

**Tagish Advisory Council  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
June 6, 2012 at the Community Hall**

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

**Secretary:** Randy Taylor

**Guests:** Rob Lewis, Rich Martin, Gayle Brisley, Paul Brisley, Marie Rose, Wayne Hoganson, Sandy Landsfield.

**Special Guest:** Moya van Delft

**Call to Order:** 7:36pm

- There were no objections to the meeting being recorded.

**Adoption of Agenda:** No changes proposed.

Moved: Paul Dabbs      Seconded: Shelley Penner      Motion: Carried

**Adoption of Minutes from May 2, 2012:** It was noted that Rob Lewis was omitted from the guest list.

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

**Delegations:**

- Carolyn Moore, Ian Davis, Richard Thompson, Kirk Cameron (Community Services/Municipal Act Review Committee)
- Moya van Delft, Tagish Farmer's Market

**New Business:**

- Tagish Farmers Market–Moya van Delft: After speaking with various members of the community, it has been determined that there is a desire to have a weekly farmer's market in Tagish. Moya requested to use the Tagish Advisory Council's email list to conduct a feasibility poll to ensure there is enough interest in the community. The Yukon Agricultural Society is currently proposing a feasibility study regarding food sustainability in the Yukon. If Tagish can participate in this study, there may be funding opportunities down the road. Moya was informed that TAC's email list was being updated, but results would not be ready for 4-6 weeks. The timing is such that it was felt it could not wait until the update, but rather use the existing list. Responses to the email will go to TAC's email and council members will monitor the email, as Randy will not be available most of June.

Motion was presented to permit Tagish Farmer's Market to use TAC's email list as discussed.

Moved: Mike Bartsch      Seconded: Shelley Penner      Motion: Carried

- Municipal Act Review- Carolyn Moore, Ian Davis, Richard Thompson, Kirk Cameron (Community Services/Municipal Act Review Committee/ AYC): information was presented regarding the Municipal Act Review 2012-2014.
  - It was noted that Local Advisory Councils are created under the Municipal Act.
  - The Act was introduced in 1998 and has been revised twice (2003 & 2008).
  - It is stated in the Act that a review must take place every 10 yrs.; the current review is a 3-year process.
  - Review committee consists of 3 Yukon Government members and 3 AYC members.
  - The committee is consulting with Municipal and First Nation Governments as well as LACs and the public. Consultation will be conducted before and after the Municipal elections.

- A summary of the consultation process will be presented by the end of 2012.

Discussion questions: what are the most important issues to you under the current Act, and in relation to LAC operations, what important areas should be included in the Act?

- It was noted that this has not been discussed as a council; therefore, comments are from a personal perspective with LAC experience.
  - Voter eligibility is an issue as Tagish has a very large non-resident component to it.
  - Rental properties: who is eligible to vote?
  - Large non-citizen aspect of community currently cannot vote.
  - Large part of property owned by CTFN, LAC does not have experience working with FN.
  - LAC should be involved in issues such as the Tagish River Protected Habitat Area.
  - Although it is mandated in the CTFN Umbrella Final Agreement, Tagish currently does not have local area planning. What will TAC's involvement be? How is this mandated? A process is required to ensure consistency with CTFN self-government.
  - A consultative 2 way process is required with the Yukon Government to ensure consistent communication. Council currently feels like a buffer between the YG and Tagish residents without appropriate feedback from YG.
  - Council gets frustrated trying to get things accomplished, in part due to lack of communication with YG.
  - Council acts on huge range of issues without any authority.
  - The current structure of the Act does not work for TAC for reasons noted.
  - It was suggested that the Act require LACs to draft a Community Plan, as the Municipalities are.
  - Perhaps the Act could incorporate a communication protocol/procedure with LACs
  - The Act could clarify roles and responsibilities regarding LACs and Government.
  - The restrictions placed on TAC regarding expenditures create some frustration.
  - The TAC should have ability to manage small contracts i.e. brushing, minor roadwork, etc.
  - It was suggested perhaps a registry of issues be established for follow-up and accountability.
- Loss of CBC TV Analog Service-Paul Dabbs: the decision by CBC and CRTC to switch from analog to digital TV signal was discussed. CRTC decided that in the future, all TV signals would be required to be a digital signal. A letter was received indicating that CBC will be switching to digital by July 31; analog signals will no longer be available as of August 1.
 

**Actions:**

    - Paul is enquiring with YG if the digital signal will be relayed to Tagish to enable residents to use a digital convertor.

#### **Old Business:**

- Mosquito Control Program Update: the cold spring to date has affected the program territory wide. Currently there was not a lot of standing water identified in the Tagish area. No larvicide has been applied this year. Because this is the first time Tagish has participated in the program, the time has been spent surveying and mapping areas for application. Information will be provided this fall, and assuming Tagish participates next year, planning will be in place.
- Yukon Energy Water License Update: An advisory committee is being created, made up of members of the affected communities (Tagish, Marsh Lake, Carcross). The committee's role will be to assist in advising Yukon Energy on local issues. Research continues with more information expected this fall. The water levels this year are predicted to be "normal." The snow pack melt is approximately 2 weeks behind.
- Post Office Update: the post office will be back in service in the Community Centre on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie Ritchie has been hired as the new Postmaster. A full range of services will be available.

- Tagish Community Association AGM-June 9<sup>th</sup> - Paul Brisley: elections for a new board will be held at the AGM. Krista Lambier has been hired as the new Recreation Director/Manager and she will be in attendance.

**Financial:**

- Revised Financial Statements: revised statements reflecting the \$1000 increase in the financial contribution were presented and discussed.

Motion to accept the revised statements:

Moved: Paul Dabbs                      Seconded: Shelley Penner                      Motion: Carried

- Financial Reconciliation for April 2012 was presented and discussed. Randy presented a new format for reconciliation. It was explained that it is now recorded in an excel spreadsheet which enables efficient electronic recording/filing. The information presented has not changed. Council approved the format change.

- Invoices Paid:

0514	Paul Dabbs	Honorarium Apr-June	\$225
0515	Mary Ann Lewis	Honorarium Apr-June	\$150
0516	Shelley Penner	Honorarium Apr-June	\$150
0517	Mike Bartsch	Honorarium Apr-June	\$50
0518	Randy Taylor	Secretarial	\$594.95
0519	TCA	Apr-May rental	\$300
			Total \$1469.95

Motion to pay invoices as presented:

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

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Invitation from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in for council members to attend the Moose Hide Gathering on August 2-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Letter from Parks Canada seeking input regarding National Heritage Sites. On the list is the Tagish Northwest Mounted Police Post.
- Land application on Little Atlin Lake for TAC's consideration.
- Waste Management publication from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.
- YESAB News letter.

**Question Period:**

- No questions

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting declared closed at 9:33pm