

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD AT TAGISH COMMUNITY HALL
MAY 7th, 2018

PRESENT: Ken Reeder, Don Toews, Edna Helm and Randy Taylor

Karlie Knight, CTFN
Tami Grantham, CTFN

Tess McLeod, YG
Lars Jessup, YG
Rob Perry, YG

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and the recording secretary was Eryn MacGillivray, the meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

The agenda was presented to the meeting and accepted with changes. Edna Helm moved the agenda be accepted, Randy Taylor seconded the motion.

The minutes of March 29th were presented to the meeting everyone had read them previously. Edna Helm moved the minutes be accepted with changes and Don Toews seconded the motion.

Don started the meeting off by asking whether the \$80,000 was added to the surplus fund. Ken said he would ask Tish and let the council know. Randy also brought up the wolf incentive, and wasn't in favor of the RRC increasing the contribution. It was decided that Ken would email CTFN to see if they would be interested in matching the CTRRC's contribution.

Action: Ken will ask Tish about surplus fund.

Action: Ken will contact CTFN with regards to the wolf incentive.

A brief discussion followed regarding the youth trapping camp. It was stated that a report would need to be completed regarding the camp. Ken will create a report and Eryn has been working on a newsletter for the camp.

Action: Ken and Eryn will finish trapping camp report.

Ken brought up the Youth Shoot for discussion. He said the CO's are excited and that it will be held on June 7th from 4-8pm at the Carcross gun range. He stated the council could be there to provide a BBQ as well as give out information to the parents. Don wanted to know about the messaging for the camp, as it needs to fit into the CTRRC's mandate. Randy agreed and stated that it should focus more on ethical hunting and conservation rather than safety for the RRC to be involved. Ken stated he would get all the information needed for the event.

Action: Ken will collect necessary information for Youth Shoot event.

Ken also brought the bat box event up for discussion. He stated that although it would be a good event, the council is too busy to do it at this time. Don felt that the bat boxes would be good for future years as it fits well with the CTRRC's mandate.

Eryn brought up her search for storage space and a prepaid credit card. She asked the council whether they would like cold or heated storage. The council stated that cold storage would be fine. She also showed the council a Scotiabank prepaid visa, which the council stated would work as well.

Action: Eryn will look into cold storage options.

Action: Eryn will get Scotiabank prepaid visa application.

The On The Land Gathering was then brought up for discussion and changes were made to the program for the event. Eryn was asked to follow up with those invited to see whether they will be attending or not. Randy stated that Eryn should contact Jaime Bricker and Mark Taylor from Whitepass to attend the event, as well as John Streiker. Eryn was also asked to revise the draft program and send it to Bob Hayes for review.

Action: Eryn will follow up with invitees to OLG.

Action: Eryn will contact Whitepass and John Streiker regarding OLG.

Action: Eryn will send Bob Hayes draft OLG program.

After the OLG discussion concluded, Don brought up the Cisco project. He wanted Ben Schonewille to attend the next meeting and give updates on the project. He also arranged for Ben, Karlie, and himself to meet this week and discuss the next steps in the Cisco project.

Action: Eryn will invite Ben Schonewille to next meeting.

Action: Don will meet with Ben and Karlie the week of may 7th.

Ken then brought up fishing education to the council for discussion. He felt the council should be involved in educating people with regards to fishing regulations and proper fishing etiquette. Ken mentioned that a step student would be helpful next year with regards to fishing education.

Heather Ashthorn from Wildwise arrived to provide updates and discuss future projects with the council. She started off by asking the council what their main focuses are. Don stated that the S.L caribou herd, the Community Based Wildlife Planning Process and the Wire Recovery Project are the main focuses of the council at this time.

Randy brought up the Tagish River Habitat Protection Area, and mentioned that the CTRRC would like to play a role in the implementation process. Heather offered to look over the draft plan and work with the council on this project.

Action: Randy will send Heather the draft HPA plan for her to look over.

