

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
April 4, 2012 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs, Mary Ann Lewis, Shelley Penner

Secretary: Randy Taylor

Guests: Rob Lewis, Rich Martin, Marie Rose

Special Guest:

Call to Order: 7:33pm.

Note: due to illness, Paul requested that Mary Ann chair the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda:

Paul requested to add CBC's plan to phase out analog signals to the agenda.

Shelley requested to add theft in Tagish to the agenda. Both of these items added under new business.

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Shelley Penner Motion to adopt as amended: Carried

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

Moved: Mary Ann Lewis Seconded: Shelley Penner Motion: Carried

Delegations: Kevin Barr, MLA, Mount Lorne-Southern Lakes
Carolyn Moore, Community Advisor, CS, YG

New Business:

- Carcross Tagish Community House—Kevin Barr: Paul provided background stating that he had been contacted by CTFN requesting that TAC provide a letter of support for this project. Kevin added that he was asked to speak to this in the absence of other CTFN members. Kevin then expressed that there has been some opposition in Carcross for this proposal as there are concerns this would supersede current requests for a new community hall and youth centre. Kevin indicated the Community House proposal is in the very early preliminary stages. The site being considered is by the daycare/airstrip in Carcross (it does not appear that it would encroach on, or affect, the airstrip). Possible tenants to offset costs include Parks Canada, Paleontology (museum), and Yukon College. Marsh Lake and Mount Lorne will also be approached for a support letter.

Motion to write a letter of support with provision that this will not supersede other development plans.

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Shelley Penner Motion: Carried

Action: Paul will draft letter of support as specified.

- LAC Biannual Meeting-Carolyn Moore: the latest meeting was held at Ibex Valley and was attended by all 5 LAC's. Mary Ann and Shelley attended from the TAC. Presentations included oil and gas disposition process, Whitehorse's proposed ATV regulation changes, and the mosquito control program. Discussion included relationships between LAC's with various community associations, capacity building, and an overview of LAC's budgets. Next meeting will be in September and Marsh Lake has offered to host. It was decided that the LAC forum would not take place at the upcoming AYC meetings due to travel issues.
- Summer Dump Hours: summer hours now posted on the website. The new hours are 1pm-6pm Mon, Wed, and Fri. and 10am-6pm Sat and Sun. A compactor will now be used at the dump to achieve better transportation efficiency. There is discussion with Community Operations regarding a recycling program for Carcross and Tagish.
- CBC Analog Signal Plans-Paul: CRTC decided last fall that broadcasters must move to digital broadcast signals from current analog signals. The north was temporarily excluded from this requirement. CBC has recently announced that, due to budget cutbacks, they will be accelerating their plan to move to digital transmission in the north. Kevin Barr was requested to ask the Yukon Government what it will do regarding the rebroadcast of the CBC signal and how this will affect viewers not subscribed to a satellite TV plan.

Action: Kevin Barr will raise this question with the Yukon Government.

- Theft in Tagish-Shelley: wood was recently stolen from a residence in the Tagish Estates. There has been suspicious activity in the area with a quad with 2 incidents in the last 2 weeks. It was suggested the RCMP in Carcross should be notified so it is on record.

Old Business:

- Mosquito Control Program Update: Randy provided update on letters/emails sent and responses received. 171 emails were sent to Tagish property owners on March 23. To date, there have been 63 responses (37%) with 59 of those responses (94%) in favour of a community wide program. As well, 84 letters were sent via the post office but at this time the response and support rate is unknown. The response was lower last year, in part due to the timing, and the Yukon Government was not comfortable with the numbers to go ahead with the program. The government did not indicate what numbers they would be comfortable with. Paul proposed a motion to approach the Yukon Government and, considering we have 3 times more responses than last year, recommend that the program go ahead in the community. Mary Ann opposed stating that 63 in favour is not significant enough to spray pesticide throughout the community. It was suggested to wait until April 9, which is the deadline stated on the emails/letters. Several completed questionnaires, which had been gathered from people attending the Community Hall earlier in the week, were handed to the TAC at the meeting. These questionnaires were drafted and made available unbeknown to TAC members. At the meeting these were placed aside uncounted. Mary Ann and Shelley both stated they would vote against it, were the vote to be taken immediately. It was suggested to wait until April 9, which is the deadline stated on the emails/letters and which would give Shelley time to get more information on the possible environmental impact of the larvicide.

It was decided to wait until April 9 to make a decision and then send out a follow-up letter to the community.

Actions:

- Randy will provide updated response statistics on April 10.
- Oil and Gas Disposition Process-Letter to EMR: Council sent 2 letters regarding the oil and gas process. Both letters are posted on the website. Kevin indicated that 1585 signatures are currently on the petition.
- Post Office Update: position for hire has been posted on Canada Post website as well as around town with the closing date April 15. The proposed starting date is mid-late May. The required renovations have started but there have been access challenges to overcome. Carolyn noted that the library has the land reserve where the community hall/library reside.

Actions:

- Shelley will contact Diane to get access through library for the renovations.

Reports: Financial:

- Invoices to be paid:
 - Secretarial services and materials for March-Randy \$382.34
- Motion to pay invoice as presented:
Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Shelly Penner Motion: Carried

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence

Question Period:

- Question was asked what would happen if nobody wanted the post office job. It is understood that Canada Post would then supply an existing postal employee.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 8:50pm.
- Next meeting May 2.