

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2017 at the Community Hall**

Present: Bonnitta Ritchie (Chair), Kathleen Ayers

Regrets: Myron Penner, Rick Halladay, Cory Edzerza

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests: John Streicker, Paul Dabbs

Call to Order: 7:05pm

- Note: as there is not a quorum, no motions can be adopted.

Adoption of Agenda:

- No additions proposed

Motion to approve agenda: no quorum

Adoption of Minutes from December 7, 2016, January 4, 2017, and February 1, 2017

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented: no quorum

Delegates: Adam Gardner, Carcross RCMP

New Business:

- Carcross RCMP Monthly Report: February was a busier month than normal as there were 39 calls compared to 23 calls during the same time last year. There were no major calls from Tagish, however there were nuisance 9-1-1 calls from the payphone at the Tagish Community Hall. Other items of note in February:
 - Two prisoners were held in Carcross;
 - Court was held in Carcross Feb 14 with 36 cases on the docket (normal is between 30-40);
 - There were 2 youth diversions;
 - Members gave a presentation to Grade 6 students regarding online bullying;
 - Members received training for radar use, all 3 members now can operate the radar;
 - The outdoor rink on Bennet Lake is now complete, a skating party is planned (date to be announced);
 - A Tagish resident was defrauded by an overseas online scam;
 - A report of animal abuse in Tagish turned out to be false.

Council requested that the RCMP have a presence at the upcoming TCA sponsored skidoo poker run event, Adam agreed to have a presence unless there was something preventing them from attending.

- LAP/HPA update-Paul Dabbs: There was an HPA meeting last month; the draft plan is starting to be written. The LAP is also currently being drafted and both committees are attempting to co-ordinate the plans. Both plans should be ready for fact checking by the end of this summer. The next step for both is for the drafts to be presented to the public for review and comment. Bonnitta spoke regarding the difficulty that Mt Lorne is experiencing with a placer claim in the LAP boundary; the Tagish LAP has not dealt with similar issues. Bonnitta also brought up a petition that has been circulated regarding property taxes changing because of land use zoning. Paul stated that taxes are property value based and not land use based.
- AYC AGM Attendance/Registration: The AGM is in Faro the weekend of May 12th. Myron was hoping to go, but it looks like he will not be able to attend. Patrick was approached to see if he is willing to go if he gets appointed to Council. This will be first AGM that LACs have voting status. Perry Savoie attends as LAC rep on the AYC Board of Directors and as per policy, gets paid an honorarium of \$75. Bonnitta feels that this policy/honorarium should also apply to members attending the AGM and AYC Forum.
- LAC Forums-Update from Feb 17 Meeting/Attendance at Meetings: Bonnitta attended the entire meeting and Myron attended for the cell phone reception agenda item. Bonnitta's meeting notes were distributed and discussed. Items of note:
 - It was discussed that LAC's could retain a certain amount of funding to carry over to the next fiscal year;
 - Dog issues raised by all LACs.
 - Cell coverage discussed- Myron attended. Population not sufficient for Bell to spend much money on this issue. Trying to increase coverage over time. A booster is an option, but it's expensive.
 - Cemetery discussion: Mt Lorne and Carcross are both considering establishing a cemetery.
 - Various options for Regional governance were discussed.
- Tagish Winter Carnival-March 18: Information and Poker Run rules were distributed, there was no discussion.
- Council Member Vacancy/Returning Officer: both were advertised last month. There is one person interested in a Council appointment, but Canadian citizenship may be an issue. John Streicker (in attendance) does have the authority to appoint to Council. Council is almost half way through the mandate, so there will be another election in a year and a half, although Council has recently had difficulty maintaining a quorum to pass items at public meetings.
- Stats Canada Census-Tagish: the recent Stats Canada Census revealed that Tagish's population has declined by 36%.
- April LAC Meeting: Bonnitta will not be able to attend the April 5th meeting, but Rick has indicated that he may be able to attend.
- Local Government Leadership Forum: this is an AYC sponsored forum scheduled for June 22 at a cost of \$200. It was suggested that a couple of members should attend and perhaps AYC could assist with the cost.

Old Business:

- Tagish Water Delivery: John Streicker's letter and the email from Carolyn were distributed and discussed. Council will send out an email to Tagish the distribution list to collect info regarding how many households currently have/require water delivery etc.
- TAC Administrator Contract: current contract expires the end of March. Randy is not sure if he can attend the April 5 meeting, but will work until the end of the month to prepare for the meeting. There have not been any suitable candidates apply thus far, so Randy will send notice out again and advertise on Yuwin and extend the deadline to March 17.
- Cell Phone Reception/Service-Update: previously discussed under LAC Forum.
- TAC/EMS/Fire Dept. – Dog Issue Update: Bonnitta met with Constable Cormier, Carcross RCMP; Shelley Penner, EMS; and Boyd Pyper, TFD on Feb 20. Concern has been raised that there are people living in the apartment with numerous dogs running loose on the property. Accessing the property when Shelley Cuthbert is not there poses a significant safety issue. It was mentioned that the tenants are scared of some of the dogs when Shelley is not there. Boyd and Shelley Penner will draft correspondence and forward to Bonnitta and then discuss meeting with Shelley Cuthbert to work this out. Discussion also took place regarding public education to ensure EMS can gain access to a property safely in an emergency.
- Southern Lakes Resort Survey: Data Path sent an email apologizing about the email sent to Tagish residents asking if the cost of the road upgrade should/could be cost shared. This question should not have been asked.
- Day Use Area (Land Purchase) Update: Minister Frost's letter was distributed and discussed. Minister Frost has asked Allan Koprowsky, ADM, Dept. of Environment, to arrange a meeting with TAC and other relevant departments. A meeting has not yet been scheduled. Paul indicated he would like to be kept informed so he can liaise with the LAP Committee. John Streicker indicated he would like to attend this meeting and would require evidence that purchasing the property would have enough impact to make a difference. Paul also indicated he would be willing to attend this meeting. Bonnitta will discuss further with Carolyn.
- Tagish Infrastructure Projects: it has been discussed in the past that TAC and TCA meet to discuss projects for Tagish; this has not yet taken place. The LAP process has identified potential projects as well. It was suggested to have a public meeting to discuss Tagish projects, keeping in mind that the projects pertain to a 5-10 year plan.
- Deputy Conservation Officer: this has been tabled numerous times, it was suggested it be removed from the agenda.

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for January was presented and discussed.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$420.00
TCA	Hall rental (month)	\$150.00
AYC	Biannual membership fee	\$250.00
	Total	\$820.00

- Council Honoraria: January – March inclusive total \$520.00
- Schedule B: was not approved and signed as there is not a quorum.

Correspondence: All correspondence previously discussed:

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Question Period:

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Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 9:11pm
- Next meeting April 5

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