

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2012 at the Community Hall**

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

Secretary: Randy Taylor

Guests: Bonnitta Ritchie, Rick Halladay, Judy Dabbs, Marie Rose, Dave Johnson, Sue Johnson, Stefan Landfried, Heike Graf, Anne Midler, Boyd Piper, Leopold Selinger, Edeltraud Selinger, Stefan Angerer, Ursula Angerer, Rob Lewis, Thomas Tetz, Janine Goetz-Huesler

Call to Order: 7:38pm

Adoption of Agenda: No changes proposed

Moved: Mary Ann Seconded: Shelley Penner Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from Aug 1 2012: No changes or additions proposed.

Moved: Mary Ann Seconded: Mike Bartsch Motion: Carried

Delegates: Rob Morin-RCMP, Kevin Barr-MLA, Carolyn Moore-Community Affairs

Old Business:

- Civic Addressing–Carolyn Moore: Carolyn could not provide an update at this time as Community Services has a new Deputy Minister (Harvey Brooks) who has only been on the job for a couple of weeks. An update will be forthcoming when the new DM has a chance to review the files. Paul provided an overview of Civic Addressing.
- Pennycook Road–Carolyn: Highways and Public Works has indicated that the Rural Roads Upgrade Application for Pennycook Road is not on the agenda this year, but should be on in the Spring. Kevin Barr stated that some improvements have been done by residents and will continue to push for this application to go forward.
- TAC Elections–Paul: the nomination period was extended from Sept 27 to Oct 4. This is a normal procedure if there is not a full slate of candidates. To date 3 people have been nominated: Paul Dabbs, Ted Adel, and Bonnie Ritchie. Currently Taku Subdivision, Tagish Estates, and California Beach do not have representation. Carolyn indicated that people can be appointed after the nomination date, but that process is lengthy (up to 6 months) and urged if anyone is interested to file nomination papers by tomorrow. Because there is no Order in Council providing Tagish boundaries, if there is not enough people on the TAC the advisory council will cease to exist.
- Composter Tender-Transfer Station–Carolyn: A tender has been posted in the newspaper for a compost station. This is a pilot project for Deep Creek, Mt Lorne, Marsh Lake, Carcross, and Tagish. The project will consist of a covered platform with 8-12 compost carts similar to the ones used in Whitehorse. This will be monitored by the transfer station attendant and will be hauled to the Whitehorse landfill compost. Signage will be provided for education purposes. This project should help to alleviate some of the bear problems encountered in the community.

- Firesmart Program–Paul: The program has started for this year. The area is Beach Front Rd-west and consists of approximately 3 hectares. There will be no burning at this time, as it is too dry. It appears the same contractor as last year will be performing the job.
- Community Website Update–Paul: The closing date for the RFP was Sept 30. Four proposals have been received and will be reviewed by TAC later this month. The objective is to have the project underway before the new council is sworn in next month.
- Council Remuneration–Paul: This item was discussed at the Aug meeting and was decided to carry it forward to today’s meeting. The current honorarium is \$75/meeting for the Chair, and \$50/meeting for Members. It was proposed at the Aug meeting that the honorarium increase to \$75 for Councilors and \$150 for the Chair and \$25 for additional meetings; the Chair did not agree with this. It was indicated that the TAC members are the lowest paid of all Advisory Councils. Carolyn and Kevin indicated an increase in the TAC budget, as it will now be indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

Motion to increase remuneration for TAC members by \$25 to bring it up to \$75 for Members and \$100 for the Chair and \$25 for each additional meeting:

Moved Shelly Penner

Seconded Mary Ann Lewis

Motion: Carried

It was noted that TAC was commended for their work to date.

