

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
December 2, 2015 at the Community Hall**

Present: Bonnitta Ritchie (Chair), Myron Penner, Danielle Hinnek, Kathleen Ayers

Regrets: Rick Halladay

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests: Paul Dabbs

Call to Order: 6:57pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Proposed Additions:

- Introduction of Adam Gardner, Cpl, Carcross RCMP

Motion to approve agenda as amended:

Moved: Bonnitta Ritchie

Seconded: Kathleen Ayers

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from November 4, 2015

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers

Seconded: Myron Penner

Motion: Carried

Delegates: Adam Gardner, Cpl, Carcross RCMP

New Business:

- Swearing in Council Members: Vicki Hancock, Notary Public, swore in Kathleen Ayers and Danielle Hinnek as members of Council before the meeting.
- New Carcross RCMP Cpl. Introduction: Adam Gardner introduced himself as the new Corporal, Carcross RCMP. Council welcomed him and invited him to attend TAC's monthly meetings as well as other local events. Adam will update Council on Callout/Crime stats at the next meeting.
- Council Terms of Reference (TOR): the draft TOR was distributed to Council. Bonnitta requested that members look into Mount Lorne and Marsh Lake LAC's TOR for comparison. Kathleen will check Mnt Lorne's and Danielle will check Marsh Lake's. It was noted that this TOR may have been adopted in 2007, but that is unclear. It was decided that it requires updating due to the recently enacted OIC. Randy will send members a copy of the OIC and the TOR will be discussed at the next meeting.

- TCA Christmas donation request: the 2015 expenditures report was distributed and discussed. Randy explained that there is roughly a \$2300 surplus for the year and that all money unspent by the end of December will be deducted from the O&M Grant in April. Council decided to donate \$500, as this has been the amount in previous years. TAC did not want to set a precedent for higher funding.

Motion to donate \$500 to TCA for Christmas events donation was presented:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers Seconded: Myron Penner Motion: Carried

Other projects discussed for funding were the community signage and the children's Christmas party.

- Lynn Blaikie & Scott Lowrey Land Application: it was questioned why this would come to Council for comment. It was explained that all Land Applications and YESAB applications that are within the LAC boundary are brought forward to Council for comment. Because this application is going to YESAB for review, it was decided to wait for the YESAB process before commenting. Paul will check to see if this type of application is permitted while the Local Area Planning process is underway.

Old Business:

- Spay and Neuter Program: Council was previously unaware of this program. Bonnitta recently completed the survey and discussed this with Dr Mary Vanderkop, Chief Veterinary Officer. TAC is in favour of this program but is concerned about the lack of communication as a lot of residents were not aware of the program. This program is restricted to low income people. Thirteen people in Tagish have accessed this program, although TAC is unclear how this was communicated. The Humane Society is responsible for the communication and posters, but people do not recall seeing posters around Tagish. The program continues until the end of March 2016 with approx. 100 vouchers remaining for the entire Yukon. The evaluation should be complete by the end of December and a summary document will be circulated when complete. Funding will continue while the evaluation is in progress. Danielle stated that she was previously denied funding and was told that the program is not focused on cats. Bonnitta will follow up.
- Community Highway Signs: it was explained that a Dept. of Highways policy determines where a sign is located. The sign is required to be a welcome type of sign rather than a services available sign. Frank Wilps, Manager Visitor Services, Tourism and Culture has communicated that there is a fund to support signage for communities as part of the Stay Another Day Program. There is funding for up to \$5000/community. The Tagish Community Association would have to apply for this funding and TAC could provide additional funds. Shelley indicated that the Tagish Community Association (TCA) would like to have a contest to determine what the sign would look like, as this would ensure the sign would be community oriented. The TCA is forming a committee to work on this project. TAC requested to have a representative on this committee; TCA agreed and Kathleen has agreed to be part of this committee. Prices for this type of sign appear to be in the \$3000-\$6000 range. The Atlin sign by Jakes Corner has been used as an example, Paul will look into what that sign cost. Discussion ensued as to how much funding to provide to TCA for this project.

