Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

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:** Inaugural meeting with an intent to clarify immediate goals and to set direction for the finalization 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 to 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 6th.

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 6th.

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.