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4.0 REPORTING

Minutes of all JIST meetings will be kept and distributed to all members within 5 working days of each meeting.

JIST will report all decisions and recommendations to the appropriate authorities (i.e. Jasper Town Council and/or the Superintendent of Jasper National Park).

5.0 SCOPE OF JIST ACTIVITIES

Operating within purview of the goal and objectives noted above, members of JIST will help to identify issues, assist in the development of adaptive management solutions, provide advice and perspectives on the implications of any proposed actions and, evaluate and make recommendations for action.

Geographically, JIST will concern itself with wildland/urban interface areas within Jasper National Park. Primarily, these are the town of Jasper, the Lake Edith subdivision, and outlying commercial and park facilities and the Jasper Park Lodge.

In accord with the partnership with the Foothills Model Forest, JIST will actively support and facilitate similar initiatives in surrounding interface communities.

6. PROCEDURES

6.1 Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly, or more frequently as required. A minimum of 14 days notice will be given prior to meetings and a meeting agenda circulated 7 days prior to each meeting. Meeting locations will vary.

Meetings will be chaired by Brian Wallace, Chief Park Warden. Minutes will be kept during the meetings and distributed within 5 working days of each meeting to all JIST members. These will highlight decisions, recommendations and action items.

If JIST members cannot attend a meeting, please appoint and brief an alternate representative.

Informative speakers may be invited to attend and participate in JIST meetings.

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2.3 Principles

The goal, objectives and actions of the Jasper Interface Steering Team reflect a number of widely held principles within our community and the National Park setting in which it occurs. These principles are drawn from legislation, policies, various public participation exercises and the FireSmart manual (Partners in Protection, 1999):

- members of this community share common concerns for reducing the risk of wildfire fire losses and maintaining/restoring the integrity of local ecosystems;
- appropriate fire prevention and preparedness planning are the most effective means of reducing risks in the wildland/urban interface;
- fire in the wildland/urban interface is a very complex problem that cannot be solved by traditional approaches (i.e. deferring it solely to municipal or wildland fire organizations)
- in order to be effective, the responsibility for resolving interface fire protection issues must be shared by all community members;
- effective communications (including demonstration sites) are essential to achieving the public awareness and involvement required for program success;
- the Jasper Interface Steering Team facilitates the goals of the Foothills Model Forest FireSmart - ForestWise Communities Program;
- we value that Jasper Townsite is a safe, healthy and hospitable community and reflects the character of the natural landscape within Jasper National Park.
- our actions must comply with the National Parks Act and Regulations, Parks Canada Guiding Principles, Operational Policies and related directives, the Town of Jasper Fire Prevention Bylaw; the Jasper National Park Management Plan (2002) and the Three Valley Confluence Restoration Framework (2001);
- workings of the JIST will be open and transparent to all members and the public;
- within JIST, sub-committees or working group may be developed to address specific issues (e.g. communications, training, fuel reduction, disaster planning, infrastructure improvements, equipment);
- solutions and/or recommendations must be socially acceptable and cost effective;
- all recommendations and decisions put forward will be a consensus of JIST.