

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
April 5, 2017 at the Community Hall**

Present: Myron Penner (Chair), Kathleen Ayers, Cory Edzerza

Regrets: Bonnitta Ritchie, Rick Halladay

Delegates: Cst. J.P. Cormier and Cst. Patrice Rousseau, Carcross RCMP; Boyd Pyper, Tagish VFD

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor (outgoing), Drew Whittaker (incoming)

Guests: Carolyn Moore, Leslie Kerr, Doug Heynan, Linda Thornton

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Adoption of Agenda:

- Agenda was amended and adopted by consensus to move matters requiring a motion to the start of the meeting in order to accommodate Councillor Ayers who had to leave early, and add an item about priority infrastructure for Tagish under New Business

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

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Cory Edzerza

Seconded: Kathleen Ayers

Motion: Carried

Appointment of Leslie Kerr as member of Tagish Advisory Council

Motion that Council support the appointment of Leslie Kerr as member of Council. The Minister of Community Services needs to make the appointment which should happen prior to the next council meeting.

Motion to recommend appointment of Leslie Kerr:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers

Seconded: Cory Edzerza

Motion: Carried

New Council Administrator

Motion to award Council Administrator contract to Drew Whittaker:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers

Seconded: Myron Penner

Motion: Carried

Schedule B

Motion to present funding Schedule B to Community Services as presented by outgoing administrator Randy Taylor:

Moved: Kathleen Ayers

Seconded: Cory Edzerza

Motion: Carried

New Business:

- **Carcross RCMP Monthly Report:** March saw 32 calls compared to 23 calls during the same time last year. There were 3 calls from Tagish, nothing major: 2 speeding calls and an abandoned vehicle. Other items of note in March:

- Notable occurrence: persons were stuck in a blizzard on Windy Arm which meant they came out a day later than the exit date they had given to their emergency contacts. They had in-reach communication and could advise RCMP of their situation preventing any kind of search and rescue.
- Three officers have completed radar training courses
- Officers participated in ice fishing with youth on Little Atlin Lake
- Officers attended Tagish Poker Run: no major incidents. Most participants wore helmets.
- Some warrants for arrest have been issued. The public can check the bulletin board at the detachment or call the detachment.

Several guests suggested longstanding issues of problem partying in Tagish during the May long weekend. Problem locations include campground, 10 Mile. It was suggested that a check stop at Reed Road might be appropriate.

- **Fire Report** – Fire Chief Boyd Pyper: Tagish VFD responded as per Mutual Aid agreement with neighbouring VFDs to a call of a fire at the Old Supervisors house at the residential school, Choutla Subdivision. The house was unoccupied, there were no injuries, and the house burned to the ground. Tagish VFD along with EMS and RCMP have had discussions on the difficulty of providing emergency response on properties with multiple dogs at-large (discussion continued later in Old Business). Boyd says that personal safety of first responders comes first. Council sent an email blast advising residents of the importance for their personal safety of making their properties safe for first responders. Vicky Hancock will again be Acting Fire Chief for the summer due to Boyd's planned absence. Fire Combat competition to be held May 13-14 will involve teams from 6 Yukon fire halls.
- **LAP/HPA update** – Randy Taylor (on behalf of Paul Dabbs): Nothing to report.
- **Yukon Government 5-Year Plan:** Letter to Council from Minister of Community Services discussed. Minister wrote *"The territorial budget is a major avenue used to identify the priorities of the Government of Yukon. During our mandate, and as we look forward to budgets in the next 5 years, it is important that we work collaboratively with municipalities and local advisory councils to support the priorities of you community in order to improve our collective way of life. The Government of Yukon would like to begin a conversation about how communities feel they can best participate in, and contribute to, this government's five-year-plan. To this end the Government of Yukon would like to work with the Tagish Local Advisory Council to discuss how we can work collaboratively to meet our common priorities."* There are no meetings between Council and the Minister scheduled. The community association is meeting with the Minister at the end of the month. No action taken.
- **AYC Travel Insurance / AYC AGM:** Council received emails about purchasing travel insurance to attend Faro AYC AGM May 11-14. Some confusion as to the cost. It was suggested that Bonnitta Ritchie talk to Bev Buckway, AYC, to obtain more information before reaching a decision.
- **Health and Wellness Fair** – Doug Heynan: Tagish Health and Wellness Fair will be held Wednesday, May 17 from 11-3pm. Cost of catering event will be \$750. Community Association will be making a formal request for financial support from Council at a future meeting.

