



WHISTLER

REGULAR MEETING OF FOREST & WILDLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020, STARTING AT 3:00 P.M

Zoom Meeting Format

4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC V8E 0X5

Name	Meetings to Date: 7
Present:	
Member at Large, Melanie Tardif, Chair	7
Member at Large, Derek Bonin, Co-Chair	4
AWARE, Claire Ruddy	4
Member at Large, Colin Rankin	4
Member at Large, Rhonda Millikin	7
Member at Large, Dan Raymond	6
Councilor, Arthur DeJong	6
Member at Large, Trevor Burton	3
Member at Large, John Hammons	5
WORCA, Matt Cooper	2
Recording Secretary, Heather Beresford	7
Regrets:	

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Millikin

Seconded by D. Bonin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Agenda of November 18, 2020.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by A. DeJong

Seconded by D. Raymond

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee adopt the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Minutes of October 14, 2020.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Updates

Council:

- Cheakamus Crossing Parcel A project underway
- Budget open house scheduled for November 16
- Whistler Blackcomb opening depends on PHO directions

AWARE:

- Participating in RMOW budget process
- Submitted application to federal climate awareness fund
- Currently doing strategic planning

WORCA:

- Chipmunk Rebellion open, Flashback will be completed in spring '21
- Applications being developed for trails and will bring to FWAC and CCF soon

RMOW:

- Budget process including wildfire program underway
- FWAC ad for new member open until November 19

Trail Planning Working Group:

- Meeting notes from October distributed to FWAC

Cheakamus Community Forest:

- 2021 harvesting and wildfire plan update on this agenda

Noted that two interpretive signs replaced at Ancient Cedars trail.

CCF 2021 Plans

A presentation by Simon Murray, CCF Forestry Manager and Pete Finch, Chartwell, regarding the CCF's 2021 harvesting and wildfire project plans.

- Cheakamus Lake Road fuel thinning project starts November 30 from start of road to approximately the 2 km mark. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures will do the work. Anticipated completion February 2021. Final stage of project.
- Proposed 2021 CCF activities:
 - Fee 01 & 02 (Brandywine valley) and Powder 07 (Callaghan valley) need engineering, are not economical currently and will not be harvested in 2021.
- Discussion re: why CCF isn't harvesting during this time of high lumber prices. S. Murray responded that it's a combination of things: blocks are higher elevation, higher percentage of pulpwood and need roads built. The timber is mainly hem/bal, little Douglas fir or cedar, so of low value, only good for pulp which is at a low price currently. These factors affect P07, C09, C10 and C12 as well.
- Brew 04: Older second growth, reasonably desirable. Proposed harvesting units haven't been engineered yet. These blocks are adjacent to first areas the CCF harvested. Furthest southern portion is DS1 subzone and is not harvested due to extensive past harvesting. B04 will be engineered in spring 2021 and harvested in summer by Sqomish Forestry.
- Basalt Valley – Cheakamus Crossing Phase 2 overlaps existing road access and objective is to reconnect FSR through quarry to avoid logging trucks travelling through the new residential neighbourhood. CCF needs to build road to access C09, C10 and C12. Quarry road will be upgraded in fall 2020 and separated from the mine tenure. Road will only be for industrial access, not public. Public will continue to use

Loggers Lake road to access the area. Timber development will have to pay for road upgrades and construction.

- FWAC reminded CCF of concerns over expanding road system leading to further habitat fragmentation. Also that it opens a relatively inaccessible area to the public.
- N05 – located in an EBM reserve, off limits to logging. May do some fuel thinning in the general area.
- Cheakamus 09 – getting road in will be difficult. Current map layout won't work.
- Cheakamus 10 – Not economical, many mountain bike trails in area.
- Cheakamus 12 – Areas identified are marginal, higher elevation. Old growth yellow cedar on site will be retained. No immediate plans to harvest.
- T01 near Daisy Lake will not happen. Not viable.
- Wedge 09 along the mainline is second growth Douglas fir that looks promising. In spotted owl management area, so largest trees would be left. A combination of harvesting and fuel thinning. Small opening, high retention logging.
- Wedge 06 will never happen.
- Markets will dictate actual 2021 harvest.
- No open house this year but will share information through website and email list. FWAC suggested sharing on Cheakamus Crossing Facebook page and WORCA.
- Gate on Black Tusk Road was discussed. Various opinions on location. Needs to be a broader community conversation.
- Noted that plan presented today doesn't match the 1-3 and 4-10 year plans on the CCF website. Plans should be updated, and one map created showing all plans.
- S. Murray noted that second growth is unavailable for harvesting due to the carbon project obligations, but that is where the harvesting opportunities really exist. Would like to explore options with CCF Board of making more second growth available by adjusting the carbon project terms.

16 Mile FSR

- Fuel break proposed for 16 Mile FSR. CCF applied to Wildfire Risk Reduction program for funding. Would need to coordinate with TAG. Operations would take place in shoulder seasons to avoid TAG's busy summer season. Current wood value is reasonable. First third is Douglas fir plantation, then becomes hemlock/balsam with lower value.
- S02 and S04 – previously undeveloped old growth, balsam fir at the top end of the 16 Mile valley. Lil'wat Forestry Ventures exploring opportunity for doing small openings, retention harvesting in 2022 or 2023.
- FWAC suggested focusing on north side of 16 Mile Creek and upgrade the road. Asked CCF to confirm that there are no First Nation cultural areas. Engineering will take place in 2021.
- Silviculture plans discussed. No logging done in 2020 that needs replanting. Infilling smaller areas in 19 Mile and Cheakamus Lake Road fuel thinning projects can be done with deciduous ordered from nurseries.

D. Raymond left at 4:35 p.m.

CCF Annual Report

A presentation by Heather Beresford, RMOW regarding the draft CCF 2019 Annual Report.

- FWAC noted that CCF isn't acting on many of the recommendations in the annual reports from FWAC; need to reconnect the CCF with the community; community would like to see fewer areas harvested; update the 10 year plan and remove locations that won't be harvested; how will recent provincial old growth strategy affect CCF plans.
- Discussion re: evaluating effectiveness of public engagement. Suggestions are to track online interactions, open house attendance, invest in a communications strategy.
- Identify community issues and CCF response. Prepare a table/report based on presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS

N/A.

UPCOMING AGENDAS

- December: green fuel breaks; review provincial old growth strategy
- 2021: Craterview Loop tour

MOTION TO TERMINATE

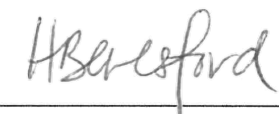
Moved by C. Rankin
Seconded by R. Millikin

That the Forest and Wildland Advisory Committee Meeting of November 24, 2020 be terminated at 5:03 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair, M. Tardif



Recording Secretary, H. Beresford