



WHISTLER

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHISTLER BEAR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, July 14th, 2021, STARTING AT 8:30 A.M.

Remote Meeting

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

PRESENT	Mtgs. YTD (3)
Chair, Tara Schaufele, RMOW Environmental Stewardship	2
Co-Chair, Claire Ruddy, Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear Initiative/AWARE	2
Arthur DeJong, Council	3
Juan Pineda, RMOW Bylaw Services	2
Member at Large, Ivana Minic-Lukac	3
Member at Large, Margot Webster	3
Member at Large, Adrien Baudouin	3
Recording Secretary, Jagoda Kozikowska	2
REGRETS	
Simon Gravel, BC Conservation Officer Service	1
Juan Pineda, RMOW Bylaw Services	1
Sgt. Rob Knapton, RCMP	3
Denise Imbeau, Carney's Waste Systems	3

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by A.DeJong

Seconded by C.Ruddy

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee adopt the Regular Committee Agenda of July 14th, 2021.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 9th meeting will be adopted at next WBAC meeting

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

No presentations were scheduled for this meeting.

Bear Related Updates

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

- No COS reports had been forwarded to Bylaw Services
- No bear incidents or attractants to attend to

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

- Very low bear activity/movement and no incidents on WB

Tara mentioned that it has also been quiet for the RMOW regarding bear related issues except for the 2 recent reports: 1 bear bluff charging at Fitz Nature Trail and the other bear at Lost Lake Park attempting to access food. The topic of drought and berries came up as it may be a poor berry season due to the hot and dry conditions which may provoke more bear incidents moving into the Fall.

An update by J.Kozikowska, was given on RMOW's bear smart program

- No bear incident reports other than the 2 recent ones that Tara mentioned. The one bear on the Fitz Nature Trail has bluff charged people using the trail. This is a tagged bear. The other bear was at Lost Lake Park during a busy morning attempting to access people's food without any fear. COS was called but no one showed up. In the end the RCMP showed up but the bear had left the Parl area and had moved on. Good idea to reach out to COS to see if there is a better way to communicate in this type of circumstance so that they could respond.

An update by I. Minic-Lukac was given on behalf of the WWPG

- Biking for bears event occurred
- Golf courses were extremely busy this spring
- Conducted door to door education at Alpine and Emerald neighborhoods. Received more door hangers so has enough supply for now
- Asked if the group could get a copy of the annual COS Report to the RMOW so that they could access stats regarding bears

A discussion was held regard bear stats and public misconception regarding bear relocations in Whistler.

ACTION ITEMS

- Simon to send bear stats to Ivana for educations

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of Other Business.

MOTION TO TERMINATE

Moved by Arthur
Seconded by Claire

That the Whistler Bear Advisory Committee Meeting of **July 14** 2021 be terminated at 9:45 a.m.

CARRIED



Chair, Tara Schaufele



Recording Secretary, Jagoda
Kozikowska