

Tagish Advisory Council  
Monthly Public Council Meeting  
December 6, 2018 @ 7.00pm.  
MINUTES

**Call to Order:** 7:12pm

**Attendance:**       Bonnitta Ritchie (Chair)  
                          Boyd Pyper  
                          Cheryl Goulet  
                          Rick Halladay

**Adoption of Amended Agenda** (Moved Boyd Pyper / Seconded Cheryl Goulet)

There was a discussion of Rick Halladay needing to be sworn in

**Adoption of Minutes from November 2018** (M Cheryl / S Boyd)

**Delegations**

**RCMP Monthly Report**

- October and November reports received by council
- No RCMP member present

**LAP/HPA Update**

- Paul Dabbs not present

**Community Services** advisor (Kirsten Sylvestre, new Community Advisor)

- Tagish has a new community advisor, Kirsten Sylvestre

**New Business**

**LAC Forum / AYC / Municipal Board (Next LAC Forum in February 2019)**

- Nov 15 LAC training. Cheryl, Boyd and Bonnitta attended from the TAC.
- Dec 1 AYC Orientation (Bonnitta is the new LAC rep on the AYC; Joanne Smith – Marsh Lake LAC – is alternate). The next meeting will be in March in Whitehorse. Some discussion about Tagish hosting a future AYC meeting.
- Discussion of LAC powerpoint and comparative budgets (document filed with council)
- There was a discussion about alternative forms of local government (in-between model with more than LAC powers but less than a municipality).
- There was some discussion about Carcross where the lack of municipal government has meant there is no business licensing, including tourism related companies (dog mushing, paragliding). Boyd said there may be a desire for some form of regulatory structure for wilderness tourism operators, as there is lots of camping in wilderness areas (eg. Windy Arm, Carcross desert)
- Minister Streicker said that Marsh Lake has major sewage lagoon problems after someone dumped oil in lagoon and killed it
- There was a discussion of Ministerial Council on Solid Waste recommendations

**Draft Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan (Boyd reported)**

- Hunting of grizzlies along the roadside has been a controversial issue in Southern Lakes from a public safety, tourism and ethical perspective. The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board (YF&WMB) has created a draft conservation plan (Consultation closed Dec 3)
- A public meeting was held in Tagish with 50 people in attendance. A survey said 75% favoured banning roadside hunting.
- The draft plan has been described as vague, which has led to some dissension.
- The draft plan is developed by a group including a representative of the YF&WMB, YG and First Nations. Next stage in process: tweak the plan then to Board, then to Minister of Environment
- There was lots of discussion, including about who will be the local authority if there is a ban on roadside hunting? (in Tagish, the local management unit is not the RRC, it's outfitter.
- Minister Streicker said there is a good likelihood the issue of roadside hunting of Southern lakes bears will be part of next regulatory review (2019). Minister Streicker will get TAC some language from the last time this issue was reviewed (2014) if TAC wants to take a position (eg. On size of corridor, distance from road)
- Boyd will be attending YF&WMB meetings on behalf of TAC and gather info to help TAC formulate an opinion.
- There was lots of discussion on this issue. Bonnitta said it was a public safety issue (lots of home by the highway). Minister Streicker said that more bears are destroyed because of human attractions, than hunted (Wildwise group can help make communities more bear aware). Rick said that bears are getting less scared of humans with greater contact, and the last time there was a moratorium on grizzlies, the moose population went down.

### **Review of Animal Protection and Control Framework**

- This Yukon Government review covers rules pertaining to feral animals, pets, Dog Act, exotic animals, etc. in order to make changes to the law and regulations for fall 2019
- Bonnitta contacted YG and invited them to hold a public meeting in Tagish. 35 people attended, and organizers said it was the best meeting. The RCMP were invited. Shelley Cuthbert attended.
- In attendance: Dr. Mark Cattet, Chief veterinarian officer
- Dr. Michelle Thompson, Program veterinarian
- Arnell Lindskog-Wheeler, Animal Health Unit
- Erin Loxam, communications, Public Engagement
- Bonnitta, Cheryl, Boyd attended from TAC
- A separate meeting will be held with dog mushers

### **Municipal Board**

- Minister Streicker explained recent changes to the Yukon Municipal Board. The Board reviews bylaws, hears appeals. YG has put in place term positions, the requirement for minutes of meetings to be posted publicly, and terms of reference developed.
- Wes Wirth is the new AYC rep, replacing Eric Stinson, who was AYC rep for 20 years.
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### **YG Climate Change, Energy, Green Economy Strategy**

- TAC received a letter from YG asking if we wanted to meet by Dec 17 on the consultation on revising the Climate Change, Energy and Green Economy Strategy – which are 10 years old.
- Boyd said these are massive subjects that will require a lot of digging around, reading and discussing.
- TAC decided the best course of action was to publicize these consultations to the Tagish community via email.

### **TCA Donation**

MOTION That TAC contribute \$500 to the Tagish Community Association for the Tagish Senior's Dinner (M Cheryl / S Boyd)

MOTION That TAC contribute \$250 to the Tagish Community Association for Family Christmas Dinner (M Boyd/ S Cheryl)

**Infrastructure Update**

- Minister Streicker reported that the Curry Road extension was happening, and that a piped water project in Carcross costing \$30-\$37 million was likely not happening.
- There was some discussion about CTFN's water delivery

**Old Business:**

**Aging in Place / Learning for Life**

- As a follow up to Tagish's Aging in Place gathering, Bonnitta had written to Barbara Adel about additional programs available for seniors

**California Beach clean up**

- Minister Streicker said that YG EMR would be doing a follow up on who has responsibility to clean up metal from dilapidated docks, oil drums, etc. on California Beach

**Financial:**

- New Council banking signing authority
- Leslie Kerr / Corey Edzerza – new cheque cut as original is now stale-dated (2017)
- Bank Reconciliation for October
- Invoices to be Paid:
  - i. Andrew Whittaker admin work (Nov 2018) 400.00
  - ii. TCA rent 200.00
  - iii. Council honoraria

**Correspondence:**

**Question Period:**

SKLAC Dec 20 7pm meeting. Likely at the Learning Centre. They extended an invitation to TAC We should invite other LACs to attend and vice versa.

Adjournment 913pm