

**Tagish Advisory Council  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Community Hall**

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

**Regrets:** Mike Bartsch, Ted Adel

**Council Administrator:** Randy Taylor

**Guests:** Myron Penner

**Call to Order:** 7:06

**Adoption of Agenda:**

- It was noted that Geoff Peters could not attend; Dan Rouleau is attending in his place.

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Paul Dabbs

Motion: Carried

**Adoption of Minutes from September 2nd, 2015**

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Paul Dabbs

Seconded: Rick Halladay

Motion: Carried

**Delegates:** Dan Rouleau, RCMP; Caitlin Kerwin, Community Services; Shelley Penner, TCA

**New Business:**

- Carcross RCMP Quarterly Report- Dan Rouleau: the "Quarterly Mayor's/Chiefs Policing Report July-Sept, 2015 document was presented and discussed. Dan noted that there were 153 calls (entire detachment area) during this period, which is down from the same period last year. Dan also mentioned that they have not been able to be as proactive because of staffing issues. Very few of the calls were Tagish related.
- Boat Speed at Tagish River Bridge- Dan Rouleau: currently boat speed on the Tagish River is not enforced, as there is no law/regulation pertaining to this. Dan stated that even if there was a law, it would be hard to enforce because there is no radar equipment in their boat. Transport Canada has the jurisdiction to establish a speed limit. YG can impose a temporary speed limit in emergency conditions as they did in 2007 during the floodwater conditions. A courtesy boat speed limit sign on both sides of the bridge may help. It is assumed that Highways would be the contact for these signs.  
A discussion ensued regarding speeding incidents in Tagish Estates, particularly with various vehicles coming off the trail at the end of Tagish Estates Road. It is difficult to respond quickly from Carcross, but Dan encourages people to phone in incidents so it is on record. Video is a useful tool to use in these situations. It was noted that the speed zone signs on the Tagish Road have been changed/moved.  
The RCMP were thanked for their presence (Geoff Peters) at a recent wedding event at the Tagish Community Centre.

- Community Centre 2<sup>nd</sup> Access Road-Shelley Penner: the Tagish Community Association requested funds from Sport and Recreation for a 2<sup>nd</sup> access road for emergency access and to facilitate the fact that the community hall is an EMO centre for the community. The funding was approved, but Dept. of Highways informed TCA that because of the speed limit, the 2<sup>nd</sup> access had to be a certain distance from the original driveway. The distance required puts the 2<sup>nd</sup> access off the TCA property. There are existing driveways now that do not adhere to this rule (i.e. 6 Mile River Resort) but these have been “grandfathered” in. TCA requested the speed limit at the Community Centre be 50km/hr. and has asked TAC for their support for this request. Ideally the speed limits should be 70Km/Hr at Tagish Estates road, 50Km/Hr at the Community Centre, and 30Km/Hr at the bridge. Dan Rouleau (RCMP) agrees with this. Transportation Engineering determines where the speed signs are placed. Paul will raise this with Bill Moore who is the contact person for Dept. of Highways. TCA will be using the funding that was originally allocated for the 2<sup>nd</sup> access for Fire Smarting the TCA property. TCA will re-apply to Sport & Recreation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> access next year.
- Upcoming Election - Caitlin Kerwin: Caitlin thanked the people on Council for their time and dedication. Three people were acclaimed on to Council: Bonnitta Ritchie, Rick Halladay, and Myron Penner. The nomination period was extended as per regulations, but there are still 2 vacancies. A letter must be put forward to the Minister in order to appoint members. Three people are required for quorum, so TAC currently has a quorum. The CTFN appointment is for the same election period; Caitlin will contact CTFN for their appointment. The CTFN appointment does have voting privileges and counts for quorum. Caitlin asked Council if there was anything she could do to encourage people to put their name forward. Caitlin informed Council that she has past experience as a Community Advisor and is familiar with the election process. She is now the Advisor for all the LACs. In the past AYC has hosted a training session for newly elected officials (focussed more for municipal councillors), while Community Affairs hosts a session for LAC councillors. This year the 2 are combining to join forces. This newly elected officials forum is being held in Whitehorse Nov 12-15. The LAC portion forum is the afternoon of Thur Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Costs for attending the Forum are being discussed with AYC. Caitlin does not think there should be a charge to attend the LAC portion of the Forum and she will be advocating to AYC and CS regarding this. For people to be appointed by the Minister, it is best for TAC to send a letter with names to the Minister. The LAC working group will be re-established to talk about governance models and options for LACs.
- Community Market Society Funding Letter/Invoice: Invoice for \$496.04 was presented and discussed. This invoice is for the donation approved by Council at the previous meeting.
- Tagish RRC Update – Randy Taylor: the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council (CTRRC) hosted their annual “On the Land Gathering” at Skookies Camp near Carcross on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Four RRCs, CTFN, YG, Teslin Tlingit Council, Taku River Tlingit FN, BC Gov’t, and the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board attended. The meeting was focussed on Southern Lakes Caribou Management Planning. The Taku River Tlingit FN have submitted a proposal to the BC Gov’t requesting a moratorium on Caribou hunting (Carcross Herd) in the BC portion of their range. BC continues to have full open season on the Carcross Herd while there has been no hunting of this herd for more than 20 years in the Yukon. The decision was made to form a committee from the participants to continue working on the Southern Lakes Caribou Management Plan. Randy also provided an update on the telegraph wire removal project. The

