

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
February 4th, 2015 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs (Chair), Bonnitta Ritchie, Rick Halladay, Corey Edzerza

Regrets: Mike Bartsch, Ted Adel

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests: Boyd Pyper

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Adoption of Agenda: There was discussion to add GAATES (sic), but was later agreed to defer to a later date.

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Paul Dabbs

Seconded: Corey Edzerza

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from January 14th, 2015

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Rick Halladay

Motion: Carried

Delegates: Bob Kuiper, Senior Resource Planner, EMR

New Business:

- Whitehorse Southern Lakes Forest Resource Management Plan (FRMP) – Bob Kuiper: Bob provided an update and distributed the “*What We’ve Heard So Far*” document. This document summarizes comments received during the public consultation process and provides direction for the overall plan. It was asked if this would be adopted into the Local Area Plan (LAP) that is currently underway. Bob explained that this is independent of the LAP, but will be linked with, and consistent with the LAP. The FRMP only deals with forest resources, not any other land uses. It was noted that there is currently timber harvesting in some areas, as there is no moratorium in place. As per the Terms of Reference, if there is no consensus, it is up to all the parties to work out the differences directly. The Whitehorse and Southern Lakes FRMP Committee consists of representatives appointed by four governments: the Carcross Tagish First Nation, the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and Yukon Government. Bob noted that if the Whitehorse and Southern Lakes FRMP was approved in 2016, it could be implemented independently from a Regional Land Use Plan. The next steps in the process are a series of technical workshops. The topics of these workshops came from topics heard during the consultation process. Bob distributed the “*Technical Workshops Draft Outline*.” document. There are 5 main topics, which will all be held in Whitehorse in March.

- The topics are:
 - Fire Management
 - Access and Cumulative Effects
 - Non-Timber Forest Values
 - Timber Harvesting
 - Wildlife Habitat.

It was noted that traditional knowledge should be included as part of the “Technical” topics. It was asked how this information would be used in the planning process. Bob explained that the technical workshops flowed from the public consultation comments. A “What We Heard” document will be created from the workshops, and all of this will flow in to the recommended plan.

Bob presented the “*Work Plan: Key Dates & Milestones*” document. It was noted that all the documents presented are available on the FRMP website. March 2016 is the proposed date to submit the final recommended FRMP to the parties. Bob noted that although 2016 is the proposed date, the facilitator’s contract could be extended and work could continue beyond that date. It was asked if grazing permits will fall under this plan. There are on-going discussions as to which program will be responsible for grazing permits; at this point it is unclear which program will administer this. Paul noted that the TAC is currently awaiting decision on the OIC, which would expand the LAC boundary considerably. The FRMP are major issues for the Council and Tagish residents.

- 2015 Mosquito Program: TAC is being asked about participating in the 2015 Mosquito Program. Tagish did participate in the last 2 years, although there are no data regarding the success of the program.

Motion to participate in the 2015 Mosquito Program was presented:

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie Motion: Carried

- Build Canada Fund-Infrastructure Projects: Community Services has requested to attend the TAC meeting on March 4 to discuss infrastructure projects. They have asked for a list of possible projects to discuss. Paul asked TAC members to submit ideas to him before the next meeting. Some ideas discussed included:
 - Sprinkler system around Tagish periphery
 - New Community Centre
 - Community well at the Community Centre
 - Roof on skating rink and heated shack
- Municipal Act Revisions: the Deputy Minister has requested a working group to discuss ways to strengthen LAC’s within the Municipal Act. A Terms of Reference (TOF) is currently being drafted for the working group and will be forwarded upon completion. Community Services is working on the TOF with input from LAC’s.

- Council Administrator Contract: the current contract expired the end of February. There is a clause in the contract that states if both parties agree, the contract can be extended for up to a year. Randy stated that he is willing to sign the contract for another year.

Motion to extend the contract with Randy for another year was presented:

Moved: Paul Dabbs Seconded: Rick Halladay Motion: Carried

It was asked if this should be dealt with in-camera as is stated for Municipalities. This was further discussed and it appears that LAC's do not have the authority to have in-camera discussions. This could be a topic for the current Municipal Act review.

Old Business:

- Local Area Planning update-Paul: The Committee met last Monday to review the RFPs; no decision has been made. The next meeting is scheduled for March and a contractor should be chosen by then. The RFP stipulates a 20-month process. The Terms of Reference have not yet been defined. It was suggested that the public should have observer status at the Committee meetings to assist in public input.
- Day Use Area update-Paul: Paul Dabbs and Linda and Paul Thornton met with Barry Troke, Operations Manager, Yukon Parks Branch. This meeting was for informational purposes only, no decisions were made. Topics discussed included utilizing the campground for overflow parking, and upgrading the boat launch.
- Pennycook Rd update: Bonnitta wrote a letter to CTFN regarding plowing the road as CTFN currently plows for their residents. Bonnitta stated that this letter was written by her as a resident and not representing TAC. Carolyn talked to Minister Istchenko regarding the Rural Roads Program. She was informed that there are no plans to do work on Pennycook Road. It is apparent that YG has not accepted this as a public road and will not maintain as such. It was suggested that Kevin Barr and residents present this to the new Minister of Highways and Public Works, Scott Kent. Bonnitta will meet with Kevin Barr to discuss how to advance this to the Minister. Paul is also welcome to attend this meeting. This could also be part of the LAP process. Corey stated that he would raise this at the next CTFN Lands Meeting.

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement: because there were 2 reconciliation statements last month, there is not one for this month. The account is reconciled up to the end of January.
- 2014 Expenditures: presented for reference and background information for Schedules A&B.
- Yukon Government 2015 Schedules A&B: Randy explained that Schedule B is the 2014 expenditures and Schedule A is the proposed TAC 2015 expenditures (budget) and YG's O&M grant. TAC had a \$1334.42 surplus for 2014. This will be deducted from the 2015 O&M Grant, which means the grant will be \$12,923.58. The cash balance at the end of 2014 is \$16,014.66. During this discussion, Corey stated that he is paid by CTFN to attend these meetings, so he will not be taking payment from TAC's budget.

Motion to accept Schedules A&B as presented and discussed:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie Seconded: Rick Halladay Motion: Carried

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$360.00
TCA	Hall rental (Feb)	\$150.00
TCA	Email address fee	\$52.50
	Total	\$562.50

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:40pm
- Next meeting March 4th.

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