

## **Tagish Local Area Plan - Planning Committee Meeting - #7 Notes**

*Thursday, October 15, 2015, 6 pm – 9 pm. at Tagish Community Hall*

*Present:* Martin Allen, Bill Barrett Sr., Paul Dabbs, Vicki Hancock, Patrick James, Adam Winters

*Regret:*

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

*Next meeting:* October 29, 2015

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### **1. Opening Prayer**

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

### **2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

Approved with a change to C/TFN engagement events action item.

### **3. Change to Planning Team**

Urban Systems closed the Whitehorse office. Dylan from Kamloops office is joining as a project manager, and although no longer an employee at Urban Systems, Zoë will be staying on the project as a subcontractor.

Discussion:

- It is a significant (and unexpected change) change to the proposal. Given the magnitude, there is still an option of terminating the contract with Urban Systems.
- If the planning committee needs more meetings to discuss issues, that will be accommodated. If they require the consultant to attend, that will have to be discussed between Urban Systems and YG.
- Committee members noted the importance of keep moving forward with the process; working together as a group; and benefit/appreciation of having Zoë on the project team. Zoë would like to see the process follows the proposed schedule and wrap up by spring/summer 2016.
- The planning team apologized that the meeting materials were not distributed too close to the meeting date. Meeting materials have to be distributed to the committee members before the meeting - minimum 2 weeks and agenda 1 week

### **4. Recap of Tagish Planning Week**

Brief review of the events during the Tagish Planning Week. Zoë noted that a meeting with C/TFN Youth still needs to happen.

Discussion:

- Challenge of reaching to kids/youths who live in Tagish. Maybe reach Tagish kids going to Yukon College.
- Activity options depend on the target age group – “future of Tagish” poster, “mayor/chief for a day” platform speech writing, group discussion, reaching youths who attends Yukon College, host an event in Tagish and provide pizzas, etc.
- Zoë/Dylan/Jane and Doris will have further discussions for the activities, timing, etc.
- Patrick and Bill recounted Tagish as an important gathering place for all First Nations in the region (Champagne to Tlingit)

- Doris will coordinate with Patrick and Bill about gathering input from the C/TFN Elders.
- Initial survey's results were not included in the report. (note: they are available at the website)

## 5. Background Report Review

Zoë explained that the document itself will be separate from the Plan and only the key information from the report will be included in the Plan (likely as an appendix). Some input and review by C/TFN is still needed.

- Doris and Tomoko will coordinate with respective government staff and provide information/ feedback.

Population statistics –numbers vary depending on the sources.

- Other sources of information: school kids who take the bus to Carcross; Community Services' study (not public); recreation funding formula; active mail box, C/TFN citizen data, etc..
- Population of Tagish would likely continue to increase – especially if more lots are made available.
- It is noted that population information and projection can vary greatly from the reality and not a crucial information for the Plan policies.
- Doris will look into the numbers of C/TFN citizens who live in Tagish.
- Tomoko to look into the detailed demographic projection study Community Services, YG conducted.

Environment – a lot of information –details feed into land use designation and policies

- It coincides with what community values.
- Discrepancy between the local and traditional knowledge and the range assessment study recommendations.
- Review by the committee will provide the local knowledge (e.g. Moose habitat, flying squirrels, old mink farms, grayling and whitefish in “unnamed creek” etc.) and identify needs for clarifications (e.g. “order” of the streams (pg. 17).)
- Caribou habitat information –C/TFN does not support the conclusion of the range assessment report prepared by Yukon Environment. Need to be careful about what information/recommendation to use in the plan and include C/TFN in the discussion. Could invite Environment Yukon, RRC for discussion; and make this one of the discussion paper topics.
- It was noted that the importance of caribou is recognized by all Yukoners.

Connection between the background information and the plan

- Information gathered will be used to what future land use should occur where and how (process of elimination of sensitive areas, etc.). Many YG plans use “land suitability map” to identify developable areas.
- The level of detail available for Tagish is not at a scale that is useful to identify exact location(s) for development. Plan policy can address further study requirements prior to development, such as much detailed, separate field work, etc.

Southern Lakes storage enhancement concept

- Information presented as provided by ATCO and explains the status. More context has to be added.

Other

- Update the report re: OIC for Tagish Local Advisory Council signed.
- Zoë will prepare a version without draft Vision and Guiding Principles for government review.

## **6. Discussion paper topics**

See item 7 below.

## **7. Draft Table of Contents for the Plan**

Zoë/Dylan proposed a modified approach to the next steps – to prepare a draft plan and narrow down discussion paper topics, instead of the proposed process of doing discussion papers first. It will be easier to keep the appropriate level of detail for the local area plan – “50,000 ft” approach. Also it would be less likely to miss basic information to be included in the background report.

Discussion:

- Typical document review process – internal YG and C/TFN check before forwarding on to the planning committee. Given that the document is more about facts and information, government and the committee reviews can occur concurrently without requiring another round of review.
- Concern about keep changing the process – should stick to the proposal.
- Forward everyone the updated process flow-chart/work plan.

## **8. Next steps**

Best way to compile input is committee members to send/discuss their input with the technical staff (Doris and Tomoko), who will consolidate and give directions to Urban Systems/Zoë. CTFN committee members will provide comments at the meeting.

## **9. Next Meeting**

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- Vision and Guiding Principles at the next meeting.
- Discussion on some topics on the background report if identified through review.
- Review next steps/process.

## **10. Closing Prayer**

Patrick closed the meeting at 9 pm.

## **ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY**

- Add Tagish River HPA process update on standing agenda item.
- Zoë/Dylan/Jane and Doris will have further discussions for the activities, timing, etc.
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