claire

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of November 10th, 2021 be terminated at 10:02 a.m.

CARRIED

Tara Schaufele

Chair, Tara Schaufele



Co-Chair, Claire Ruddy