

**Tagish Advisory Council  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
June 3, 2015 at the Community Hall**

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

**Regrets:** Corey Edzerza

**Council Administrator:** Randy Taylor

**Call to Order:** 7:03pm

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion to approve agenda as presented:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Ted Adel

Motion: Carried

**Adoption of Minutes from May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Mike Bartsch

Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Motion: Carried

**Delegates:** Tess McLeod, Fish and Wildlife Planner, Dept. Environment;  
Mark Wedge, Chair, Tagish River HPA Management Committee

**New Business:**

- Tagish River Habitat Protection Area (HPA): Mark Wedge and Tess McLeod provided an update on the Tagish River HPA and stressed the role of the community. Tess provides support for the Mgt. Committee and Mark is the Chair. The Committee is comprised of 3 CTFN members, 2 Yukon Gov't and 1 Federal Gov't representatives. The Committee's mandate is to create a management plan for the Tagish River HPA within a 2-year time frame. The HPA was created under the CTFN Final Agreement. Because CTFN felt it was important to include non-First Nation people in the process, guiding principles on how to be inclusive from the document "*Building Consensus for a Sustainable Future*" are being utilized. The Committee has discussed creating observer status opportunities for various representatives at the Committee meetings. TAC was asked if there was interest in having observer status. Both Paul and Bonnitta expressed interest in representing TAC; after further discussion, it was determined that Paul would be the representative. The HPA Mgt. Committee is still in the process of defining the role of "observers". The current Local Area Planning Process will be looked at and it will be determined how the 2 processes can work together. The next HPA Mgt. Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>; the Committee plans to meet monthly.
  
- LAC Forum: Mike and Paul both attended the Forum. As well, representatives from Marsh Lake, Mt Lorne, and Carcross were also present. Ibex Valley did not have a rep. The Forum was a half-day meeting with the Minister in attendance. Civic Addressing and the OIC were discussed. The Minister stated that the OIC will be going to Cabinet, but that there is a concern with an overlapping Land Claim issue with the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) in Atlin. The YG feels their role is to inform TRTFN of the OIC, not consult.

LAC's membership with AYC was also discussed. It was noted that Ibex is no longer a member of AYC. Mike voiced his opinion that TAC does not receive enough benefit from the \$500 membership because it only has "observer" status and most AYC discussion does not pertain to LACs. Other LACs have discussed discontinuing their membership as well. It was noted that all LACs combined would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest community in Yukon. It was suggested that perhaps a consortium of LACs could have a single vote at AYC. Mike feels this still is not effective because items being voted on do not apply to LACs. It is felt that the existing LAC Forum provides better opportunity.

- AYC Membership: further discussion pursued regarding TAC's membership with AYC. Mike proposed to discontinue TAC's membership with AYC effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Motion to discontinue TAC's AYC membership effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was proposed:

Moved: Mike Bartsch                      Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Paul proposed to amend the motion: upon expiry of the first 6 months of the 2015 membership, and when the invoice for the remainder of the year is received, that a formal vote take place to determine if TAC continues being a member of AYC.

Moved: Paul Dabbs                      Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie                      Motion: Carried (Mike opposed)

- Tagish Community Market Society-Funding Request: request letter was presented and discussed.

Motion to contribute up to \$500 based on submitted receipts:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie                      Seconded: Ted Adel                      Motion: Carried

- Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program: Because this program is geared toward recreational projects, it has been determined that TAC will not be applying for funding, but could instead support TCA's application.
- Trans Canada Trail Invitation: letter to Paul inviting him to be a "TCT *Champion*" was presented and discussed. It was noted that Tagish is on the trail and this has been discussed during the LAP process. It was felt that it could be important to accept the invitation as a way to raise the profile of the community. Paul will contact them for more info.

#### **Old Business:**

- Community Well: commissioning is scheduled for the end of this month and expected to be in operation in July. No problems have been identified to date. It was discussed that there could be congestion for the fire trucks as the old facility is still in place. It is unclear if the old facility will be removed or remain in place for use by the Volunteer Fire Dept. Paul will find out if the old well will be decommissioned or left in place for firehall usage. It was asked how the opening of the new well would be advertised.
- OIC update: previously discussed
- Local Area Planning update–Paul: the first community meeting was held on Saturday with a good turnout; a second meeting was held in Carcross today. The consultant will compile the results of these meetings, which will be presented during the upcoming LAP Planning Week scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>–July 6<sup>th</sup>. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Reports: Financial:**

- Reconciliation statement for April was presented and discussed.
- Invoices to be paid:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>\$amount</b>
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$365.00
TCA	Hall rental (June)	\$150.00
Honoraria	April-June	\$1100.00
	Total	\$1615.00

Paul noted that it was discussed at the LAC Forum about increasing the funding to allow the LACs to hire a part time employee to do more duties than just admin such as research and support. It was thought that this would help strengthen the LACs representation. It was thought that this would relieve some of the pressure on LAC members and perhaps encourage more people to get involved.

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

- Tagish Community Market Funding Request: previously discussed
- Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program: previously discussed
- Trans Canada Trail Invitation: previously discussed

**Question Period:**

- AGM of TCA is June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike stated people have approached him regarding dogs in the Tagish Estates subdivision, specifically at Shelly’s property. The concern is the number of dogs, the noise, health & safety, as well as a possible decline in property values. Dog issues were discussed at the LAC Forum with concerns shared by all other LACs. Bonnitta pointed out that the Dog Act only deals with the care of dogs, which is not the issue here. It is unclear how many dogs are on the property. TAC does not have authority to deal with these issues. LAP can zone for this type of use, but all existing properties would be “grandfathered” at existing use. As well, LACs have no enforcement capabilities and are reliant on Territorial legislation. Bonnitta noted that ATVs are also an issue along the Tagish River shoreline. It is unclear who to refer people to that approach TAC with these issues. There is really nothing TAC can do with these types of issues.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting declared closed at 8:57pm
- Next meeting August 5<sup>th</sup> as July’s meeting falls on Canada Day.