

## Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

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**Date: August 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Location: Teleconference**

Phone in: 1-877-353-9184 Participant ID: 8253339#

**Invitees:**

Jared Wright, UBCM - in attendance

Doug Patemen, Town of Princeton - regrets

Nils Jensen, District of Oak Bay- in attendance

Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, City of Quesnel - in attendance

Jeff Morgan, Fish and Wildlife Branch (FLNRO) - in attendance

Mike Stalberg, Fish and Wildlife Branch (FLNRO) - in attendance

Helen Schwantje, Fish and Wildlife Branch (FLNRO) - regrets

Sean Pendergast, Fish and Wildlife – Regional Operations (FLNRO) - in attendance

Irene Teske, Fish and Wildlife – Regional Operations (FLNRO) - in attendance

Mike Badry, Conservation Officer Services (MoE) - regrets

Leonard Sielecki, MOTI - in attendance

Orlando Schmidt, MAG - in attendance

Paul de Leur, ICBC- regrets

Sara Dubois, BC SPCA- in attendance

**Chair: Jeff Morgan**

**1. Introduction:**

- The Committee members introduced themselves and highlighted their desired outcomes for participation on the Committee.

**2. Agenda Confirmation**

- The agenda was agreed to as presented.

**3. Background on Urban Deer Management**

- The origins and formation of the Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee were discussed.
- Key recommendations from UBCM were referenced including roles and responsibilities, decision making processes, resources and funding, communication and education, and tools.

- A discussion took place on the origin of urban deer problems, the growing trend of urban deer conflict, and the extent of the problem in the different regions of the province.
- *Action Item:* Jeff Morgan to provide the Committee with the URL for the BC Urban Ungulate Conflict Analysis and the BC Urban Ungulate Conflict Analysis: Summary Report for Municipalities.

#### **4. PUDAC Timelines**

- The Chair provided an overview of the proposed timelines for the work of the Committee.
- *August 15, 2016:* Innaugural meeting with an intent to clarify immediate goals and to set direction for the fianalization of the TOR for the PUDAC and the program plan for the PUDOCs Program.
- *September 7 (1:30-3:30), 2016:* Second meeting with an intent set firm direction for the finalization of the TOR for the PUDAC and the program plan for the PUDOCs Program.
- *September 23, 2016:* Penultimate drafts of the TOR and program plan are submitted to the ADM Resource Stewardship Division for approval.
- *October 3, 2016:* call for PUDOCs Program proposals go out (for 2016/17 fiscal).
- *November 4, 2016:* Deadline for local governments to submit their project proposals.
- *November 18, 2016:* PUDAC review of proposals completed.
- *November 25, 2016:* Branch notifies local governments of their available funding allotments (through 'agreements in principle').
- *December 16, 2016:* Branch enters into financial agreements with successful local governments.

### **5. Terms of Reference & Program Work Plan**

#### **5.1 – Terms of Reference**

- Committee members discussed the proposed Terms of Reference.
- Members were asked to consider the following questions:

- Alternates – should alternates be assigned to ensure consistency
- Delegates – should the Committee devise a system for including irregular involvement of some important groups that may wish to make presentations?
- Meeting frequency and location – will 1 face to face meeting and 2 conference calls suffice?
- Scope – what constitutes ‘urban’ deer ?
- Committee members discussed the role of the Committee as a body that will focus on policy development, support the funding program, and provide recommendations to the Province for consideration
- Committee members agreed that minutes would provide an overview of the Committee’s deliberations noting key areas, action items, announcements, and points of clarification.
- Committee members agreed that the minutes could be made public following review and approval by the Committee.
- *ACTION: Committee members to provide their feedback on the proposed terms of reference by September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## 5.2 Program Plan

- Committee members were asked to consider the following questions in regards to the funding program.
  - Committee member travel – is Committee member travel eligible for funding?
  - Infrastructure – should funding be made available for infrastructure (e.g. fences)? Members should consider the values and costs of pre-emptive measures.
  - Timing – what is the best time to have a call for proposals that would align with local government budget cycles?
  - Proposal Review – should the Committee have a sub-committee to review proposals or should the Province conduct a review of proposals?
  - Housing of information – where should information on urban deer be posted (e.g. Provincial Government or UBCM)?
  - Cost Sharing – should cost-share arrangements with other organizations be consider for funding?
- Committee members agreed that the call for program funding proposals should go out through UBCM.
- Committee members agreed that proposals with cost-sharing between two or more entities could be funded by the program.

- *ACTION: Committee members to provide their feedback on the draft PUDOCs program plan by September 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## **6. Next Meeting**

- **September 7 (1:30-3:30 p.m.), 2016**
- Second meeting with an intent set firm direction for the finalization of the TOR for the PUDAC and the program plan for the PUDOCs Program.