Don also brought up the swans on the Tagish River to Heather. He stated that people often disturb the swans in April and May and that this is an issue. Heather made the suggestion of having seasonal signage there. Randy also brought up that the HPA management committee mentioned the boat launch could stay locked until later on to stop people from getting onto the water.

Don then mentioned the caribou collisions between Jakes Corner and Judas Creek and how the council had signs put up over the winter. Ken said that the council could put up a bear message now instead. Randy mentioned that YG is going to do a study on signage and seeing what methods are the most effective at slowing people down on the highways. It was stated that the council could get the signs moved to different places so they are less repetitive to drivers.

Heather mentioned that B.C. had effective signs and she would forward the council photos.

Action: Heather will forward photos of signage from B.C.

Enhancement fund projects were then brought up for discussion. Heather discussed two projects that Wildwise is working on. The first is Bear Safe with regards to agriculture. This project involves working with local farmers to see if there's an interest in bear safe practices. The second project is a Community Outreach Program focused on working with three communities over the summer.

Heather then brought up a meeting that is happening in Carcross on May 16th with Wildwise and tour guides in the area regarding bears. She said she would email the council the time and place of the meeting and that council members are welcome to attend.

Action: Heather will email tour guide meeting details.

Heather then brought up an issue Wildwise had with signage. The signs were for bear conservation and traffic safety and were not set up in the correct places along the highways. She stated that Wildwise wants to be more involved in providing information on proper wildlife viewing and that is why they will be meeting with tour guides. Randy mentioned that more tourists will be coming through the S.L area this summer as there will be bigger cruise ships this year.

Don also mentioned that an issue regarding bears is that large numbers are being killed due to individuals neglecting to bear proof their yards. Don and Heather both

stated that Wildwise and the Council could look into education or outreach on this subject this summer.

Randy mentioned a joint booth at a Canada Day event this year to increase awareness on bears in the S.L and bear proofing your yard. Heather mentioned Wildwise could do an electric fence demo and put together a display. It was decided that the booth would be at the Judas Creek event and Heather would contact them.

**Action: Wildwise will create a display for the Canada Day booth.
Action: Heather will contact Judas Creek regarding Canada Day.**

Heather also mentioned she liked the idea of working on swan protection and education. She stated she would look into this more in the fall and winter.

Action: Heather will look into swan conservation later this year.

Finally, Ken brought up placer mine bear proofing to Heather. Heather stated that a YESAB project is underway and that she would have more information after that was completed. She stated it is a bit of a gray area and that it's also difficult to enforce.

After lunch, Tess McLeod, Lars Jessup, Tami Grantham, Karlie Knight and Rob Perry arrived for the afternoon.

Tess McLeod was on the agenda to give a short talk regarding the Community Based Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. She gave a short presentation that outlined the steps involved in the plan and gave the Council a general timeline on when the plan can begin. She stated that starting the planning process the next fiscal year would be realistic.

Tess stated that the plans are very customizable to each location. She also mentioned that the plans focus on not only discussing issues in the community but also finding a solution to those problems.

Randy asked what the Council should do in the upcoming months in order to prepare. Tess stated that there isn't much planning necessary other than getting financial aspects sorted out.

Tami and Karlie were asked about timing for CTFN to be involved in the plan. Tami stated that CTFN would want to be involved but they would need some time to complete current projects in order to participate. Tami stated she would talk to the branch with regards to starting the plan next year. It was decided that the Council would hold off starting anything until CTFN can participate and the next fiscal year arrives as these processes work best when completed quickly.

Action: Tami will talk to branch regarding CBFWMP in 2019.

Lars was then asked to provide some information on the YESAB forestry application the Council was planning to comment on. Lars mentioned it might be beneficial for the Council to have Catherine Welsh come regularly to meetings. He also mentioned that he would prefer a THP out of Marsh Lake if it allowed for Lewes Marsh to be phased out. Don mentioned that the application should be put on hold until the Forest Resource Management Plan is completed.

