

**Tagish Advisory Council**  
**Monthly Public Council Meeting**  
**September 7, 2017 @ 7.00pm.**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Bonnitta Ritchie (chair)

**Regrets:** Myron Penner, Kathleen Ayers, Corey Edzerza, Leslie Kerr, Rick Halladay

**Administrator:** Drew Whittaker

**Delegations:** Carolyn Moore, Community Service, Yukon Government

**Guests:** Paul Dabbs  
Doug Heynen  
Paul Brisley  
Gayle Brisley  
Shelley Cuthbert

1. **Call to Order** 7:12pm
2. **Adoption of Agenda** (As there was no quorum, no agenda adopted)
3. **Adoption of Minutes** from June 7, 2017, July 5, 2017 (no quorum so minutes not adopted)
4. **New Business:**

**Carcross RCMP Monthly Report**

No officers present; August and July reports filed with council.

**LAP/HPA update**

Paul Dabbs reported that both draft documents are close to finalizing and he is hopeful they will come out this fall and go to public consultation. The parties to the LAP are CTFN and YG; for the HPA they are the Government of Canada, CTFN, YG. These parties will have to agree to the draft before they are released to the public.

**LAC Chairs Forum with Minister**

Myron Penner attended this meeting in July. Minutes of this meeting are filed with council. Carolyn Moore reported that YG Community Services, Community Affairs is researching different municipal/regional structures, and to expect another LAC forum in November Forum.

**Road Conditions**

**Pennycook Rd**

Bonnitta Ritchie read letter from Glanis Allen and Ralph Heynan (East 6 Mile River Association) to Minister of Highways and Public Works and MLA John Streicker, which argues:

- YG should maintain the road to the same state as other Tagish roads
- the road is in terrible condition (big rocks and potholes cause damage to vehicles)
- the road is used by 4 businesses, a lodge. 13 property owners all of whom pay the same property tax rate as other Tagish residents, but substandard service, no decent access to property.
- YG should get the road up to a standard for grading.

There was further discussion on this road. Doug Heynan said that YG has assumed a responsibility for the first 1-2 km, then conditions decline. Paul Dabbs said that YG has not formally accepted it as a responsibility, though they have done some minimal, ad hoc work. Tagish has applied under Rural Roads program in the past.

Doug Heynan further said that the community had been talking about Pennycook for 30 years. Isn't this, like water delivery, an essential service?

**Tagish Estate Road and sideroads** – roads have been graded

**Speed signs** still not working. Bonnitta emailed Carolyn who sent it on to HPW.

**Tagish River Rd:** Paul Brisley said that this road hasn't been brushed in a long time which blocks visibility of road signs.

### **Blue jug room**

There was a discussion of dog excrement and straw littering the blue jug room. There is a risk of contamination and this is a concern. Carolyn Moore said there is no surveillance and not plans to put up signs.

Opinions differed on whether people were washing their dogs in the blue jug room.

### **Access to properties by Emergency Services**

Bonnitta Ritchie provided background: that council sent an email blast in March at the request of EMS telling residents that first responders needed to be able to have access to properties and that unsecured dogs, livestock, and other risks could hamper response in the event of an emergency.

Shelley Cuthbert said she had made significant improvements to her property. Shelley shared important information with Paul Dabbs, who will pass on the info to the fire department.

Fire Prevention Week will be in October, and this is a good time to have this conversation about mitigating risks to responders in the event of emergencies with residents again.

### **Closure of outgoing mail box by Canada Post**

Canada Post announced it was closing the outgoing mail box for small parcels meaning residents would have to go to Carcross or Whitehorse to return these.

MLA Streicker was informed and he said he would talk to MP Bagnell as Canada Post is federal jurisdiction. A petition was circulated and will be at the community hall. Residents may also call 1-800-267-1177 Canada Post customer service to raise their concerns.

### **Erosion Control**

Doug Heynan is going through YESAB in order to control erosion on land adjacent to his property. He says there are about 40 lots with similar erosion issues on California Beach and other areas of Tagish Lake. The conundrum is that the eroded land is public land, not private land – though doing nothing about the public land can impact the property. Doug asked who is responsible for erosion control on Crown Land? If residents are responsible to protect it, there should be financial incentives.

Carolyn Moore said she would look into the issue for the community.

Paul Dabbs said the HPA process involves Tagish River (not Tagish Lake), and makes recommendations on activities to limit erosion, but nothing on the question of who is responsible for addressing erosion problems. Paul also said a previous rip rap project was not approved by YESAB

Doug Heynan said that Yukon Energy has a plan to mitigate erosion, which they will do only if they get approval on water storage.

### **AYC Resolutions (YG response)**

Yukon Government responded to AYC resolutions. Document filed with council.

### **Emergency Measures**

Carolyn Moore said a new EMO director was hired. After the recent earthquakes, it's important that communities have updated emergency plans

### **Cannabis**

Carolyn Moore said the YG survey on cannabis was the most popular survey to date. Deadline to participate is Sept 15.

### **Water Forum**

Some discussion about the Water Forum Sept 26-27 at Whitehorse. Council members are encouraged to attend.

## **5. Old Business:**

### **Day use area**

Carolyn Moore reported that YG has not made any decisions yet but there has been some movement – and buying up some property is being considered at the day use area.

There are 4 departments involved including Environment (Parks), Community Services, and EMR. YG is looking at a joint strategy to deal with all the boat launches in the Tagish area (with HPA input): CS manages 2 boat launches on California beach; CTFN has a boat launch.

### **Cell service**

Bonnitta Ritchie said that poor cell service in Tagish is a serious issue. It impacts employment and emergency response. The Penners were recently in the Yukon News on this issue.

Myron Penner continues to be the point person on council on this issue. In a Sept 5 email, Myron wrote that Bell engineers had performed some tests, realized there was a problem and that Tagish was now a priority. Myron was hopeful to see improvements in the coming months.

### **Infrastructure priorities**

Council received a letter from Marlene Jennings, YG Infrastructure Development, about submitting Tagish's priorities by Sept 29. April 2017 document (prepared by Doug and Paul) on priorities reflected survey results. It is focused on the community association's wishes, not the greater issue of what Tagish the community needs.

Carolyn Moore said council did not have to cost priorities.

Bonnitta Ritchie will send a response to Marlene Jennings informing YG that the April 2017 document reflects Tagish's priorities and is supported by council.

## **Tagish Water Delivery**

Carolyn Moore reported there was no update. She handed the file to Dave Albisser, new director of Community Operations, CS

### **6. Financial:**

- Bank Reconciliation for June, July presented
- Invoices to be Paid:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>\$Amount</b>
Andrew Whittaker	Admin Services (July, Aug)	700.00
Rick Halladay	Honoraria (July)	75.00
Bonnitta Ritchie	Honoraria (July-Sept)	200.00
TCA	Hall rental (Aug-Sept)	300.00

### **7. Adjournment 9:14pm**