

**Tagish Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
May 6, 2015 at the Community Hall**

Present: Paul Dabbs (Chair), Mike Bartsch, Rick Halladay, Bonnitta Ritchie

Regrets: Ted Adel, Corey Edzerza

Council Administrator: Randy Taylor

Guests: Donald Ford

Call to Order: 7:08pm

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Mike Bartsch

Seconded: Bonnitta Ritchie

Motion: Carried

Adoption of Minutes from April 1, 2015

Motion to adopt Minutes as presented:

Moved: Rick Halladay

Seconded: Paul Dabbs

Motion: Carried

Delegates: Geoff Peters

New Business:

- Carcross RCMP Detachment 2015 Priorities-Geoff Peters: the 2015 Year to Date Carcross Detachment Occurrence Summary document was presented and discussed. Geoff noted that of the 73 Carcross Detachment files to date, only 7 are Tagish area files. No Tagish concerns have been raised. Dog issue concerns have been raised in Carcross, as there is no dog control enforcement on settlement land. Drug trafficking is still an issue in Carcross.

Geoff made a presentation/review of the Annual Performance Plan (APP). He stated that nothing has changed much from last year's plan. The plan is developed to hold the RCMP accountable as well as to reflect the public priorities. The National priorities that affect the Carcross Detachment include:

- Aboriginal communities
- Youth at risk
- Organized crime e.g. drug trafficking remains an issue in Carcross
- National security e.g. the border crossing at Fraser

Yukon priorities include:

- First nation issues
- Crime reduction
- Youth at risk
- Vulnerable persons

Local priorities are established with consultation such as this meeting. These priorities include:

- Alcohol abuse
- Elder abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Police/community relations
- Traffic enforcement
- Drug abuse

The creation of the 2015 APP is done with 3-4 objectives. Goals are set which must be measurable in order to monitor success, for example:

- Crack trafficking: increased intelligence gathered, increased number of charges, revamped education process
- Impaired driving: increased number of check stops, increased number of charges, increased roadside suspensions
- Youth at risk: increased interactions and presentations in school
- Elder abuse: increased number of presentations to elders and senior groups

Geoff stated to Council that they are once again looking for input into this year's APP.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of members in Carcross. Although in BC the minimum number has been raised to 4 members, there is no indication that this will be the case in the Yukon; Carcross will remain at the minimum of 3 members. The standard is that 1 member is on shift and 1 on back up and able to respond within 20 minutes.

Geoff announced that he would be leaving Carcross in August for a posting in Teslin. Mike praised Geoff for his excellent service during his term in Carcross; Council agreed and thanked him for his service.

- LAC Forum (May 22) Agenda Items: the forum is a biannual meeting with LACs and the Minister. The new Minister of Community Services is Currie Dixon. Carolyn has put out the call for agenda items for the upcoming forum. A suggestion was put forward to put AYC and their representation of LACs on the agenda. Paul suggested that Carolyn be contacted directly for this and other agenda items. Other suggestions included dog issues and YG coordination of local contacts.
- Carcross Tagish RRC update-Randy:
 - Tagish River Habitat Protection Area (HPA)
 - Paul contacted the Dept. of Environment and was asked if a member of the LAC would like to sit in on the HPA Management Committee meetings.
 - The HPA Management Committee has been established with 3 CTFN, 2 YG, and 1 Federal representative. Only 1 meeting has been held so far. The Committee's first task is to work on how best to include the LAC, CTRRC, and the public in the management process.
 - There is a 2 year timeframe for the completion of the Management Plan
 - The RRC AGM was this past weekend. Two and a half days of RRC business and topics with governments and the Fish and Wildlife Mgt. Board. Topics included:
 - Yukon River Salmon Restoration-update from the Yukon Salmon Subcommittee.
 - RRC Resolution to urge use of hatcheries and other options for restoration
 - Yukon Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Trust Fund-overview of how it works and how to apply
 - CTRRC projects have been accepted/approved:
 - Southern Lakes Telegraph Wire recovery and Wolf Mgt./Conservation

- Problem Bear Relocation Issues-Teslin brought this forward.
 - Chris Gustafson, Director Conservation Officer Branch and Ramona, Bear Biologist Dept. Environment attended
 - RRCs recommended that Environment work closer with RRCs, FNs, Communities, and residents regarding bear issues and relocation.
 - 90% of problems are food (garbage) conditioned bears, relocation not very successful (bears return or perish)
- Off Road Vehicle Legislation:
 - YFWMB has requested an extension for comment, which was denied. RRCs drafted resolution to request an extension as RRC are mentioned as being the main instrument in recommending protection and rehabilitation areas. RRCs where not consulted on this.
- Wild (Thinhorn) Sheep Separation:
 - Education regarding disease (Pneumonia bacteria) transmitted from domestic sheep and goats.
 - The domestic animals are immune to this bacterium and show no symptoms. Wild sheep have no immunity and die of respiratory diseases. Contact i.e. touching noses transmit the bacterium.
 - RRCs passed a resolution recommending establishing overarching legislation to provide effective means of separation between wild and domestic sheep/goats to prevent the disease transmission.
- On the Land Gathering
 - CTRRC is once again hosting the gathering at Carcross Skookies camp on June 5-6
 - 4 regional RRCs, CTFN, YT and TRT FN are invited to attend
- Tagish 4G Cellular Upgrade: a letter from Stacey Hassard, Minister of Economic Development, was presented and discussed. The letter states that Tagish is scheduled to receive 4G cellular upgrade in October 2015. It was discussed that this information should be posted on the website and included in the community newsletter.

Old Business:

- Community Well: scheduled to be in operation by early June. Mike asked if any local people were being trained in the operation of the well. No locals are being trained as the system will be monitored and operated via computer from Whitehorse. There have not been any local operators for a number of years.
- OIC update: the Order is with the Minister for signature and should be signed off any day. This will affect the boundary and the upcoming municipal election process. An education process will be required so residents understand what changes the OIC will bring.
- Civic Addressing update: the YG has sent the letter to the 40% of the property owners who have not yet picked up their addressing signs.

- Local Area Planning update-Paul: the first public meeting will take place May 30th. This is the first opportunity for the public to find out what the process will be and how they can participate. There will be a number of meetings in the future including a “Planning Week” sometime over the summer. Intention is to finalize the plan perhaps next summer.

Financial:

- Reconciliation statement for March 2015 was presented and discussed.
- Invoices to be paid:

Name	Description	\$amount
Randy Taylor	Admin services	\$360.00
TCA	Hall rental (May)	\$150.00
	Total	\$510.00

The invoice sent to TAC for the website upgrade was forwarded to the Community Association for payment.

Correspondence: Correspondence was presented and discussed:

- Carolyn email- call for LAC Forum agenda items; previously discussed
- Stacey Hassard 4G Upgrade letter- previously discussed
- Municipality of Faro- Crane and Sheep Festival posters: Randy posted on TCA bulletin board
- Biomass Energy Strategy Consultation- Draft strategy

Adjournment:

- Meeting declared closed at 8:54pm
- Next meeting June 3rd