RRC contracted CTFN and engaged with R2C2 to remove some of the wire from Carcross to the old Venus Mine site. The project is winding down for the season and a report will be coming out later this winter.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Community Highway Signs:** Paul approached the TCA to manage the process of acquiring 2 community signs. TAC cannot own the assets, but can contribute to the cost of these signs. Tagish has the right under the Highways Sign Act to have 2 signs advertising the community; one on the Alaska Highway and one on the South Klondike Highway. The TCA has agreed to manage this process. Paul has updated Dept. of Highways (Bill Moore) that this is how Tagish is going to proceed. There are specifications as to how big the signs are and where they can be located.
- **Local Area Planning Update – Paul:** since Urban Systems office has been closed, there is no new info to share. The next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday. Caitlin advised Council that she had heard that Zoe might be continuing to work on this contract even though the Whitehorse Urban Systems office has been closed. More info will be made available after the next meeting.  
**Tagish River HPA Mgt Planning:** last meeting was on the river with Environment Yukon reps, Federal Gov't reps, and CTFN reps; this was the first time some of the Committee members had been on the river. Discussion was on the historical, cultural, and ecological values of the river. Paul is currently representing the TAC as an observer; the new Council will need to decide if he is to continue, or a new rep is appointed.
- **Current Council's Mandate Summary:** Paul thanked all members of Council for their service the last 3 years. Time on Council can be frustrating as TAC has an advisory role only with very little decision-making authority; other bodies, i.e. YG, make the final decisions. One of the successes of this Council is that certain things are in place, such as the OIC, which can provide for a positive relationship with CTFN. In association with the OIC, other planning processes are taking place. All these processes are linked and it will be a challenge for the new Council to identify these links and continue forward with the planning processes. Council is not directly responsible for these planning processes, but it will have a large impact on the community, so Council will need to find ways to stay engaged in the processes. There are also many "day to day" issues to deal with (e.g. bridge traffic).  
Bonnitta, on behalf of all Council members thanked Paul for all the work he has done for Council; without his work and commitment, a lot of this work would not have been completed. Paul hopes to continue to contribute to the planning processes and other community items with TAC.

#### **Reports: Financial:**

- Reconciliation statement for August 2015 was presented and discussed.
- **Council Honoraria:** honoraria are being paid this month instead of the usual quarterly (September) because this is the last meeting of the current Council. Total honoraria paid is \$750 for the period of July-Oct.

- Invoices to be paid:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$370.00
TCA	Hall rental (month)	\$150.00
Tagish Community Market	Donation	\$496.04
Louise Girard	Returning Officer fee	\$250.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1266.04</b>

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was presented and discussed: Randy noted that one item, the “Municipal Act review Summary” was not posted on the website because it is a confidential document; it was emailed to council members.

- Trans Canada Trail book and letter
  - TAC is now a “champion” and will be included in updates, etc. The book that TAC received will be donated to the local public library.
- Spay and Neuter Voucher Project Wade Istchenko
  - YG is looking for comments on the effectiveness of this Gov’t sponsored program. TAC was never formally made aware of this program. Bonnitta will contact YG to follow-up with this.
- Community Signs-Bev Buckway
  - For Councils info. Paul will forward to the TCA.
- Survey for Out-Going Candidates
  - Link for survey. Paul will follow-up.
- Kevin Barr Constituency Meeting
  - Requested use of email distribution list to notify residents. TAC will need to clarify on a case-by-case basis if/when the email distribution is utilized by third parties. Perhaps this sort of request i.e. public meetings should go through the Community Association.
- Newly Elected Official Training
  - November 12<sup>th</sup> in Whitehorse
- Forest Resources Mgt Plan update-email
  - Requested time at TAC’s next meeting to provide an update

**Question Period:**

- It was noted that email spam has been received by some residents coming from the old email addresses that have been discontinued for a couple of years. The emails have been using the address as a title, but they are not originating from that address. Roger has been contacted regarding this. These emails are not originating from the current MailChimp system. The TCA is going to follow-up with this.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting declared closed at 9:20pm
- Next meeting Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2105