Lars then gave a few updates to those present. He brought up the fact that he will have a step student over the summer and that the student could do a few tasks for the Council. Ken brought up the potential for the student to assist with fishing regulation at Little Atlin Lake. Lars also mentioned the completion of the Caribou School Program description and that he would email this out to the Council. He stated he would like to get a working group together over the summer to discuss the program.

Action: Lars will email the Caribou School program description to the Council.

Lars told those present that he will be attempting to reduce his hours in the Whitehorse office and spend more time in Teslin and Carcross. Tami mentioned to the Council that CTFN has office space available in the Learning Center.

Action: Ken will inquire with CTFN regarding office space in Carcross.

Don asked Lars about whom to thank regarding the winter caribou signage. Lars stated he would email Don the information he needed.

Action: Lars will email Don info regarding caribou signage.

Rob Perry attended the meeting and discussed the commercial fishing license at Bennett Lake. The Council mentioned to Rob the fact that they would like to see this license bought and retired. Rob stated that the Council would need to send the department a letter stating they want the department to buy the license in order for anything to happen. Tami asked if Don could send the draft letter to CTFN beforehand, which Don agreed. Don also asked Rob to email him information on when production was last done on the license.

Action: Don will send the Dept. of Environment a letter regarding the commercial fishing license on Bennett Lake.

Action: Don will send a draft letter to CTFN first.

Action: Rob will email Don info on commercial fishing license production.

Don then brought up the Cisco project to those present. He mentioned that EDI would be continuing on with the project for a third year. CTFN and the CTRRC are to put in letters of support for the project and hopefully get more sampling done. Karlie stated that CTFN will be offering in kind support to the Cisco project, and she was wondering if YG will be supporting the project as well. Rob Perry said that the

budget this year is completely tapped out with all the other projects they're involved with. He said that if we send him reports with the experimental designs it could be something YG could be involved in in the future. Don, Ben and Karlie will meet later in the week to discuss this further, as mentioned previously.

Action: Eryn will give Rob copies of the Cisco final reports.

Rob then gave an update to the Council on a few projects YG is working on. He mentioned a project at Chootla Lake regarding a quantitative study on grayling. Tami mentioned to him that CTFN has been gathering genetic data on grayling for years. Tami and Rob will arrange a meeting to look at past samples.

Action: Tami and Rob will meet to look at past grayling samples.

Lars then brought up the grayling at Lubbock Creek and mentioned YG put in two weirs to count the fish. He stated they are tagging the grayling as well to see how long it takes them to travel through.

Fishing signage was brought up and Rob stated that YG is in the process of placing signs at boat launches. Don mentioned he saw many launches without signs, and was told to send Rob a list of all the launches without signs, so YG can resolve this. Ken also mentioned the amount of tickets that were being given out at Little Atlin and how it may be useful to have someone out there with the census person when he goes. Rob stated that when he had the schedule for the census on Little Atlin, he would send it to the Council.

Action: Don will send Rob a list of boat launches without signage.

Action: Rob will send Little Atlin schedule to CTRRC.

Tami gave a brief CTFN update to the Council. She said that CTFN is currently working on a grizzly bear data report that will be used for the Indigenous Lands Plan. She also asked the Council if they would support a few upcoming projects. These included postcard and fact sheets regarding different fish and wildlife, a potlatch bag fundraiser and stuffed animals from the World Wildlife Foundation. The Council expressed interest in all of these projects. Tami said she would send more information on the projects at a later date.

Action: Tami will email info on stuffed animal/postcard/potlatch bag projects.

Don mentioned the wolf incentive to Tami and asked if matching the CTRRC's \$100 incentive would be something CTFN would be interested in. Tami expressed that CTFN would rather support the trapping industry as a whole instead of solely focusing on those who trap wolf. It was mentioned that there could potentially be an incentive for trappers who turn in their harvest records at the end of the season. Both the Council and CTFN agreed this is worth thinking about.

Finally, Lars mentioned the fact that CHON FM never played the radio ads the Council paid for, so the Council has some free advertising through YG that they can use.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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