

CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 10, 2022

Time: 9:00am

Location: Online

In Attendance

Members: Edna Helm, Don Toews, Zena Mclean, John Smarch, Jacques Jobin, Tyler Obediah, Seki Giardino

Guests: Kenji Tatsumi, Cameron Sinclair, Kate Andre, Lars Jessup, Matt Larsen,

Don Toews was Chair, Seki Giardino was Vice Chair

Andrew Serack was recording secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to Council. Don added Digital Banking under 12. New Business. Seki made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and John seconded the motion.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting dated December 6, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Don suggested changing “fur harvesting” to “fur harvest reporting” under New Business. Seki motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Jacques seconded the motion.

The minutes from the meeting dated December 20, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Seki motioned to approve the minutes as amended and John seconded the motion.

3. Approval of Financial Report

The financial report dated September, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Jacques motioned to approve and John seconded the motion.

4. Fiscal year-to-date financial review

Council reviewed the anticipated expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Due to pandemic related setbacks, the C/TRRC is on track to return about \$30,000 to YTG if not allowed to carry over all unspent funding. Council discussed potential expenses that meet the C/TRRC mandate and Work Plan. Ideas included trapping supplies, funding high cache installation, and bear fencing.

5. Approve Liability Insurance

Council reviewed the quote provided for management liability insurance for \$1373. Seki motion to approve the expense and Tyler seconded the motion.

6. Graphic design review – Caribou on the Highways

Council reviews the first proof of the caribou graphic advertising campaign. It was suggested to add the herd number on the mortality information to add a more impactful statement and to add the collision hotspot map to the third graphic.

7. Microsoft Word for Council Members

Council discussed the need for Microsoft Word and occasionally Microsoft Excel for Council related business. Most Council Members have installed software and a few have subscriptions to 365. WPS office was presented as a free alternative. Council agreed to continue without adding the expense of additional software at this time.

8. Trapper Incentives

Council discussed the potential conflict of interest in decision making and receiving incentives for Jacques, Seki, and Edna, as trappers within the C/TFN TT. As Edna's trapline is not within Yukon, she will not be available for incentives, but will be able to vote or present information to Council on incentives. Council Members unanimously agreed that Jacques and Seki will not be eligible to vote on monetary incentives to trappers, but as active trappers, will be able to receive the incentives.

Council acknowledged the importance of having trappers as active Council Members and does not want to exclude them from the incentive programs.

Council reviewed the letter drafted to trappers last year and agreed to follow a similar path of offering \$100/wolf harvested and up to \$300/trapper that can provide harvest records and sales receipts or photos. Council Members also recommended following up with RRC's to determine what incentives they offer.

Council discussed ideas for trapper demonstrations being done perhaps in smaller groups this year to alleviate covid gathering restrictions. Edna agreed to discuss with Ken Reeder and Jacques will consider his availability.

An idea was presented to also offer incentives for trappers supporting young apprentices.

9. Raven Recycling / Recycling Education in Carcross/Tagish

Council discussed the potential of having a recycling education awareness clinic in Carcross. The program should be discussed with C/TFN and could potentially be done in conjunction with new data on microplastics in fish.

10. Update: Roads Ecologist Tony Clevenger meeting

Seki provided an update on the meeting with Tony Clevenger and Kenji Tatsumi. Kenji and Tony drove the triangle around the Southern Lakes so that Tony could see the signage and hazard potential. Tony discussed developing a wildlife app as a simple and effective means of the community communicating wildlife sightings and collisions. The general observation from the meeting was that it is most likely that long-haul truckers are the most likely to collide with caribou.

11. Update: Indigenous Knowledge Grizzly Bear Workshop

Don provided a written summary and an update on the IK Grizzly Bear workshop. The workshop was hosted by the Federal Government aiming to include indigenous knowledge in the future grizzly bear management plan. The event was well attended with First Nation representatives.

12. New Business

Council Members unanimously agreed to receiving direct deposit payments provided they would still receive paystub information.

Zena asked Council if they would be interested in donating a prize package to the Tagish Community poker tournament. Zena will provide more information on the event and request for Council's consideration.

13. Guest: Cameron Sinclair (YG)

Cameron presented some preliminary information on surveys from Snafu, Tarfu, and Little Atlin Lake and possible regulation changes to take place in 2023. Cameron would like to meet with Council again in about two months and spend more time discussing the analyzed data. Council agreed to meet for a half day or longer in the near future.

14. Guest: Kenji Tatsumi (YG)

Kenji presented some updated from the Fish and Wildlife Branch. The caribou signs in the Southern Lakes have been changed over in time for winter habitat. The caribou collision radio ads will be running shortly. Tony Clevenger hopes to provide a report on his findings in 3-4 months. The aerial moose survey was successful and covered approximately 1/3 of the area of Whitehorse South. There will be a wolf population aerial survey this February or March.

15. Guest: Kate Andre (YG)

Kate discussed the Elders Gathering. The C/TFN Elders will meet to discuss their values on January 12th. C/TRRC will meet with Colleen James, the facilitator, to build an agenda on January 18th. C/TRRC will host the Elders Gathering on January 26th.

16. Guest: Lars Jessup & Matt Larsen (contractors)

Lars re-introduced the concept of the local knowledge survey and asked for feedback on the survey design and questions, the interviewees, and the data storage. Kate was asked whether C/TFN would be interested in participating as a partner to help manage the data. Kate mentioned honorarium for interviewees and a knowledge agreement between all parties. Council Members were asked to think about the survey questions and potential participants for the surveys.

Council asked Lars and Matt to prepare a draft of the survey questions for Council's review. Matt and Lars agreed. Lars provided a timeline of January to develop the survey, February to conduct the interviews, and March to complete the analysis.

Lars discussed including quantifiable data with story-telling elements to the survey results. An important aspect of the survey questions will focus on physical areas or map-based data to help inform requests for future development proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20PM.