- **Infrastructure Priorities** – Doug Heynan: Long standing problems in Tagish around wells and septic systems and gaps in infrastructure led to a discussion between Doug Heynan, Myron Penner and Paul Dabbs and the drafting of a document entitled “Tagish Local Advisory Council and Community Association Proposed Infrastructure Priorities” (filed with Council). This document identified an Extremely High Priority (Replace Existing Septic System which is failing at the community hall), High Priorities (Create a facility development and maintenance plan for existing structures; well/water treatment improvements; long-term recreation facilities plan for the community; Second Road Access) and Medium Priorities (Skating Rink Roof, Outside Storage Facility, Firesmart). The document also identified longer term projects that are a high priority – local water delivery, Taku Subdivision second access, Pennycook creek road – and a medium priority – health care services, seniors housing, expanded public use areas with river access).
- **YESAB Quarry Renewal at Tagish Lake:** Some discussion about this issue. Councillor Edzerza said that CTFN was strongly opposed to renewal, due to historical issues and the issue of caribou habitat. Randy Taylor said the RRC had made a submission, and that the LAC had sent letters in agreement with the RRC in the past. The deadline for comment had passed the night of April 5 (**April 7 YESAB issued an extension of the deadline period for comment extended to April 18**).
- **Yukon Wildfire Smoke Response Guidelines:** There was some discussion that there had been a working group formed to create guidelines on wildfire smoke. The primary issue for Tagish and wildfires is evacuation in the event of a significant wildfire.
- **AYC Survey on Legalization of Marijuana:** AYC is forwarding a survey from the BC Union of Municipalities. It was suggested that council members do the survey.

Old Business

- **Tagish Water Delivery:** Initially, water delivery in Tagish was conducted by CTFN for their elders but it evolved into a service that many more people want and utilize, and the First Nation is not interested/not equipped to provide this expanded service. And the new YG Tagish water facility is not equipped for bulk delivery. A survey was sent to Tagish residents by email to ask questions about whether they used water delivery, were interested in receiving water delivery, size of tank, water need and what they paid. 24 completed the survey – 11 currently receiving water delivery and 11 saying they did not but were interested. Carolyn Moore says the information is being compiled, that YG is talking to the LAC, CTFN, and conversations are happening on what to do for the future. She also advised that CTFN’s priority is their own citizens and it is not YG’s responsibility to provide water delivery. CTFN has a good fill station and there might be an option for a commercial operator to use their facility for a fee.
- **Local Government Leadership Forum – June 22:** AYC is organizing this forum. The cost is \$200 per person. Could be a good session for interested councillors or the council administrator.
- **TAC/EMS/Fire Dept – Dog Issue Update:** In Fire Chief Pyper’s report the issue of unruly dogs was discussed and the impact on first responders’ safety/emergency management. The

discussion at this stage turned to other issues. Carolyn Moore said that there is some discussion of zoning for number of dogs on a property through the Local Area Planning process, but that existing owners would be “grandfathered” in. Carolyn said she would be meeting with Animal Protection Officer Jay Lester about hiring a roving dog catcher that goes to multiple communities (rural communities have had difficulty hiring and retaining dog catchers). There was discussion of the value of spay and neuter clinics coming to rural communities. It was discussed that at the February LAC Forum, the 5 LACs asked about updating the Dog Act and committed to drafting a letter together in support of this. It was suggested that Bonnitta and Leslie Kerr write to the Minister of Environment (cc’ing Minister of Community Services) to modernize the Dog Act and that such a letter include issues raised by the 5 LACs at the forum.

- **Letter from Minister of Environment:** A letter was received from the Minister of Environment instructing the ADM to meet with Council to discuss the matter of the Day Use Area. It was discussed that Myron contact ADM Alan Koprowsky and, should he not be available, Donna Milne on this matter.

Reports: Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for February was presented and discussed.

- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$640.00
TCA	Hall rental (month)	\$150.00
AYC	Travel expenses	\$183.09
	Total	\$973.09

- Schedule B: was approved and signed

Correspondence: All correspondence previously discussed

Question Period: Nothing in addition

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 8:36pm
- Next meeting 7pm, May 3, 2017

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