



# WHISTLER

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST AND WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M.

Remote Meeting  
Held via Zoom

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (1)
Councilor, A. DeJong	1
Member at Large, M. Tardif, Chair	1
Member at Large, D. Bonin, Co-Chair	1
Member at Large, C. Rankin	1
Member at Large, R. Millikin	1
Member at Large, D. Raymond	1
Member at Large, J. Hammons	1
WORCA, S. Kemp	1
AWARE, C. Ruddy	1
RMOW Manager of Environmental Stewardship, H. Beresford	1
Recording Secretary, O. Carroll	1

REGRETS	
Member at Large, T. Burton	1

*Meeting called to order at 3:02pm*

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Millikin  
Seconded by A. DeJong

**That** Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of January 13, 2021.

CARRIED

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong  
Seconded by M. Tardif

**That** Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Minutes of December 9, 2020.

CARRIED

## PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Election	<p>Committee nominated and voted in favour of electing M. Tardif as Chair and C. Rankin as Co-Chair for 2021.</p> <p>Moved by D. Bonin Seconded by J. Hammons</p> <p><b>That</b> M. Tardif be elected as Chair of Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee for 2021, and C. Rankin be elected as Co-Chair.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
Update	<p>Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed Covid updates and Whistler visitors.</li><li>• Council unanimously voted for a 1.08% increase to property tax values in 2021.</li></ul> <p>AWARE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recently held a webinar in collaboration with Coast to Cascade Grizzly Bear Initiative. The session was very well attended with 400+ attendees. The recording is available on AWARE's website.</li></ul> <p><i>C. Rankin joins meeting at 3:14pm</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the process of drafting strategic plan for 2021-2023.</li></ul> <p>WORCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hired Nicole Koshure as WORCA Trail Administrator. Her employment will be phased in the coming months. Nicole will be attending FWAC meetings moving forward.</li><li>• Completed strategic plan review for 2021-2024. No massive changes from previous strategic plan; still includes the four pillars: Trails, Youth, Events, Capacity. Copy of plan is available on WORCA website.</li></ul> <p>RMOW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updating 2011 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to new Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan. Planning a spring workshop to review CWPP and begin developing the updated plan and Wildfire Monitoring Plan.</li><li>• RMOW is applying for provincial funding for 2021 wildfire thinning projects. This would provide up to 100% funding.</li><li>• FireSmart will continue working on private properties, thinning and chipping.</li></ul> <p>Trails Planning Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spring meeting has not yet been scheduled.</li></ul>

**Cheakamus Community Forest (CCF):**

- Wildfire thinning work on Cheakamus Lake Road started before Christmas and anticipate to finish by end of February.
- Plans to update CCF website with most relevant and up-to-date information.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Cheakamus  
Community Forest**

Committee discusses the importance of community engagement and demonstrating the value of our community forest to the community.

**Suggestions for improving communications between CCF and public:**

- Two annual field trips for public.
- Improve CCF website and keep updated.
- Sponsor Zoom 'Education Series' forums on specific topics, issues, or aspects of the community forest.
- Connect with schools; inspire children. Reach out to Whistler Secondary School Outdoor Recreation class.
- Summarize CCF annual report in local paper; enough content to write a series on CCF benefits and education.
- Make CCF profit and loss statement available on website.
- Identify formal ways of giving back to the community, such as bursaries.
- Community involvement in monitoring CCF objectives.
- More community transparency on CCF decisions.

**FWAC Terms of  
Reference**

Committee discusses the current FWAC Terms of References and suggestions for updates to sections.

**Purpose:**

- Committee discussed Recreation Leisure Advisory Committee, Trails Planning Working Group and FWAC overlap while also ensuring communication between the three.
- Discussion on separating recreation from FWAC purpose. Committee agrees FWAC should include all values, including recreation.

*C. Ruddy joins at 4:06pm*

**Sub-Committees:**

- Committee discusses being able to bring priority issues directly to Council; to be reported by sub-committee. This was not supported in the past by Council.

**Communications:**

- Create a brief annual report for Council with key issues recognized by FWAC throughout the year. Subcommittee to compile brief report.
- Space this report from CCF annual report; aim for spring.
- Opportunity to present report to Council.
- ACTION: Staff to update Terms of Reference and distribute to FWAC for further comment.

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CCF Harvesting Plan Comments      Committee discusses comments/issues with proposed CCF 2021 Harvest Plan to pass feedback to CCF Board.

- FWAC reviewed 2021 CCF harvesting plans at November and December FWAC meetings
- Some concern expressed with lack of harvesting in CCF although occurring elsewhere in district.
- No harvesting, no benefit. Need to make explicit the benefits to the community.
- Discuss Old Growth Strategic Provincial document at future meeting and how this aligns with CCF operations.
- Suggest planting hardwoods (preferably red alder) in open areas and landings to enhance biodiversity and resistance to wildfire.
- CCF needs to communicate to public on Soo Valley/16 Mile FSR harvesting plans. Implications for user groups, habitat, climate.
- Brew – burnt area from 1919. From a carbon standpoint, this would be a good area to harvest.
- H. Beresford to circulate summary document to FWAC before sending to CCF.

Ministerial Order No. M192      Local Government Meetings & Bylaw Process (COVID-19)

**That** pursuant to Ministerial Order No. M192, the RMOW is excluding in-person public attendance at the open committee meetings of the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee on the basis that full public attendance in a manner consistent with public health orders and recommendations cannot be accommodated at this time and the RMOW is ensuring openness, transparency, accessibility and accountability at this meeting by the following means:

- Providing draft agendas and minutes on the RMOW's website;
- Providing clear communication to Council, staff and members of the public on the ways people can hear, or see and hear, committee meetings; and
- Including the Zoom meeting links for all regular committee meetings on the individual committee webpages and the committee meeting agendas.

Moved by J. Hammons  
Seconded by D. Raymond

CARRIED

Future Resolutions

- Address wildfire program
- Address CCF overall planning framework

### UPCOMING AGENDA

- Coordination with other committees and working groups (RLAC, TPWG, FWAC) - February
- 2021 FWAC Priorities - February
- Provincial Old Growth Strategy - March

**MOTION TO TERMINATE**

Moved by M. Tardif  
Seconded by D. Bonin

**That** the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of January 13, 2021  
be terminated at 4:59 p.m.

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melaine Tardif", written over a horizontal line.

Chair, M. Tardif

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "O. Carroll", written over a horizontal line.

Recording Secretary, O. Carroll