New Business:

- Carcross/Tagish Back-up Power–Paul: Willard Phelps, Carcross Property Owners Association first brought this up in November 2011. They are promoting the idea of a back-up power generator for Carcross and Tagish. TAC sent a letter of support to the Yukon Utilities Board at that time. The Association has once again asked for support and has drafted a petition. The Yukon Utilities Board originally rejected the proposal because Yukon Energy submitted a similar proposal earlier that was sent back requesting more information. It appears that Yukon Energy did not re-submit with more information. Kevin indicated that this would be presented in the legislation at the upcoming sitting.
- Animal Control Legislation– The Yukon Government employs an Animal Welfare Officer although he was unable to attend this meeting. Carolyn provided overview of Territorial Legislation regarding domestic animals:
 - The Dog Act is territorial wide only in unincorporated communities and the physical boundaries are set out in the Dog Act Regulation O.I.C.
 - Tagish is not defined under the Dog Act regulations as a prescribed area. Therefore dogs are permitted to run at large.
 - The Dog Act Section 5 Running at Large subsection (C) and (d) do apply to dogs running at large in Tagish. The Dog Act applies only to the dogs actions while running at large; 5 (c) vicious temperament or dangerous to the public safety or 5 (d) while in heat. Dog must be in the act or have acted in a manner for an element of an offence to have taken place. Punitive action is limited under the Dog Act.
 - The Animal Welfare Officers role is to investigate complaints of alleged abuse and neglect of animals and to enforce the Animal Protection Act and some provisions of the Dog Act as it relates.

Rob Morin provided the RCMP’s perspective by stating that it is not the RCMP’s primary mandate to enforce Acts such as the Dog Act. The RCMP will respond, however, if public safety is threatened or other domestic animals threatened. The RCMP can put the dog down under these circumstances. Paul explained that Tagish is an unincorporated community so does not have the authority to pass bylaws; Tagish falls under the broader Territorial Legislation. It was also noted that the Territory does not have any legislation pertaining to noise. Rob explained that the Criminal Code only pertains to causing a disturbance and public mischief. It is very difficult to lay charges relating to noisy dogs under

the Criminal Code as you have to prove intent, and you can't charge a dog. If there is an immediate threat of harm, however, you should call the RCMP and they will respond. The animal Welfare Officer should also be notified of these incidents so a case file can be generated for investigation.

A specific situation regarding dogs in Tagish Estates was discussed. It was suggested that perhaps members of the community could meet with the dog owner to discuss solutions. Kevin Barr and Rob Morin volunteered to meet with this person to try to come up with a solution.

Reports: Financial:

- Financial reconciliation for July and August was presented and discussed. It was noted that there is 2 months on the statement because there was no meeting in Sept. The current balance is \$25,314.11, which leaves roughly \$13,000 in surplus. Some of the surplus is allocated for the community website and roughly \$3000 is left over for FN Land Claims related activities.

Motion to accept both statements:

Moved: Paul Dabbs

Seconded: Mary Ann Lewis

Motion: Carried

Invoices to be paid:

0526	Paul Dabbs	Honorarium July-Oct	\$225
0527	Mary Ann Lewis	Honorarium/ Misc. Exp.	\$183.29
0528	Shelley Penner	Honorarium July-Oct	\$100
0529	Mike Bartsch	Honorarium July-Oct	\$150
0530	Corey Edzerza	Honorarium July-Oct	\$50
0531	TCA	July, Aug, Oct rental	\$300
0532	Randy Taylor	Secretarial	\$600
0533	TCA	Oct rental	\$150
0534	Sandy Lansfield	Returning Officer	\$200
			Total \$1958.29

Motion to pay invoice as presented:

Moved: Mike Bartsch

Seconded: Shelley Penner

Motion: Carried

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Yukon Conservation Society requesting posting of Off Road Vehicle poster and brochures
- Labour Standards Board recommending raising minimum wage to \$10.30 requesting TAC's consideration.
- Mylene Freeman, Member of Parliament regarding financial support program for rural septic systems.

Question Period:

- No questions

Adjournment:

- It was noted that this is the last meeting for the current TAC, as the new council will be sworn at the next meeting. Paul will be the only returning member on the new council. Recognition and thanks was expressed to all for their dedication and hard work.
- Meeting declared closed at 9:58pm