

Tagish Advisory Council
Monthly Public Council Meeting
May 3, 2017 @ 7.00pm.
MINUTES

Present: Bonnitta Ritchie

Regrets: Rick Halladay, Kathleen Ayers, Corey Edzerza

Administrator: Drew Whittaker

Delegates: JP Cormier, Carcross RCMP

Guests: Paul Dabbs

1. Call to Order 7:10pm

No quorum

2. Adoption of Agenda

Paul Dabbs suggested in light of recent earthquakes that emergency measures be discussed.

3. Adoption of Minutes from April 5, 2017

Minutes tabled and will be debated when there is quorum

4. Delegations

JT Cormier, RCMP

5. New Business:

Carcross RCMP Monthly Report

Carcross detachment responded to 61 calls during April, 2017 – 2 in Tagish. Court was held in Carcross on April 25th and went smoothly. RCMP had a major presence at the April 13 – 17 Fraser Summit snowmobiling event, and several charges were laid under the Motor Vehicles Act in both Yukon and BC. In partnership with EMS and the Fire Department, Carcross RCMP is holding a Police Week BBQ 12 noon, Tuesday, May 23rd.

RCMP requesting assistance from the public on April 4 fire in Choutla Village of old staff residence; April 22 a silver Toyota Yaris parked in Choutla Subdivision had a rock thrown at the windshield, damaging it.

2017/18 Carcross Detachment Annual Performance Plan was presented. The Plan identifies 3 objectives:

1. Police/Community Relations – Police Visibility. To this end, RCMP have attended youth events in Carcross. More patrols are planned.
2. Traffic Safety – Speeding. All officers have completed the radar course.

3. Restorative Justice – Increased Use of Diversionary Programs. Officers met with Cheryl Wilcox, restorative justice worker at CTFN.

There was some discussion about problem partying in Tagish during the Victoria Day long weekend (May 22) and during highschool grad season.

Earthquakes – Emergency Services

Paul Dabbs said the CBC FM tower has no backup generator so when there is a power outage (as there was during the earthquake event) there is no CBC service. Paul suggested this issue be raised with Community Services Minister Streicker.

LAP/HPA update

Paul reported that though there was nothing scheduled, there would hopefully be a Local Area Plan community meeting in the next month or two. Paul described the LAP process: first draft prepared by consultants (completed). This first draft is now with CTFN and YG for review to ensure the plan is not contrary to other laws, policies, etc. When this work is done, it will come back to the Steering Committee.

Council received emails on the issue of when mining claims conflict with Local Area Plans (Mount Lorne, Ibex Valley). It's a thorny issue -- which law is preeminent? What does it mean to Tagish? Paul doesn't think there are any placer claims in the Tagish LAP area, and there is one quartz claim on Jubilee Mountain (a project which went through the YESAA process).

Paul reported that the Habitat Protection Area (HPA) Steering Committee is meeting monthly, and might see first draft recommendations at next meeting. This process is entirely different than with LAP.

Paul said that both LAP and HPA will go out for public consultation when in draft form – probably at the same time.

AYC AGM in Faro, May 11-14 / Resolutions for debate / Auction item

No one from Council, nor the administrator, will be attending.

Bonnitta talked to Bev Buckway, Executive Director AYC, about the Haines Junction proposal to increase municipal terms to 4 years. Bev says any change wouldn't happen for a while as there is no *Municipal Act* review coming up soon. Bonnitta said she thought extending term length could discourage involvement.

Discussion about other resolutions at the AYC AGM: daylight savings time, economic development.

Bonnitta made a point about regional services and infrastructure needs in rural Yukon, and how it seems that Whitehorse gets a lot of attention compared to the communities. Bonnitta forwarded a document on shared services for debate at the June council meeting.

Future research: what was in the 2017-18 Yukon Government budget for Tagish?

Discussed auction item for AYC.

Tagish community sign

At the meeting, no one in attendance was sure of the location and cost of the Tagish community signs (with swan art) signs. Need to get details from Doug Heynen. Those in attendance generally liked the sign. Since the meeting, the permit documents came in revealing the two highway signs will be located at km 16.1 (Right Hand Side) and 26.6km (Left Hand Side) – both with a 10 metre offset.

YESAB Projects

Most information on projects submitted to YESAB that came through the council admin email were Teslin-based projects (eg. biomass, ditching, pedestrian/cycle trail). There was a spot land application east of Jake's Corner currently going through YESAB. There was some discussion that CTFN has been opposed to spot land applications on the grounds that these types of land developments are done in the absence of land use planning and they can diminish animal habit, thereby impacting hunting.

Mosquito Control

There was a discussion about mosquito control measures in Tagish, and that council had not heard from any contractor about the plan for the community. The chair made some inquiries and it was confirmed that

Tagish is in the program and the mosquito control team has been monitoring the weather conditions and larvae development. The team will likely be in the community in mid – to late May.

Reports to be tabled and discussed next council meeting

- Housing Action Plan 2017 Report
- Report: AYC Survey on Legalization of Marijuana

6. Old Business:

Dog Issue Update

Nothing to report

Tagish Infrastructure Priorities

Paul Dabbs reported that Minister Streicker met with members of the Tagish Community Association at the pancake breakfast. The Minister said the need for a new community centre was recognized, not a top priority, but something for the future. The Minister said to expect money for the septic system.

AYC Travel Insurance

The deadline passed on council paying for travel insurance through the AYC. There were still questions about the benefits of this coverage (and what in particular was covered). It was identified that it would be good to have some research into death insurance and workers' compensation coverage for council members and the administrator, particularly given all the driving to and from meetings.

Tagish Health and Wellness Fair

Doug Heynan (Tagish Community Association) previously put together a proposal that council fund the catering costs for the health and wellness fair for seniors. Council agreed in principle to contribute up to maximum of \$500 (with receipts). A formal motion is required to make this expenditure at the next meeting.

Previously, Council has funded Community Association events and activities including Canada Day, Senior's Dinner, Harvest Fair, and a Christmas children's event.

Day Use Area

Council corresponded with Yukon Department of Environment on issues with the day use area (aka. Tagish River Bridge recreation area). A meeting with Allan Koprowsky had been promised but no dates had been set (Paul Dabbs will attend the meeting on council's behalf). On May 19, 2017, council received this response from Dan Paleczny, Director, Yukon Parks Branch:

As some time has passed since Minister Frost wrote to you on February 10, 2017 about the Tagish River Bridge recreation area, I wanted to get in touch to provide a brief update and say that we haven't forgotten about this matter. In part, we've been very busy with the spring season that includes preparations to open the campgrounds and recreation sites. In addition, we've continued to collect information about the Tagish Bridge site and work with other departments. More work is required to better understand the many considerations involved in addressing the concerns.

We're not yet ready to set a meeting date, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at any point. Thanks for your patience.

Local Government Forum June 22 – Does anyone want to attend?

Info: <http://www.lgant.com/training/ayc-local-government-leadership-forum>

Financial:

- Bank Reconciliation for March
- Invoices to be Paid:

Name	Description	\$Amount
Andrew Whittaker	Admin Services	350.00
First Contact Design	Website	168.00
TCA	Hall rental (May)	150.00

7. Adjournment 855pm

Next Meeting Wed June 7, 7pm Tagish Community Hall