

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 10th, 2014 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs (Chair), Mike Bartsch, Bonnitta Ritchie, Ted Adel, Rick Halladay

Regrets:

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests: Brenda Cooper

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Proposed Additions:

- Day Use Area-Old Business

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Moved: Ted Adel

Seconded: Mike Bartsch

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from July 2nd, 2014

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Mike Bartsch

Seconded: Paul Dabbs

Motion: Carried

Delegates: Carolyn Moore, Community Services

- Carolyn recently returned from a 1-year absence and has been assigned to work with all 5 LAC's. Council welcomed back Carolyn and thanked Anthony for the assistance he provided in the past year.

New Business:

- Tagish Post Office: Paul updated Council regarding the on-going issue of staffing the Tagish Post Office. The 6 month long process to hire a Postmaster was unsuccessful. Paul met with Canada Post officials to discuss options, none were identified. TAC has received a letter from Canada Post outlining the intent to close the Tagish Post Office. The mailboxes will remain in the same location, but oversize parcels and other postal services will be handled at the Carcross Post Office. Canada Post is currently advertising for a mail courier to transport mail from Carcross. The Tagish Post Office will not close until these arrangements have been finalized.
- Northwestel Modernization Plan: the person that was to speak to this is still unavailable. Information may be available at the next meeting.

- RRC update: Randy provided an update on the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council (CTRRC) activities:
 - CTRRC met with Lands Branch officials to discuss the recent dock construction on the Tagish River as well as the overall procedure for water leases. It was emphasized that the Tagish Narrows is a Habitat Protected Area (HPA) and although there is no management plan in place, it should still be considered a Special Management Area. The YG representatives stated that they do not have the resources to monitor or enforce the policies and regulations currently in place.
 - Yukon Government has recently completed the Whitehorse South Moose Survey. It was identified that the population in this area has declined by almost one-third since the 1980's. The reason for this is unknown. This area is a Limited Entry Hunt (permit) with very few moose harvested by licensed hunters; however, the total harvest in the area is unknown.
 - Conrad Campground Proposal: CTRRC submitted comments to YESAB stating the shoreline in the area is critical Lake Trout rearing habitat. This proposal could have significant impact on the Lake Trout fry. Posting signage identifying the area and timeframe was recommended.

- Select Committee on Risk & Benefits Hydraulic Fracturing: meeting is scheduled for Sept 24th at the Carcross Community Centre. TAC will send out notification to distribution list. Paul stated he may speak at the meeting, but said he will not be speaking on behalf of TAC.

Old Business:

- Carolyn provided an update on the OIC process: it is currently going through the channels with the intent to have it in place by this spring. There may be more info by the next meeting.

- Day Use Area: Paul provided an update. There has been no formal response from YG although Highways has placed some rocks with no parking signs on them. TAC does not feel this is a solution to the problem.

- Community Well: construction has started and is scheduled for completion by April 2015. The existing well will continue to operate during construction. TAC has sent notification to residents and posted on the website.

- Civic Addressing: Paul provided an update. Approx. 50% of the signs have been distributed. The remaining properties are mostly part-time residents and are hard to contact. The proposed letter that Community Services planned to mail to all property owners has been delayed due to privacy issues. Carolyn was provided a draft of this letter and stated she was not aware of this and will look into it. Concerns are being raised about the confusion of some properties having civic addressing numbers posted while others still have property numbers posted.

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for June and July 2014 were presented and discussed. It was noted that cheque 597 to Rick Halladay dating back to Dec 2013 has not been reconciled. Since Rick is unable to locate this cheque, Randy recommended replacing with a new cheque.

Motion to issue a new cheque to replace cheque number 597:

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Mike Bartsch Motion: Carried

- Council Honoraria July-Sept: total honoraria \$800. It was noted that there was not a meeting in August.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$ Amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$710.00
TCA	Hall rental (Sept)	\$150.00
AYC	July-Dec membership	\$250.00
Paul Dabbs	Civic Address Maps	\$125.59
	Total	\$1235.59

Motion to pay invoice as presented:

Moved: Mike Bartsch Seconded: Rick Halladay Motion: Carried

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Canada Post- letter regarding closure of Tagish Post Office (previously discussed).
- Alaska Highway Heritage Society-letter and project description.
- Southern Lakes Water Level Committee-notification of Marsh Lake meeting on Sept 18.

Question Period:

- There was a dog incident in the Taku subdivision; it was asked if there was an animal control officer for Tagish. As there is not, it was advised to contact Jay Lester, Animal Welfare Officer, Yukon Government. The RCMP should be notified if the situation is dangerous or threatening.
- Local Area Planning – the committee met in July, next meeting scheduled end of this month to assess the RFP.
- Reid Road grading – TAC advised to contact Highways directly.
- Library hours of Operation – although there is a petition for increased Library hours, this issue did not come to TAC. It was suggested that the Community Association might be a better avenue to direct this.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:15pm
- Next meeting October 1st.