Motion to provide \$1500 to the Tagish Community Association for the Community Sign Project was presented:

Moved: Danielle Hinek Seconded: Myron Penner Motion: Carried

- Local Area Planning (LAP)/Tagish River HPA Update: Paul explained the two planning processes and his involvement/representation to the new Council members.
 - LAP: the LAP Committee held a meeting last Monday; the next one is scheduled for Dec 14th. A comprehensive background report is currently being finalized and a newsletter will be distributed shortly. The Committee is also preparing 8 discussion documents highlighting specific issues and what's been heard to date. The public will then be asked specific questions pertaining to these issues. Public meetings related to the discussion papers will be held in the next couple of months. It was noted that the LAP deadline is this summer and the HPA process is the following year. The HPA Committee and the Forest Resources Management Plan Committee are also holding public meetings early in the New Year. This will create overlap, which the committees are currently discussing.
 - HPA: The Committee is in discussion with the LAP committee regarding the potential overlap for public meetings. A website will be launched very shortly. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday Dec 10th.

- LAC Forum Nov 12th Whitehorse: Bonnitta provided a summary of the recent LAC Forum; she was the only TAC member to attend. AYC did a presentation as Bev Buckway, Executive Director is hoping for the LACs and AYC to strengthen their relationships. Various topics were discussed that are common to the LACs (e.g. Civic Addressing). Overall, Bonnitta thought it was a very positive meeting.

- Pennycook Road: Bonnitta contacted the Gov't Highway Camp in Carcross and was informed that the YG hired a contractor to perform the work on Pennycook and that the work is completed for this year. Kathleen will follow-up with Amanda Price to get more information on this project. It was noted that the YG has not taken responsibility for the entire road.

- Community Well: Bonnitta contacted Caitlin to get answers to some questions that have been raised by residents. Caitlin provided reassurance that the old well is providing potable water, but at a slower flow rate from the smaller spigot because of temporary repairs. The new well will provide potable water that meets the new Canadian Drinking Standards; therefore, will not require secondary filtration/treatment. The water from the new well will be from the same aquifer so will be roughly the same hardness. The water is not being softened because it is not recommended to drink soft water and the hardness does not fall under the standards. The new well should be complete by end of Dec-early January. It was noted that there has not been any discussion on user fees being imposed.

Financial:

- The expenditures report has been previously discussed. Randy noted that because there was 2 months of reconciliation last meeting, there is no reconciliation report for this month.

- Council honoraria totals \$575 for November and December.

- LAP honoraria totals \$300 up to the end of December.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$365.00
TCA	Hall rental (Dec)	\$150.00
First Contact Design	Email fees	\$52.50
	Total	\$567.50

Motion to pay invoice as presented:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers Seconded: Danielle Hinnek Motion: Carried

- Cheque Signing Authority: this was deferred to the January meeting because the letter to the bank requires Rick’s signature and he was unable to attend this meeting.

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Tagish 4G Cell Phone Upgrade-Northwestel
 - Advising Council that the cell phone upgrade is now complete.
- Yukon Police Council Invitation for Input
 - TAC did not have input at this time but Bonnitta asked members to send her an email if there are any suggestions to forward to the Police Council. The deadline for comments is Dec 15.

Question Period:

- Danielle spoke to 2 issues that have been brought forward to her:
 - There is concern regarding the size of the gravel being used by the Dept. of Highways for sanding the roads in the winter. The gravel is large and sharp, which has been causing flat tires and windshield damage. There is a petition circulating to stop the use of such large gravel. It was explained that Transportation Engineering sets the guidelines for the gravel and generally gravel is larger on highways to allow it to remain in place longer.
 - YG is cutting trees down in cul-de-sacs in the Taku Subdivision without consultation or notice. Kathleen explained that this work is being done for snow removal and storage purposes as well as general road maintenance. The trees being cut are on the road right of way, not private property. It was noted that the main problem appears to be lack of communication with property owners. Currently residents have been blocking the road to prevent further cutting. Adam Gardner explained that if this is the case, these people could be charged as it is a Gov’t owned/maintained road and they have the right to perform this work.

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:15pm
- Next meeting January 6th at 7:00pm