

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
September 2, 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: 7:08pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Proposed Additions:

- Pennycook Rd-Old Business

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Moved: Ted Adel

Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from August 5th, 2015

Bonnitta noted a correction under Old Business, Pennycook Rd: Rural Roads program instead of Canada Roads Program.

Motion to adopt Minutes as amended:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Ted Adel

Motion: Carried

Delegates: Bev Buckway, Executive Director, Association of Yukon Communities (AYC)

New Business:

- AYC-Bev Buckway: Bev requested to come to this meeting because she is aware of Council's motion on the table regarding Council's membership with AYC. TAC is questioning the benefit of being a member of AYC. Other LACs have questioned this as well at recent LAC Forums. LACs, including TAC, feel there has been very little benefit being a member of AYC. Bev mentioned that in the past, LAC Forums were held as part of the AYC AGM. This worked well to keep the LAC's involved with AYC. Since the Yukon Government (YG) has taken the responsibility of hosting the forums, there has been much less interaction between LAC's and AYC. Bev has spoken to Ian Davis about AYC getting involved in, and perhaps hosting, the LAC Forums. Bev understands LAC's concerns, but stated that networking would be lost if LAC's withdrew their membership. Bev asked TAC to hang on longer and let AYC know what they can do to work with and assist LACs.
It was mentioned that the LAC Forums have improved since YG started hosting them. They are now very useful because all topics are common to LACs, whereas the vast majority of AYC agenda items do not pertain to LACs. LACs mandate is to provide advice and report to the Minister, which is very different than municipalities.

It was asked what AYC could provide that the current LAC forums do not:

- AYC has advocated for civic addressing on behalf of LACs.
- If communication was improved, perhaps more commonalities would be realized
 - E.g. when LACs write letters, if AYC were copied, they would know what the issues are.
- AYC has done other advocacy such as training and assistance traveling to meetings.

It was suggested that it might be better for the LACs to nominate one representative to go to the AYC AGM. It was also suggested that AYC come to the next LAC Forum, as there could be new people involved after the elections in October. AYC should attend the forums to see how they can benefit and work with LACs. Bev stated that she is keen on renewing/maintaining a relationship with LACs.

- Returning Officer Appointment and Upcoming Election: Louise Girard has indicated she is willing to be the returning officer for the upcoming election. Paul suggested that the remuneration should be \$250 for the nomination process and another \$250 if an election is required. Tagish has never had to have an election in the past; it has always been by acclamation.

Motion to appoint Louise Girard as the Returning Officer for the upcoming election with remuneration of \$250 for the nomination process and an extra \$250 if an election is required.

Moved: Paul Dabbs

Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Motion: Carried

Old Business:

- OIC update: the Order in Council has been signed as of August 15. This has been publicized on the website with the historic events going back to 2013. Because the OIC is now in effect, the election format is now “at large” instead of “wards”. General discussion regarding the upcoming election ensued. An election poster is now on the website as well as videos and other information. Community Services is mailing a letter to all property owners providing information on the OIC as well as election info and the new LAC boundary. This letter will also be sent to the email distribution list. TAC will be at the next pancake breakfast to provide info and try to generate interest in the election and get people to run for Council. Paul will ask Ian Davis if Community Affairs is doing any promotion as well.
- Local Area Planning Update: it was announced the Urban Systems has closed their office in Whitehorse and the local consultant, Zoe, is no longer employed with them. It is unclear what the options are for the planning process.
- Highway Signage: Paul provided an update stating that he has spoken to TCA to see if they could go ahead with this. Paul will follow up at the TCA’s next meeting saying that it looks positive. Business signs have specific government standards that have to be adhered to and are paid for by the individual business.

- **Civic Addressing:** Paul provided an update saying that approximately 75% of the property owners have picked up the signs. In order to reach the other 25%, Paul and CS are identifying the owners that have not picked up the signs. It will then be checked around town to see if these people are known and can be approached for permission to put the signs up. The next step would be to send out a joint letter from TAC and TVFD stating that if we haven't heard back by a specified date it would be interpreted as permission to install the sign (without going on private property). Marsh Lake is just installing the signs; TAC/TVFD will only install signs if they have not been told not to. It was reiterated that this is not mandatory. Bev asked if there was a resolution requesting this to be mandatory; a letter was sent to the Minister requesting this, which was denied.
- **AYC Membership:** Council discussed whether TAC should remain a member of AYC. Ted expressed that TAC should withdraw their membership until AYC can show what benefit they can provide to Council for remaining a member. Ted appreciates that Bev came to the meeting and is trying to reassure LACs, but doesn't see what benefit AYC brings to the table. AYC needs to come to the next LAC Forum and demonstrate what they can bring. Bonnitta stated that TAC should pay the current invoice from AYC to remain a member for the remainder of the year. This will give the new council a chance to evaluate and decide if renewal for next year is desirable. Another option of not paying the invoice until AYC can show a benefit was discussed. Paul thinks that we should pay the invoice and let the new Council decide if they want to remain a member next year.

Motion to remain a member of AYC until December 31, 2015 and then let the new Council consider their options at that time was presented:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Ted Adel

Motion: Carried

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for July was presented and discussed. Randy noted that the O&M Grant for 2015 was deposited (\$12,923.00) and the balance at the end of July is \$23,381.19.
- It was also noted that honoraria would be paid next month as that will be the final month for the current Council.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$360.00
TCA	Hall rental (Sept)	\$150.00
TCA	Canada Day Donation	\$500.00
AYC	Membership fee (50%)	\$250.00
	Total	\$1260.00

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Celebrating Yukon Municipalities A Gala Event
 - Bonnitta may attend, Paul will not be available
- Election Manuals-Ian Davis
 - Louise has a copy and Bonnitta took the second copy
- Economic Developers Conference Invitation
- Random change of hours at Tagish dump-email
- Draft Local Food Strategy

Question Period:

- Kevin Barr asked about the transfer station hours of operation. It appears that Community Services has dealt with this issue as this has now been rectified.
- Kevin Barr asked about the highway signs. Paul provided an update on this stating that highways have agreed to move the electronic speed sign. As well, Tagish is permitted to have 2 community signs. YG does not pay for the cost of these signs, so TAC is proposing to TCA to take this on, as TAC cannot own assets of this nature. YG is willing to install visitors sign (i.e. amenities sign) on either side of the community, but not on the Alaska Highway. Problem with these signs is that the services are seasonal in Tagish and these signs are not updated in a timely manner.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:09pm
- Next meeting October 7th