

Tagish Local Area Plan - Planning Committee Meeting - #1

Minutes

March 24, 2015

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

Technical Staff Zoë Morrison (Urban Systems), Doris Dreyer (CTFN), Tomoko Hagio (YG)

Observers: Nelson Lepine (CTFN), Frank James (CTFN), 3 other CTFN members

Next meeting: April 22 (Wednesday) or 23(Thursday)

Note prepared by: Tomoko Hagio

Meeting started at 6:40 pm. Patrick James opened the meeting.

1. Approval of notes from the last meeting.

Approved with changes to the last bullet under item 4 to clarify that this refers to the Carcross planning process. Correct Adam's last name as "Winters."

2. Introduction

Roundtable to respond to questions posed by Zoë "What is your interest in participating in this process?" "What makes this process a 'win' for you?"

- Forest fire is a major concern. Especially given the prevailing wind from the south in the summer, campfires not properly put-out, etc.
- It would be great if plan can address the issue of a second access to Taku subdivision.
- Wanted to have a "say" in what happens in the community.
- Planning processes give good direction because it addresses various sectors/interests. i.e. Un-coordinated land dispositions by YG can be avoided if a plan is done properly.
- Without coordinated development, animals and environment will be harmed.
- The plan should be implemented.
- Wanted to help CTFN with planning their lands in Tagish.
- Balanced, fair and equitable approach is important.
- Plan should respect everyone's interests as well as CTFN aboriginal rights and titles.
- People in Tagish can learn from each other through the process by talking to and understand each other, it would help make Tagish a (more cohesive) community.
- The plan will help the community make future decisions.

3. Reviewing Public Engagement Process and Schedule

Tagish Planning Week

- Intense and focused week has benefit to generate interests, excitement, ideas, etc. in the community. It would also allow the consultant team to be on the ground and learn about Tagish first-hand.
- Timing: pros and cons of hosting public events in summer.
 - July to early August, especially on weekends is a good time to reach more property owners and seasonal residents (cottage owners) in Tagish.
 - People who cannot attend the meetings will still have opportunities to learn about the process and give input via surveys, interviews, newsletters, website, etc.
- Surveys: nature of surveys (general questions vs specific, detailed or general questions) and survey timing (with or after the meetings).
- Sharing the result
 - It is important to show the community that we listened. Summary/key points can be included in discussion paper. Newsletters will be used to report back to the community.

- There will be a Planning Committee meeting to review and discuss the input from the events.

Kick-off Meeting & Newsletters

- There have been many “kick off” meetings –suggest using different name.
- Newsletter can also describe what is expected *from* the community (participation, input, etc.).

Public Event Timing & Locations

- Possible timing to capitalize from community events; locations; and general scheduling (non-summer public events).
 - No need to have a meeting in Whitehorse in summer (as suggested as an option in the proposal). Meeting in Carcross during the planning week is still important.
 - Zoë will revise the schedule of public events to reflect comments from the committee meeting.

Other comments

- How do we reach people who cannot attend public meetings?
 - Event targeted to youth and elders during the planning week.
 - Newsletters, stakeholder meetings, community liaison position, etc. (*note: details are outlined in the proposal) Utilize existing mailing lists (Tagish LAC, Community Association, etc.), subscribed by 200 people.
- Capturing traditional/cultural knowledge and information must be part of the process.
 - May be captured through meetings. CTFN might identify some key Elders as stakeholders for interviews.
 - CTFN will internally discuss how sensitive information should be treated in the planning process.

General discussion

- Pressure to Tagish area from recreational users (off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, “wilderness camping”); firewood cutting; and YG’s various authorizations were discussed. It was noted that CTFN and residents share many concerns/issues.

4. Stakeholder Identification

- Some Elders’ names were brought up.
- EMS, business owners also need to be contacted.
 - Planning Committee members were asked to contact Zoë as they come up with more names.
- Information request should go to both YG and CTFN – so that CTFN can find information sources equivalent to YG’s.

5. Website

Whether to keep the site as part of YG (current site) or not (create a stand-alone site).

- Discussion about pros and cons and other options.
 - Paul, Zoë and Tomoko to discuss the possibilities of “housing” the local area plan site on the Tagish Local Advisory Council/Community Association’s page.

6. Next Meeting

April 22 (Wednesday) 6 pm – 8:30 pm. at Tagish Community Hall. *alternative date: 23rd (Thursday)

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm. Doris closed the meeting with a prayer.