

Minutes of a meeting of  
Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council  
Held on September 10, 2018  
At Tagish Community Hall

PRESENT: Ken Reeder  
Randy Taylor  
Seki Giardino  
Edna Helm  
Ron Des Jardins  
Jacques Jobin

YG: Lars Jessup  
Rob Perry

CTFN: Tami Grantham

GUEST: Dennis Zimmerman

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

The agenda was presented for acceptance, Ken advised he would like to add a few items to the agenda, which was done. Randy moved the agenda be accepted as amended and Jacques seconded the motion.

Jacques brought up that he was talking to trappers and they were wondering why wolf incentives were not the same across all RRC's. It was explained that this was something that each RRC set for requirements in their traditional territory and trappers need to discuss this with the RRC in the traditional territory that their trapline is in.

The draft grizzly bear management plan was discussed and council felt that a public meeting should be conducted. Council felt that they should talk to Graham Van Tighem from YFWMB prior to the public meeting. A meeting with Graham will be requested for our Oct 1 meeting or at a time that is convenient for Graham to meet with council.

**ACTION: Tish will contact Graham and set a meeting date with him.**

The minutes of the August 6 were present to council for acceptance. One change was made. Randy moved that the minutes be adopted as changed and Seki seconded the motion.

A discussion was had about September 30<sup>th</sup> Financial Report submission to YG as we will not be able to submit on time. The accountant did not have the draft financial statements to us prior to our meeting therefore we cannot approve them until our next meeting in October. It was suggested a letter should be drafted to the accountant explaining the importance about getting the draft financials on time for council to approve them for submission to YG, as well as expressing that Council was not pleased that the required information is late. A letter will be drafted to be signed by the chair to relay our concerns to the accountant.

**ACTION: Tish will draft a letter to the accountant for Ken to sign.**

A discussion about signing authority was had and it was decided that Seki would be added to the signing authority at the Bank of Nova Scotia. It was also decided that the Bank of Nova Scotia should receive a letter authorizing Patricia Reeder to gain information or relay information to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

**ACTION: Tish will draft a letter to the Bank of Nova Scotia advising to have Seki added as an authorized signor, authorizing Tish to give and get information about the account, and to clarify who has signing authority on the Bank Accounts.**

Ken brought up that Eryn was now finished as the office administrator and it was time for Council to decide what would be done now. Randy made a motion to hire Patricia Reeder full time as the office administrator. Council went in-camera and requested Ken and Patricia to leave the meeting while the remaining council members discussed and voted on this motion; this was done to alleviate any conflict of interest from the discussion and vote. The vote was unanimous to hire Patricia Reeder to the office administrator position. The position was offered and Patricia accepted the offer effective immediately.

The grizzly management plan came up again, and Ken suggested that road hunting should be Territory wide not allowed in some places and yet allowed in others. Rand stated he does not see an actual plan just talking about a plan. This will have further discussion with the meeting with Graham Van Tighem. Randy says he is unsure of grizzly bear harvest being sustainable and respectful. It was suggested that Yukoners are not hunting grizzly bear but the majority of hunting is being done by outfitters.

Seki, feels there is more discussion needed to define respectful viewing of grizzly bears. She had attended the Wildwise open house that was held in Carcross and felt that everyone who attended had a different perspective of what is "respectful viewing of wildlife". Ron suggested that possibly the CTRRC could be involved in a rolling video that could be displayed in places like visitor information centers. Seki suggested more signage in public campgrounds. Ron feels that there should be monitoring of gravel pits being used as camping spots.

Ken brought up that he has had conversations with YG and we are in a position to advertise trapline #325 for assignment, and that this line preference should be given to a first nations person to try and maintain the agreed upon balance of first nations holding 60% of the lines in the CTFN TT.

**ACTION: Tish will prepare an advertisement for the trapline allocation.**

Jacque will get contacts of chum salmon fishers in the Dawson area so that the RRC can pass information on to local trappers to acquire chum for bait.

**ACTION: Jacque will gather contact information.**

A discussion about recreational land use was had. Council felt that a discussion should happen with governments, tourism operators and RRC in particular in the matters of cutting trails and dog teams impact on wildlife and habitat. Ken feels council should be proactive on this and Randy says council needs to focus on this and push for regulation.

Rob Perry presented a slideshow on the study that YG did at Lubbock River on Arctic graying this summer. After the presentation and questions. Rob suggested that Council start putting pressure on YG to have conservation officers to attend the Lubbock River area on a regular basis. He found during their study there were lots of people fishing the creek, camping at the site and that there are no waste facilities for users i.e. garbage cans and outhouses.

Rob advised that he has been working on a review of the Commercial Fishing licenses and preparing his suggestions to YG.

Dennis Zimmerman attended the meeting to have a discussion of a project he is working. The project is a plan to educate recreational fishers about ethical fishing and live release. He feels that there should be an educational campaign so that people start looking at fishing in a different way. He was wondering if the council was willing to support him on this matter in the next year. Council agreed they would be willing to work with him and Dennis advised he would prepare a proposal and present it to the council.

Tami gave updates for CTFN; they have been very busy. She advised that CTFN would be hiring a trapping coordinator for a one year term. The caribou steering committee was progressing but not much to report. Lars felt that the steering committee was at a point where they should be starting to bring RRCs into the discussion. Tami said the process has been difficult as BC reps are more focussed on developing a harvest management plan. Tami advised that the First Nation Caribou working group would like to see the caribou education in the schools move forward. CTFN is working on their Indigenous Land Use Plan, traditional knowledge and language, ice patch surveys, a story telling festival, trapline and genealogy of trapping history for family lines is being recorded. Developing departmental

policies and protocols, cleaning up campground and making it more inviting to users. She brought up that there was a dock built on Chootla lake and CTFN sent several letters to the owner and it was finally removed. Wire recovery project has been funded by a solid waste program and CTFN is on the land now removing the wire.

Lars gave updates on YG. He said he has requested a project of human recreation and caribou and would like to put up cameras in areas to record activity. He has some restrictions he is currently working around and will keep us informed.

Ken questioned Lars on the clearing of the right of ways on the highway and was happy to see some was done but wondered why they did not clear the right of ways in the high collision area. Lars said there is a highways working group meeting coming up and he would bring that up at that time, Ken said he would like an invite to attend the meeting and Lars agreed.

Lars says rut counts are about a month away.

Lars says he is working on a reporting site “story maps” where he can give us a link and we can see what has been happening. He is hoping this can be linked to the caribou education.

Lars brought up the adopt a caribou proposal and says that the Dept. of Education in Carcross is open to this. He has 74 collars to be placed and at this time he feels 44 will be for the Carcross herd and 30 for the Ibex herd. Collaring should start as soon as he has enough snow, possibly the end of Oct and will provide Council with updates.

Lars was questioned on how many bears conservation officers dispersed or relocated this summer and Lars advised council to contact Aaron Koss Young for this information as well as invite a CO to one of our regular meetings.

**ACTION: Tish will email Aaron Koss Young for this information.**

The next meeting of council was set for October 1, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Tagish.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Read and Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ As Read \_\_\_\_\_ As amended

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_