

Tagish Advisory Council
Monthly Public Council Meeting
July 4, 2019 @ 7.00pm.
MINUTES

Call to Order 7:09pm

Attendance: Bonnitta Ritchie (Chair)
Cheryl Goulet
Rick Halladay

Regrets: Myron Penner

Adoption of Agenda (moved Rick / seconded Cheryl)

Motion approved to adopt Minutes from May 2019 (moved Rick / seconded Cheryl)

Motion approved to adopt Minutes from June 2019 (moved Cheryl / seconded Rick)

Delegations

RCMP Monthly Report

- May and June reports filed – no officers present

Dave Albisser, Yukon Government Community Services Operations

- Dave Albisser came to Council meeting to tell people about changes to solid waste management in unincorporated municipalities, namely that there would be tipping fees at all waste management facilities (by March 2021). The first phase, to be implemented by March 2020, includes facilities in the Whitehorse periphery (includes Tagish and other Southern Lakes sites). Tipping fee money will go into general Yukon Government revenues.
- There are some improvements planned at Tagish Transfer Station, but Dave didn't have specifics
- YG is also looking at changes to deal with single use bags, waste oil
- Fees for residential waste at Whitehorse facility are \$100 per ton, but there are volume-based measurements (eg. by a truckload) and a fee schedule for items
- Cheryl raised a number of concerns from Tagish:
 - o concerned with high fees for a small garbage bag (need to eliminate attractants)
 - o that recycling bins are full and aren't trucked out in a timely manner
 - o the need for some improvements in order to deal with tipping fees
 - o need to post proper signage
 - o problems with tendering on transfer station management (Dave said the issue was a cut and paste error)
- Paul Dabbs said there was a need to get the public behind these changes, and without proper consultation it would be a hard sell to get the public on side paying a fee. Paul said there is a need to get the fee/fee structure and system right as we don't want to encourage people to stockpile garbage or throw more stuff in garbage. Paul said that a flat rate/monthly service charge would be far easier to manage. He asked if there were studies on how fees work in unincorporated areas.
- Dave said YG was looking at options like a punch card for people who bring one bag at a time, that they wanted to avoid using cash, and might use a coupon system. Bonnitta said that a lot of Tagish residents don't have access to a computer, and there is no territorial agent, so payment systems need to account for this.

- Bonnitta said there is a need for everyone to be informed of changes and suggested YG host an Open House and send mailouts
- Dave said there is no decision to eliminate single use bags in Yukon, but Yukon would likely to go with NWT policy which sets price at 25 cents per bag and has led to a 70% reduction in bags (money goes to GNWT for recycling). Currently in Yukon, all fees for bags go to retailer.
- Dave said there was a communications plan to talk to Yukoners about changes, and YG is working on better communication and using the TIPP line to get info from the public on illegal dumping
- Rick said as packaging has increased, we need to use biodegradable packaging

Blair Hogan, Jess Steffen and James Smith, Carcross Community Comprehensive Plan

- Blair and Jess work for Gunta Business and are conducting a federally-funded “comprehensive plan” for the CTFN traditional territory. It is a two-year long process; there is a branded logo; it is “well funded”
- Their launch event attracted 200 people to Carcross. (Another public event is planned for Carcross with a shuttle bus to pick people up in Tagish). Blair is from Teslin, which is in year 6 of their comprehensive plan. He cited the biomass energy project as one of the results of comprehensive planning.
- This planning exercise is a pilot project that they hope will be replicated in other First Nations with and without final agreements.
- They have met with all the LACs in the traditional territory (Tagish, SKLAC, Mount Lorne, Marsh Lake)
- There is a steering committee for planning, and they offered a seat for TAC (Bonnitta will attend). 9 person steering committee composed of 4 CTFN representatives, 1 from development corporation, and 4 spaces for LACs
- Bonnitta said that TAC has long had a seat for a CTFN member to attend
- There are monthly meetings and a budget to cover travel costs.
- 9am, Wed, August 7th – next meeting (2 hour meeting) in Carcross. They would like to meet outside of Carcross in the future.
- Elder and youth retreat happening (not just for CTFN citizens) – Aug 9-11 Skookie’s Camp
- Other items in their workplan:
 - o Developing a survey
 - o Making a documentary film
 - o Information Fair
- James Smith from CTFN said other LACs got excited about land use / shore development. That the plan would be an ongoing process with an annual event to come together and update the plan. He said Tagish was more closely linked to Carcross.

LAP/HPA Update (Paul Dabbs)

- More delays mean the processes are into their fifth year. The draft plan of the HPA has been approved by Canada and CTFN but YG is delaying bringing it to cabinet and LAP is on hold

Subdivision Application

- TAC received a subdivision application that was deemed outside of TAC’s boundaries and in SKLAC’s area
- It was raised by Paul that though this was outside of TAC’s boundaries, Council could still comment particularly if there were implications for the Southern Lakes caribou herd

TVFD Report

- No report

Community Services advisor Kirsti Devries

- Whitehorse and Southern Lakes Forest Management Plan is under consultation. Planners would like to hold an open house and BBQ in Tagish, which could be July 24, 25, 30. Tagish Community Association is making arrangements with planners
- Comments can be made about the Plan through engageyukon website

New Business:

Recreation area/boat launch

- Bonnitta talked to the ice cream vendor by the bridge, who said the single outhouse is old, not maintained or cleaned by YG (though it is the responsibility of Yukon Parks), and she even gets bothered by tourists wanting toilet paper. Bonnitta said Tagish could use a new concrete outhouse at this location
- Bonnitta said previously YG was looking at purchasing land to make safety and environmental improvements to the area, but nothing has happened
- Kirsti offered to look into it
- Possible action: letter to Environment Minister Frost from TAC

Yukon Government responses to AYC resolutions

- YG responses distributed to Council

Old Business:

California Beach cleanup

- Cleanup happened but the contractor left a mess. It was suggested that Myron talk to MLA Streicker

Vacancy on TAC

- Council received one email of interest from a new resident. He was encouraged to attend Council meetings and talk to councillors.

Financial:

- Bank Reconciliation not prepared for May (Drew)
- Invoices to be Paid:

i. Andrew Whittaker admin work (June 2019)	400.00
ii. TCA rent (July 2019)	200.00

Correspondence:

- July 16 Biz Chat event in Carcross. This event and other upcoming activities at CTFN and Carcross Yukon College campus were distributed through Mailchimp

Adjournment 9:14pm