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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WED., DECEMBER 11, 2019, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

In the Flute Room

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

PRESENT:

Name	Meetings to Date: 11
Present:	
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	11
Member at Large, John Hammons	11
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif	10
AWARE, Claire Ruddy, Chair	10
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	9
Member at Large, Dan Raymond (started December 2019)	1
Member at Large, Christine Bilodeau (started December 2019)	1
Member at Large, Rhonda Milikin (started December 2019)	1
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	11
Regrets:	
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	7
WORCA, Matt Cooper/Seb Kemp	4
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	2

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by M. Tardif

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of December 11, 2019.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Bonin

Seconded by M. Tardif

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of November 13, 2019.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- 2020 budget received 3rd reading. Included valley trail improvements, increased transit hours.
- Glacier 8 WB employee housing moving through approvals
- Zero Waste Committee meets for first time this week
- Strategic Planning Committee has started; considering 20 year perspective; undertaking SWOT analysis; considering how climate and environmental baselines will be determined and incorporated

AWARE:

- Developing 2020 plans
- Preparing submission for meeting with Old Growth Strategic Review panel. <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/old-growth-strategic-review/>

WORCA:

- N/A

RMOW:

- Wildfire Program 2019 review presentation to Council Dec. 17
- Spruce Grove project complete for 2019; 8 of 16 hectares completed
- New Community Resiliency Investment program funding announced: Wildfire Risk Reduction program. Province will administer and choose project funding recipients.
- Grizzly bear conflict mitigation plan draft complete

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Last met in October, nothing new.

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- Discussing 2020 plans later in agenda.

CCF 2020 Proposed Harvesting Plans

A presentation by was given by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, regarding the proposed CCF 2020 harvesting plans and a discussion was held.

- CCF Forest Manager, S. Murray, and interim CCF Forest Manager, S. Angus, presented to FWAC at November meeting.
- Plans are largely same as 2019 except Tusk 01 no longer being considered. No commercial harvesting done in 2019 due to depressed markets.

Discussion

- FWAC needs more information from CCF to make detailed comments
- CCF maps need to include age classifications, table with area of each block, TEM information, contours, trails, retention levels, etc.
- Noted that the CCF increased old growth protection from logging by developing the Ecosystem-based Management Reserves.

- General comments:
 - CCF to ensure that roads avoid largest trees and be built as narrow as possible.
 - CCF should review strategic harvesting and governance plans against what's been harvested over last one, five and ten years
 - Suggestion to change FWAC field trips from reviewing past logging to inspecting proposed logging sites
 - Discuss with CCF opportunity for providing input to proposed harvesting plans earlier in the process.

ACTION: Request that CCF Forest Manager provide more detailed 2020 harvesting plan information before February FWAC meeting for FWAC to review.

Old Growth Strategic Review

FWAC reviewed the draft RMOW submission to the provincial Old Growth Strategic Review. Suggest acknowledging that old growth is being harvested in CCF; be more specific in asking for changes to old growth retention targets.

Discussion regarding how to develop a FWAC position on harvesting old growth. Focus on establishing common terms, understanding, guiding principles. The diversity of opinions is important to preserve.

Add further discussion on old growth to January agenda. Objective will be to compile a list of resources that all FWAC members should review.

RMOW Wildfire Program

A presentation by was given by Heather Beresford, Environmental Stewardship Manager, regarding the 2019 Wildfire program and a discussion was held.

Discussed 2019 projects: Kadenwood completed; Spruce Grove half completed and will be finished in spring 2020; Cheakamus Lake Road Phase I completed with CCF, Ph II underway. FireSmart program had 2 3-person crews working through summer 2019 and significantly increased number of private homes and stratas served by wood chipper service.

Discussion: concern that opening forests through thinning creates more drying and may increase fire risk. Suggest more pre- and post-treatment surveys.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

UPCOMING AGENDAS

- January – elect chair and alternate; old growth resources
- February – BC Parks representative to discuss parks plans

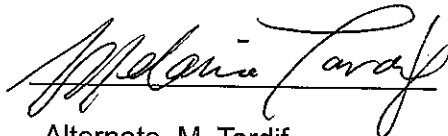
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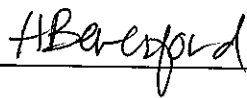
Moved by M. Tardif
Seconded by D. Bonin

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That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of December 5, 2019
be terminated at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED


Alternate, M. Tardif


Recording Secretary, H. Beresford