

Tagish Advisory Council

Regular Monthly Meeting – MINUTES

January 04, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Hall

Present: Paul Dabbs, Mary Ann Lewis, Mike Bartsch, Shelley Penner

Guests: Judy H Dabbs, Marie Rose, Jutta Gantner, Randy Taylor, Boyd Pyper, Claude Dastous, Maureen Dastous, Richard Martin, Rob Lewis, Peter Hamm, Martin Allen, Art Johns

Delegation: Canada Post: Marina McCready Area Manager for Yukon from, Whitehorse and Ruby Regts Manager of Retail Support for B.C. & Yukon Regions, from Vancouver.

Special Guest: Kevin Barr, Southern Lakes MLA

Call to Order: 7:35p.m.

A Request to Use a Sound Recorder for this meeting, given the loss of our Secretary, was put forward. No objections were received from anyone in the room.

Adoption of Agenda: Rob Lewis added a Cemetery Board request to the Agenda. The motion to adopt the Agenda with the added change was moved by Paul Dabbs and seconded by Mike Bartsch.

Adoption of Minutes from December 7th, 2011 Meeting: The motion to adopt the Minutes was moved by Mike and seconded by Mary Ann Lewis. The Minutes were adopted as presented.

Old Business:

- **Post Office:** Marina McCready, Area Manager for the Yukon Postal Service and Ruby Regts Manager of Retail Support for B.C. & Yukon, were present to represent Canada Post. Marina began by describing the current position of Canada Post as it relates to Postal Service at Tagish. As it stands at present, the position of Post Master has been advertised three times now and has had only one response. The person responding to the second ad had no location for the boxes. There was no response when the advertisement was posted a third time. Marina and Ruby stressed that Canada Post is committed to maintaining service in Tagish. Currently there is no place to have the Post Office in Tagish. Canada Post has planned a meeting with the Community Association in hopes of looking at the Community Hall as a viable location for the Post Office. This meeting was delayed today because of unforeseen circumstances involving the TCA. As of this date, it is understood that the Community Association was not originally in favor of having the Post Office boxes at the Community Hall. It was hoped that the cancelled meeting would have provided more information from Canada Post and that the situation could have been looked at more thoroughly by the Community Association. Canada Post described four different models for delivery of Postal Service existing within Communities such as Tagish. It was clearly expressed by all Community members present at the meeting that Tagish wishes to maintain the same level of Full Postal Service, which has been present in the Community for decades. People generally felt that the amount of compensation for operating the full postal service falls markedly short of what would be required, or fair, to an individual. Only if the service was attached to an already standing business does having the addition of the Postal Service seem to possibly be viable financially. Given that most people were hearing of these different options in depth for the first time, Marina agreed to write a further description of the various service models and to forward a copy to the TAC and the TCA. It was agreed that further work and consultation was required if the Community is to move toward finding a solution which would meet the need for Postal Service in Tagish. Jutta Gantner has agreed to extend the use of her land to Canada Post so that the postal boxes can remain where they are currently located, for a limited period of time.

- AYC Meeting: Mike reports that Community Services has contracted for a report to be done on Best Practices for Community Addressing across Canada due by December 31st. A Pilot Project will then be undertaken at Marsh Lake. Hopefully by this summer there will be concrete steps taken to move to Community Addressing.
- Secretary For TAC: The competition for a Secretary for the TAC has closed and we are hopeful that a new Secretary will be joining us soon. Rich Martin requests that a voice recording of the meetings continue even after a secretary is in place.
- Website: Paul states that a problem with respect to contracts requires additional information. This is being worked on.

New Business

- Request from Cemetery Board: Rob Lewis brought a request from Barry Bayne representing The Cemetery Board. The Cemetery fence requires repainting and the Board requires letters of support when they apply for funding to the Community Development Fund. Barry will gather more information and will get back to the TAC. A Motion was made to write a letter of support when requested. The motion was moved by Mike and seconded by Shelley.
- Yukon Energy – Workshops: Two further workshops have been scheduled by Yukon Energy and will be held at Marsh Lake. The first Workshop will be held on January 21st 12:30pm – 4:30 pm at Marsh Lake Community Centre and will present information gathered so far on studies that deal with Erosion Effects. The second Workshop will be held on February 4th 10:00am – 4:00pm at Marsh Lake Fire Hall and will deal with Aquatics and Terrestrial Effects. People are encouraged to attend these and further meetings where information and research staff will be available. Yukon Energy may use the resulting feedback in making decisions about the Company's quest to further control water levels of the Southern Lakes System in their search to generate more hydropower.

Financial:

Invoices to be Paid:

- Senior's Dinner Contribution to the TCA \$400.00.
- Hall Rental for December and January to the TCA \$300.00.
- Honorariums for Council Members.

A motion to pay the above bills was moved by Mike and seconded by Shelley. Cheques were written to cover the above.

Adjournment:

The meeting was declared closed at 9:15pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 1, 2012 at 7:30pm.

Transcribed by: Mary Ann Lewis (TAC Member)