

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
March 14, 2012 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs, Mary Ann Lewis, Shelley Penner

Secretary: Randy Taylor

Guests: Rob Lewis, Rich Martin, Donald Ford, Jutta Gantner

Special Guest:

Call to Order: 7:30pm

Adoption of Agenda: No changes proposed

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Shelley Penner Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from March 14, 2012: No changes or additions proposed.

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Mary Ann Lewis Motion: Carried

Delegation: Corporal Rob Morin, Carcross RCMP

New Business:

- It was recognized that the meeting is being recorded, and there were no objections.

- **Carcross RCMP Annual Performance Plan**-Corporal Rob Morin: the RCMP annual performance plan was described. Aspects of the planning process include:
 - National priorities: crime trends, organized crime, terrorism, youth, economic integrity (white collar crime), and aboriginal communities.
 - "M" Division (Yukon) priorities: external communication (communities), drugs (substance abuse), and seniors (it was mentioned that Tagish has the highest average age of all the communities in the Yukon).
 - Community priorities: consultation with local governing/advisory bodies to determine local priorities.
 - Crime statistics

All of the above are melded together to form the overall plan. Last year's detachment priorities included: community consultations, youth (tried to have positive interactions), community justice approach (mainly FN traditional justice), and recruitment of guards for newly renovated cells in Carcross. Rob indicated he would like to be present at Tagish Advisory Council monthly meetings more frequently.

Crime statistics were presented which indicated increased calls for service (Carcross-Tagish area) from 273 in 2007-2008 to 460 in 2011-2012. Tagish calls for service have increased from 35 in 2010-2011 to 47 in 2011-2012. It was noted that although the calls have increased, the amount of members in Carcross detachment has not.

Tagish priorities identified:

- Dangerous driving: vehicles and ATVs on the road and California Beach, including impaired driving.
- Bridge safety: the speed of vehicles is a concern considering the amount of people /traffic on the bridge and vehicles pulling out of the rest stop area. It was suggested that having radar periodically on the bridge would help.
- Increased RCMP visibility: it was suggested more patrols and higher visibility would go a long way for prevention. Rob indicated that there have been 49 occasions they were in Tagish this year.

Workload and time management is an issue for the 3 officers in Carcross, which inhibits some of the community activity they would like to be part of. Rob also stated that telephone communication is the most effective and that the “5555” number is the one to use for emergencies and “priority” issues as the “2677” number messages are not received in a timely manner. Corporal Morin stated: “never be afraid to call 5555.”

Questions were raised regarding wildlife incidents. Rob replied that the RCMP are considered conservation officers under the Act in the Territory, however, Conservation have their own mandate and like to address that themselves. The RCMP are available for emergency wildlife situations.

The authority to enforce boating regulations was asked. Rob replied that the RCMP have authority to enforce these regulations including licensing, and required safety equipment. Clarity on the Search and Rescue (SAR) process was provided on request: RCMP activates SAR through EMO. RCMP should be contacted to provide search and rescue services.

- **Mosquito Control Program:** Paul presented the email that was sent to people on the “property owners” email list. It was explained that the email was sent to inform people of the upcoming pesticide applicator certification course. The intent of this email was not to infer that community approval has been granted to go ahead with the program. There are 2 components to this program: the application on public/Crown land with standing water (i.e. ditches etc.), and the application on private property with standing water. Last year’s response was limited with most willing to participate in program, however, the Yukon Government didn’t feel it was a broad enough base to make a decision for the community as a whole. The private applications did not proceed, as the timing was too late to be effective. It is proposed this year to send out an email and letter explaining the nature of the program using the information provided by the government, and provide links for further information.

Actions:

- Paul will draft letter to be emailed, council will review, and Randy will send out to residents on the “property owners” email list.
- Jason Doucet, Community Operations Supervisor will be contacted to provide information in the form of a PDF that can be emailed to the public and posted on the website.

Old Business:

- **Post Office Update:** Mary Ann informed council that it was agreed to move the post office to the community hall at the last Community Association meeting. Canada Post will be recruiting to staff this position. The post office will be located in the area where the thrift store is. Donations of material and labour are required for the necessary renovations, as Canada Post will not be providing this under this new agreement. The end result will be full postal services in Tagish

tentatively by the end of April.

- **Oil and Gas Disposition Process:** Paul presented the email sent to residents that asked to provide input and express any concerns regarding the block of land in the Tagish area. These concerns can be passed on directly to the Government of Yukon or to the Tagish Advisory Council. The letter sent to Premier Pasloski was also presented and discussed. It was suggested, and agreed, that this letter should be posted on the government website comments page. Discussion arose regarding a letter providing a summary of other items/letters that the council has addressed, including such items as the transfer station and road related issues. There is an all day meeting in Whitehorse on March 22. This may be the last opportunity to attend a public meeting regarding the oil and gas disposition process.

Action:

- Randy will forward the Premier's letter to Debra Wortley and request it be posted on the comments link on the government website.
- **Yukon Energy-Southern Lakes Enhancement Concept:** Mary Ann received calls from concerned residents on California Beach regarding the water level resulting from the Yukon Energy proposal. The residents requested a letter be sent from the Tagish Advisory Council to Yukon Energy asking that the water level not be raised. It was discussed that considering all the information regarding the concept has not yet been received, the council is not in a position to send this letter. Mary Ann suggested that she assist the residents to draft a letter, which they could send in on their own. It was agreed that this was a good idea/alternative.

Action:

- Mary Ann will assist the residents to draft a letter to the Yukon Government.

Reports: Financial:

- Financial Activity February/March 2012 presented and discussed. Cheques written:

0504	Shelley Penner	Honorarium	\$150
0505	TCA	Rent Feb/Mar	\$300
0506	Mike Bartsch	Honorarium	\$50
0507	AYC	Annual dues	\$250
0508	Mary Ann Lewis	Honorarium	\$150
0509	Randy Taylor	Secretarial services	\$300
0510	Paul Dabbs	Honorarium	\$225
			\$1425 Total

January reconciliation was presented.

Motion to pay invoices as presented:

Moved: Paul Dabbs

Seconded: Mary Ann Lewis

Motion: Carried

Correspondence:

- Christine Smith, Community Services sent letter outlining the process for the upcoming fall elections scheduled for October 18, 2012.

Question Period:

- Question was raised regarding increasing the parking at the boat launch. Council has addressed this issue with the government in the past, which resulted in improved signage.
- Paul informed council that the access issue regarding the website has been resolved.
- March 30th is the date for the upcoming LAC meetings, information forthcoming.

Action:

- Randy will assess website to determine any changes that may be required.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:48pm
- Next meeting April 4th