

**Tagish Advisory Council  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Community Hall**

**Present:** Paul Dabbs, Ted Adel, Bonnitta Ritchie, Corey Edzerza

**Regrets:** Rick Halladay

**Secretary:** Randy Taylor

**Guests:** Marie Rose, Richard Martin, Mike Bartsch, Don Ford, Vicki Hancock

**Call to Order:** 7:39pm

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Proposed additions

- TCA request for funding for Seniors Dinner—under New Business
- TCA request for letter of support for YLAP funding—under New Business
- Carcross Local Area Planning (Corey Edzerza)—under New Business

The agenda was adopted by the Chair.

**Adoption of Minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012:**

The Chair adopted the minutes as presented. It was noted that the minutes were not adopted by consensus because no other councilors were at the meeting.

**Delegates:**

- Vicki Hancock, Notary Public—Swearing in new Council

New Council members Ted Adel and Bonnitta Ritchie were introduced and it was noted that Rick Halliday was unable to attend, but will be at the LAC Forum tomorrow.

**New Business:**

- Swearing in New Council—Vicki Hancock stated for the record that she has formally sworn in the three attending councilors: Paul Dabbs, Edward (Ted) Adel, and Bonnitta Ritchie. The documents have been notarized, sealed, and will be processed in Whitehorse tomorrow. Rick Halliday will be sworn in at a later date. It was also noted that if Mike Bartsch is appointed by the Minister, his swearing in would take place at a later date.

Vicki indicated it is a pleasure to perform these duties and paid tribute to the good work that the Tagish Advisory Council has done in the past.

Mike Bartsch has indicated that if all seats were not filled, and there was no one else interested, he would put his name forward to be appointed by the Minister.

Because there are new council members, signing authorities must be put in place and a Chair must be chosen.

- LAC Forum—Paul: the forum takes place tomorrow at Marsh Lake; the Minister of Community Services, Elaine Taylor, will be attending. The agenda was circulated with noted items: LAC overview for new councilors, Civic Addressing, and Local Area Planning.

- AYC Forum–Paul: the Association of Yukon Communities (AYC) is holding a forum November 22-25 in Haines Junction and LAC's have been invited. There is only enough money in the budget to send one person. It was pointed out that the vast majority of the business pertains to municipalities and is not relevant to LAC's; however, attendance in the past has garnered support and valuable contacts.
- Carcross Local Area Planning (LAP)–Corey: a draft copy of the Carcross Local Area Plan was circulated and discussed. Corey stated the information presented has gone through the public consultation process and is not confidential. TAC has been invited to attend, with observer status, to the next LAP meeting on November 13. It was pointed out that four LAPs (Carcross, Tagish, Marsh Lake, and Mt Lorne) comprise the Regional Plan.

Paul provided an overview of land planning explaining it is a requirement of the CTFN Final Agreement and Tagish planning may begin in the spring. This is a challenging issue for Tagish as it was made clear in the past that the community did not want to go in this direction. TAC's involvement is through Yukon Government but can also assist by providing information to the community.

Corey also spoke to an issue CTFN is having with unauthorized use (i.e. harvesting dry wood) of Category A land R13 north of Tagish Estates subdivision. CTFN now has a permitting process in place for harvesting activities on settlement lands and is initiating an awareness campaign identifying settlement land and the permitting process.

#### Old Business:

- Community Website Update–Paul: a contract has been signed with First Contact Design to develop the new community website. There is a steering committee comprised of Krista and Randy, who will be maintaining the site, as well as Paul (TAC) and Shelley (TCA). The committee will be reporting back to the Community Association and Tagish Advisory Council. The website should be operational by mid January.
- Animal Control Update–Paul: this is a follow-up to previous TAC meeting where issues were raised regarding a situation in the Tagish Estates subdivision. There have been a series of positive meetings in an attempt to mitigate the circumstances. Progress has been made, as there is now a more secure fence in place. The issue has taken a turn for the worse, however, as a dog inside the secure fencing has recently died under suspicious circumstances; the RCMP have been notified. It was suggested that animal control legislation be published in the next newsletter to assist in educating the community. Further dialog will take place with updates provided to council.
- (New Business) Tagish Community Association Items–Paul: Paul disclosed that Bonny and himself are on the TCA board, which could be perceived as a conflict of interest. With this disclosed, it was generally agreed that they could vote on issues relating to the Community Association without it being a conflict.
  - TCA has requested a letter of support from the council in respect to government funding for youth employment this winter.

Motion to provide TCA a letter of support regarding this:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Ted Adel

Motion: Carried

- TCA has requested a financial donation to go toward the senior's dinner in December. Paul noted that council has donated money for this in the past and there is money allocated in the budget for this sort of thing. The dinner is being held on December 7.  
Motion to donate \$250 to TCA for the upcoming senior's dinner:  
Moved: Paul Dabbs                      Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie                      Motion: Carried

**Reports: Financial:**

- Financial reconciliation for September was presented and discussed. It was noted that no cheques were written in September, as there was not a council meeting that month. It was asked if the commitment for the website design was in the financial report now. It is not because this report covers only September and right now no cheques can be issued because signing authority is not in place for the new members. Paul explained under the terms of the contract that 50% is paid at start-up and the remainder upon completion. Randy discussed the possibility of funding from the Community Development Fund (CDF) and was informed that LAC's are not eligible for funding. Community Associations are eligible under CDF guidelines, but not in this case because TAC has budgeted for this project and it is currently underway.
- Invoices to be paid: There was only 1 invoice submitted for secretarial services (\$300). Because the signing authorities are not set up, this invoice will be paid next month.

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

- Yukon Heritage Resources Board—Annual report.
- Denise Leschart, NDP Caucus—requesting councilor contact information.
- Rob Hopkins—Tagish transfer station issue.
- Yukon Legislative Assembly—individual letters to councilors.

**Question Period:**

- Pennycook road update was requested: the application is going forward in the spring. Kevin Barr is pursuing.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting declared closed at 9:21pm.
- Next meeting December 5.