

Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting #5 Minutes

Jan. 13, 2021 | 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm | Via Zoom

Attendees	
Simoogit Hleek (Chief Harry Nyce Sr.)	
Nancy Wilkin	
Andrea Barnett	<i>Staff:</i>
John Bergenske	Tara Szkorupa
Mike Demarchi	Maryam Mofidpoor
Luke Doxtator	Dennis Paradine
Adam Ford	
Caylin Glasser	<i>Consultants</i>
Megan Hanacek	Derek Thompson
Doug Heard	Judith Cullington
Shaun Hollingsworth	Sairah Tyler
David Hooper	
Doug Janz	
Jasper Lament	
Richard McLean	
Muq'vas Glaw (White Bear) (Douglas Neasloss)	
Malii (Glen Williams)	
Kari Stuart-Smith	
Jen Psyllakis	

Purpose of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirming priorities and actions
Handouts provided for the Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda Minutes from the Dec. 14 meetings with the Minister and MWAC meeting #4 Excerpt from the federal throne speech
1. Welcome & Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nancy welcomed Council to 2021 and Richard McLean provided a blessing.
2. Approval of meeting minutes (Dec 14, 2020)	<p>DECISIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the Dec. 14 meeting with the Minister: corrections requested regarding attendees. <i>Moved by Shaun Hollingsworth, seconded Malii to approve Dec 14th, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Approved.</i> Minutes from the Dec. 14 MWAC meeting #4: no changes. <i>Moved by Cailyn Glasser; seconded Andrea Barnett to approve meeting minutes. Approved.</i>
3. Recap from smaller group	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rick and Shaun reviewed the small group discussion on Foundations.

<p>meeting on Foundations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Key principles for working together – accountability and consensus-based recommendations; confidentiality; healthy ecosystems; integrating cooperation and working effectively together, and reconciliation. ♦ Recommendation to revise the ‘healthy ecosystems’ principle to focus on ‘healthy ecosystems supporting abundant and sustainable wildlife populations’; split principles into those regarding Council function and those that are action-oriented. <p>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Judith to update and share the notes. Foundations group to address additional details in the Terms of Reference.
<p>4. Short term actions</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Draft letter from Council to Minister, and Minister to her colleagues: Council reviewed and suggested changes. <p>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Staff to send Intentions Paper relating to the Wildlife Act proposed amendments to Council. ♦ Staff to update letter from Minister Conroy to her colleagues and move up through internal approvals. ♦ Nancy to revise letter from Council to Minister, provide another opportunity for Council review, and send to Minister once approved. ♦ Staff to invite the First Nation-BC Wildlife Forum, PHTAT, Old Growth Strategic Review, staff working on FRPA amendments to meet with Council.
<p>5. Update on implementation of T4W</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Staff provided an overview of what has been done to date on implementation and where work is anticipated in the year ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refer to the slide deck for further details. ♦ Staff are seeking advice from Council on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to allocate this year’s remaining funds ○ Next year’s budget (allocations, mechanisms to deliver) ○ Where to focus staff time and energy ○ Council’s highest priorities – multi-year plan ♦ Council looking for information on implementing UNDRIP, regional governance, data sharing. <p>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Tara to circulate more details on implementation underway and planned.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Tara to circulate financial details for this fiscal, including projects approved for funding. Tara to send a note to Council seeking input on allocation of \$1.3 M for this fiscal year
6. Other Business	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Confirmation of small groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funding – Jasper and Doug J leading – Focus on a higher level funding strategy and vision to properly implement T4W ○ Research (Science and Knowledge) – Adam leading ○ Reconciliation and Governance (and relationship to First Nations – B.C. Wildlife Forum, Regional Committees, PHTAT, etc.) – Jen leading ○ Stewardship/Objectives setting – Mike leading ○ Foundations (TOR and Transparency/Accountability) – Rick and Shaun leading <p>ACTIONS/NEXT STEPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The co-chairs will meet with small group leads to discuss how to support them move forward, arrange a meeting schedule, etc.
7. Closing and Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ February 10, 2021: First Nations – B.C. Wildlife Forum to present ♦ March 10, 2021: to include FRPA presentation