

Tagish Local Area Plan - Planning Committee Meeting - #8 Notes

Thursday, October 29, 2015, 6 pm – 9 pm. at Tagish Community Hall

Present: Bill Barrett Sr., Paul Dabbs, Corey Edzerza (for Patrick James), Vicki Hancock, Adam Winters

Regrets: Martin Allen, Patrick James

Technical Staff Zoë Morrison (Urban Systems), Doris Dreyer (GC/TFN), Tomoko Hagio (YG)

***Next meeting:* November 26, Thursday, 2015**

Note prepared by Tomoko Hagio

1. Opening Prayer

Meeting started at 6:00 pm. Doris gave an opening prayer.

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

3. Habitat Protection Area Planning Process Update

HPA steering committee met with YG Land Management on water lot lease/dock and YG Water Resources. Their next meeting will invite YG Fisheries. A public engagement is planned for early December or mid-January.

Tomoko shared an idea that LAP and HPA committees to have an casual “meet and greet.” Committee agreed.

- Tomoko will coordinate with HPA steering committee.

4. Survey Results

The summary document was posted on website after the survey was concluded. C/TFN-only responses was given to Doris.

5. Vision and Guiding Principles

The earlier draft was developed based on the input from the initial survey results and presented at Tagish Planning Week events. Tonight’s draft is the most popular vision statement with some changes.

Discussion.

Vision

- There was a strong desire towards more connection and activities in Tagish by young people at the Carcross meeting. A vision should be about future – building upon what we have.
- Wording: “maintain” the connection with the past, “build” a sense of community. “vibrant” rural community. “Rekindle” culture/connection to Tagish.
- Some residents have resentment towards First Nation culture and “city people” coming to live in Tagish, with “city culture” (planning and zoning).

Values

- Format – should all be statements that read “Tagish residents and C/TFN citizens value (list)”
- C/TFN citizens in Tagish may feel left out from the rest of the First Nation as most of the activities and services are in Carcross.

- There is long history of Tagish being a centre of all First Nation people. Need to note the importance of Tagish in a regional context – Southern Lakes. c.f. inter-tribal watershed council (?)
- Economic activities – reword to say there's support for the opportunities to make a living in a home setting (within Tagish) – local economy.
- Importance of using the words people wrote/said – to give ownership of the plan/process. Except the use of “freedom” has too much un-desirable/intended connotation. – use other words to capture the idea of independence, diversity, etc. (independent vs self sufficiency. Self sufficiency could be interpreted as having everything (hotels, big grocery store, etc.)
- Use of “heritage” makes it more about past – use “culture” only.
- First Nation heritage and local culture should be separate items.

Guiding Principles

- Doris suggested adding “in accordance with management policies of C/TFN”
- Zoë will revise according to the input. Further comments can be sent directly to Zoë.

6. Review of Background Report

Discussion:

- Include existing well's water quality concern. (Lake water as drinking water sources – was considered but not chosen by YG.) A new well is supposed to be in operation by mid-December.
- Environment section information sources: mostly from EDI. Zoë asked the committee to let her know if anything is missing,
- Add information on: invasive species (from boats), some species (e.g. humming birds, flying squirrels, etc.) that have been seen here can be mentioned, along with other iconic or unique species (caribou, swan, etc.)
- Information about moose has to be corrected – that they over winter in Tagish.
- Caribou information – should note that it has not been hunted for the past XX years as part of the recovery efforts.
- Key topics like docks, water lot lease information, public access to beach/water, overlap with HPA process etc. are missing. Zoë clarified that they will be part of discussion paper topics.
- Service by C/TFN – both water and sewer (truck out) provided for all Tagish residents.
- There is an emergency response plan; private airstrip & safety concern.
- Elders' trapping lines within 5 km radius from the bridge (same in Carcross).
- Climate change information (listed in the proposal) not included – it will likely be part of more general information (water level rise – impact on basement, future development, etc.)
- Trails were not mapped – detailed map not available (the planning process only uses existing data/information).
- Dog mushers building trails on CTFN land – information has to be clarified; mention Tagish Road is part of Trans Canada trail.
- Tomoko will compile comments from Vicki, Paul, and YG departments and give them to Zoë.
- Doris will forward input from C/TFN after November 6 internal deadline.
- Zoë will revise according to the input.

7. Next Steps

Outstanding Tagish Planning Week events – Youth event, Elders' Tea, Carcross meeting.

Youth meeting – Value in reaching out farther, but the focus/priority is Tagish kids.

- Zoë will plan a session at “Catch Kids” program on a Thursday at Tagish Community Hall. Also do a session at Carcross school. Doris and Zoë to coordinate with the Carcross school.
- Extra outreach (survey) by Doris to kids at Gadzoosdaa. Vicki/Paul may be able to help reaching those who have left Tagish for Whitehorse etc.

Elders' Tea

There are approximately 6 Elders live in Tagish. Intent of the meeting/input is unclear. One of the planned events for Tagish Planning Week. C/TFN may host a separate meeting with the Elders.

- Doris will see if Tagish local area plan can be put on to the Elders' meeting agenda on December 9.
- Tomoko will check if YG can provide food for Elders' meeting.

8. Next Meeting

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- Review Discussion Papers (on select topics, present general policy options to see how public sees the approach). Draft will be sent out by November 19 at the latest.

9. Closing Prayer

Doris closed the meeting at 9 pm.

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Zoë

- revise the documents according to the input. Further comments can be sent directly to Zoë.
- plan a session at “Catch Kids” program on a Thursday at Tagish Community Hall. Also do a session at Carcross school. Doris and Zoë to coordinate with the school.

Tomoko

- coordinate with HPA steering committee.
- compile comments from Vicki, Paul, and YG departments and give them to Zoë.
- check if YG can provide food for Elders' meeting.

Doris

- forward input from C/TFN after November 6 internal deadline.
- and Zoë to coordinate with the Carcross school.
- see if Tagish local area plan can be put on to the Elders' meeting agenda on December 9.

Others

- Extra outreach (survey) by Doris to kids at Gadzoosdaa. Vicki/Paul may be able to help reaching those who have left Tagish for Whitehorse etc.