

Tagish Advisory Council
Monthly Public Council Meeting
March 7, 2019 @ 7.00pm.
MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:33pm

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

Regrets: Myron Penner

Guests: Paul Dabbs

Administrator: Drew Whittaker

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

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

Adoption of Minutes from February 2019 (M Rick / S Bonnitta)

Delegations

RCMP Monthly Report

- February report received by council
- No RCMP member present at TAC meeting
- Council received emails from RCMP about involving Tagish in community diversion program, as well the Annual Performance Plan 2019-20 consultation begun

LAP/HPA Update (Paul Dabbs)

- Paul reported the first draft of HPA was completed It needs to go to Canada, Yukon, CTFN before it is finalized and released to the public. If everything goes well, the plan would be presented at a special meeting with TAC in June, prior to public release
- On the LAP: Lands Branch and CTFN have 2 issues. Paul did not believe that a draft plan will come out in same timeframe as HPA
- There was some discussion about the role of TAC especially with HPA implementation, and the need for TAC to listen to residents before it decides its role

TVFD Report

- No news

Community Services Advisor

- Kirsten Silvestre sent her regrets

New Business

LAC Forum (Feb 20 at Carcross Learning Centre)

- Bonnitta and Cheryl attended on behalf of TAC
- All communities were present except Ibex Valley
- A Conservation Officer (Dave) said that 7% of bear kills were nearby a roadside. He said a survey said 42% wanted roadside hunting banned. There was a discussion about problems with the survey. Bonnitta said that the bulk of attendees at the LAC Forum favoured a roadside hunting ban. Tamara Grantham, CTFN Conservation Officer, spoke about protecting First Nations hunting rights
- Several other speakers presented on a diversity of topics: Chris Evans from Environmental Programs (on waste management); Jenna Rooney, Mosquito Control application (most communities have opted out); Roy Nielson, Land Planning Branch
- Bonnitta raised with Minister Streicker the second water tank for the hall, whether a CTFN representative would be appointed to TAC anytime soon, about the second access road.
- The wildland fire scenario in June was also discussed
- SKLAC members spoke about the issues with tourism and licensing of operators in Carcross. SKLAC is giving thought to Carcross being incorporated or forming a non-profit community development corporation. SKLAC is looking at doing a feasibility study for a multiplex building
- Bonnitta reported that some LACs are looking at their ward systems, that other communities have water problems, that Marsh Lake's sewage lagoon was ruined by someone dumping waste oil in it
- Cheryl reported that from the waste management presentation, there is a big push for tipping fees.

AYC Report (Bonnitta – LAC rep on AYC)

- Yukon Government gave a waste management presentation. There was talk of making plastic bags cost 25 cents, and of expanding tipping fees, which would start in “peripheral” communities (Tagish, Marsh Lake, Carcross), then extend to outlying communities.
- Not all communities have gates, cameras, or scales, and some infrastructure upgrades will likely be necessary to implement tipping fees.
- TAC will likely field questions, complaints about tipping fees
- There was also a presentation by Property Assessment and Taxation Branch, and a presentation on homelessness

AYC AGM Haines Junction (May 9-12)

- Bonnitta will be attending. Cost is \$400 to register. Deadline to register is April 26. Deadline for resolutions is March 22

AYC Auction

- TAC discussed some options for a donation from Tagish as a contribution to the AYC fundrasier

AYC Membership Fees

- AYC is looking for LACs to bring forward a recommendation on fees which are currently \$500 a year for LACs
- Boyd said it is important for TAC be at the AYC table especially with big things like LAP, HPA – -- and we might want technical support from AYC down the road, but he asked what we get for our money.

School Bus Safety

- Myron wrote a letter to Minister Streicker. Yukon Government has recently increased the fines for passing a school bus that is stopped.

ORV Regulations Proposed

- Bonnitta will ask Yukon Government to hold a public meeting at the community hall, on a weekday evening.

Water Tank – Community hall

- Bonnitta wrote a letter of support for the community hall to receive a second water tank as the current system is inadequate when there are many hall users/big events

Mosquito Control Program

- Email blast went out looking for volunteers (a requirement for participation). No one responded, so it was decided to withdraw. Tagish may re-apply next year. Some Southern Lakes communities have opted out due to residents' environmental concerns

Roadside Clearing

- Cheryl was concerned with tree stands/brush that are blocking views at key intersections – by the dump; at Reid Road. Rick says the same issue exists at Tagish Estates. Bonnitta will email Kirsten.

Old Business

TAC passed the following motion supporting a roadside hunting ban:

MOTION: While respecting First Nation harvest rights, the Tagish Advisory Council supports a non-resident and licensed hunting ban along the highway in our community. (M Boyd Pyper/ S Cheryl Goulet)

Financial

- Bonnitta reported that Councillors need to go back to sign more documents at the bank for signing authority changes

TAC passed the following motion increasing councillor honoraria:

MOTION: I move that effective, April 1st, 2019, the honoraria for Council members to attend the regular monthly Council meeting be increased from \$75.00 per Councillor to \$100.00 per Councillor. The Chair of the meeting will continue to receive an additional \$25.00 at the regular monthly meeting, for a total of \$125.00. (M Boyd / S Rick)

TAC passed a motion to approve the 2019-20 budget:

MOTION: That Council approve the following budget for 2019-20 totalling \$14,876 in expenses broken down as follows

\$4,800 for Administrative Services

\$700 for Administrative Expenses including printing costs

\$2,000 for Meeting Space Rental

\$5,876 for Council Honoraria/Expenses

\$1,000 for Travel

\$500 for Membership in the Association of Yukon Communities

(M Boyd / S Rick)

- Bank Reconciliation for February 2019 presented
- Schedule of expenditures for 2018-19 discussed

Adjournment 933pm