

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
August 5th, 2015 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs (Chair), Bonnitta Ritchie, Ted Adel

Regrets: Mike Bartsch, Rick Halladay, Corey Edzerza

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests:

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Proposed Additions:

- Pennycook Rd-Old Business
- Canada Builds Program-Old Business

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie Seconded: Ted Adel Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from June 3rd, 2015

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie Seconded: Ted Adel Motion: Carried

Delegates: Cst. Kerry Jury, Whitehorse RCMP; Cst. Matt Traer, Whitehorse RCMP

New Business:

- Carcross RCMP Update - Cst. Kerry Jury and Cst. Matt Traer: the Carcross Detachment Quarterly report was presented and discussed. This report was not broken down by community, so there was no separate data/info for Tagish. It was noted that there were no significant issues in Tagish to date. Cpl. Peters conducted a presentation at last month's Coffee and Chat regarding identity theft and fraud, directed at elders. Boat speed on the Tagish River was discussed. It is Transport Canada's responsibility, but the RCMP would enforce a speed limit that may be established. RCMP can also request to see Boat Operator Certificates, but rarely do so. It was suggested that it would be good to have an RCMP presence during peak boating times. It was also suggested that signage urging boaters to slow down might help. A new Corporal from Newfoundland will be arriving this fall to replace Cpl. Peters.
- Highway Signage (speed limits): the digital speed sign is out of sequence with the speed zone and is not in a good location. The sign was initially installed to address the speed of traffic crossing the bridge. Paul discussed this with Highways and was assured the sign would be moved. It was also requested to move the 70km speed limit to the Tagish Estates Rd. Paul will follow-up with Highways to request the change.

- TCA Canada Day Funding Request: this request was received after the event because TCA got the request out late, and there was no TAC meeting last month. The funding request was discussed and it was mentioned that Canada Day is the biggest event of the year in Tagish and has the most First Nation participation. Randy explained that although there is not any money left allocated to “Community Events” in the budget, there is an overall surplus in other areas (e.g. Council Honoraria). This years O&M Grant was reduced because there was a surplus last year so it is not beneficial to have an end of year surplus.

Motion to donate \$500 to the Tagish Community Association for Canada Day Expenses was presented:

Moved: Ted Adel

Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Motion: Carried

- Tagish River Habitat Protection Area: the Management Committee asked if TAC would like to have an observer present at the Committee meetings. It was decided that Paul would be the representative/observer, but because Paul may not be on Council after the election, it will go back to TAC after the election. It is a commitment of at least 1 all day meeting/month for up to 2 years. Questions were raised on how stakeholders and public would be able to provide input.
- Signage (Civic Addressing) - Paul: approx. 75% of the signs have been picked up by property owners. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps to allocate the remaining 25%. It was decided there was no advantage to sending out another letter. Perhaps the Tagish Volunteer Fire Dept. (and others) could approach the property owners and volunteer to install the signs. TVFD could also install the signs on properties where there has been no response from the owners. Paul will discuss this with the TVFD to define the parameters and mentioned that they would not install on private property without permission of the owner.
- Signage (community signs): Tagish is allowed to have 2 information signs, one on the Alaska Highway, and one on the South Klondike Highway. Community Services will not fund this and Council cannot obtain these signs because TAC cannot own assets or enter into a contract. Paul will ask Tourism if they could provide some funding for this. It was also suggested that TCA take this on and TAC could provide some funding. Paul will follow-up with Highways and Tourism as well as the TCA.
- Assessment of Capacity in Rural Canada: document and survey was presented and discussed. TAC agreed to complete the survey. Paul will complete the survey.

Old Business:

- OIC/elections: the Taku River Tlingit do not have any objections to the OIC boundary; therefore, Cabinet will sign the OIC before the upcoming election. This will enable the “at large” voting system for the election. This leaves 2 items to address for the upcoming election:
 1. Advertise the election and invite candidates to run for Council. Community Services has sent out promotional videos that can be put on the Community Website, TCA Facebook page, and the link sent to the email distribution list. Paul and Randy will pursue this.
 2. Appoint a Returning Officer.

It was noted that there has never been an election; Council has always been acclaimed.

- Trans Canada Trail Follow-up: after speaking with the Trans Canada Trail contact person, Paul recommended that TAC be the Trail “Champion” instead of an individual. Council agreed and will accept the invitation as the Tagish Advisory Council.
- Community Well Update: Rick Kent, Project Manager, CS has informed Council that during testing phase, it was determined that the pumps are undersized. As a result, the opening of the new facility is delayed until at least November. Paul will draft a note to be sent out to the email list. It was also suggested to post a sign at the existing well to notify the users of the delay.
- Local Area Planning Update – Paul: all the information gathered to date will be presented to the Planning Committee at their next meeting in October. Discussion papers will be produced in the fall and the website will be updated as required.
- Canada Builds Program: a report listing the approved projects for 2016 was presented and discussed. No Tagish projects were approved for next year, but could still be approved for subsequent years.
- Canada 150 Infrastructure Program: this program appears to be geared toward recreation infrastructure. It may be better for the Community Association to apply and TAC could support the application. It is unclear if the TCA has submitted an application, Paul will follow-up with TCA.
- Pennycook Rd: the Minister toured the road with Martin Allen this summer (June). There has been no follow-up since then. There has not been a new Rural Roads application submitted as it was indicated there is no more money in the budget.

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for May and June were presented and discussed. Randy noted that the 2015 O&M grant was deposited on July 20th and is not reflected in this reconciliation. The O&M amount deposited was \$12,923.58. Current balance in the account is \$23,385.14.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$ amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$710.00
TCA	Hall rental (August)	\$150.00
	Total	\$860.00

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- TCA Canada Day donation email and letter: previously discussed
- Tagish River HPA meeting notes and Guiding Principles: previously discussed
- Community Well Commissioning-Rick Kent: previously discussed
- Forum for Young Canadians-presented and discussed. It was decided to forward this info to Reanna, Rec Director.
- Cell Phone Service Enquiry email-resident enquired about NWTel plans to upgrade Tagish to 4G. Randy forwarded the Minister's letter stating the October estimated timeframe.
- Election Videos-Chris Madden: Randy and Paul will look into putting the videos on the Community website.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:10pm
- Next meeting Sept 2.

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