

CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 8, 2022

Time: 9:00am

Location: Tagish Community Centre

In Attendance

Members: Don Toews, John Smarch, Tyler Obediah, Cory Atlin, Wes Barret, Bryce Bekar

Guests: Lars Jessup

Don Toews was Chair, John Smarch was Vice Chair

Andrew Serack was recording secretary

1. New Member Introductions

Three new members were in attendance; Cory Atlin, Wes Barrett, and Bryce Bekar.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to Council for approval. Don added the concept of a workshop and way forward with C/TFN and YG on some Work Plan items.

Tyler motioned to approve the agenda as amended and John seconded the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting dated June 6, 2022 was presented to council for acceptance. Bryce motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Tyler seconded the motion.

4. Financial Report

The financial report dated May, 2022 was presented to council for acceptance. Tyler motioned to approve and John seconded the motion.

5. Annual Report Draft review

Andrew presented the draft Annual Report to Council for review. Council will review the document and approve or propose any changes by email within two weeks.

6. Work Plan Review

Council reviewed the 2022-23 Work Plan for projects started, ongoing, and those that need to be started.

Council Members are encouraged to seek out and approve training opportunities for professional development and to attend relevant meetings and conferences, and participate in Council activities.

Bryce is in discussions with C/TFN Lands Management Branch regarding a trapping camp and will represent C/TRRC in those discussions.

John proposed a social media graphic ad for hunter/hiker awareness for the upcoming season. Tyler motion to approve a \$300 expense for the graphic ad and Bryce seconded the motion.

Council would like to engage with mushers again in the future to map mushing trails and better understand their use of areas on or near caribou winter range.

A discussion and workshop with C/TFN and YG could benefit many of these projects.

7. Grazing Application 1081-3

Council reviewed Grazing Application 1081-3. Council did not see any reason to comment on the use of the area or the area itself, however, it was acknowledged that a 30 year agreement is far too long for any application in winter caribou range. Considering the great effort, success, and changes to the Carcross caribou herd in the past 30 years, it would be irresponsible to offer another 30 year agreement without regular review of the land use and its impact on fish and wildlife. Council will draft a letter in response to the application.

8. YISC

Council is pleased with the work being done by YISC in the Southern Lakes, especially the educative efforts. There are no comments on weed pull education or locations. However, Council Members who have regularly seen Marsh Lake and Tagish Lake boat launches suggest that education efforts be put in place, if possible, at both of these locations and not just at the Carcross boat launch, as they may be just as busy.

9. New Business

Don proposes a workshop with representatives involved in the 2020-2025 Fish and Wildlife Work Plan (C/TFN and YG). The workshop would aim to discuss key items, those most concerning to community members, and a way forward. Items for discussion including future HPA's, excessive catch and release and recreation activities and their impact on fish and wildlife and wildlife habitat.

10. Updates – Lars Jessup

Lars presented printed copies of the Local Knowledge Survey to Council Members. Lars will deliver copies to each of the interviewees. Lars discussed future years of study. Of the future costs expected, approximately \$10,000 will go towards interviewing and compiling the data. Approximately \$8,000 would be the cost to analyze the data and provide a formal report. Therefore, to continue this annually, it might make sense to gather the data, but only issue a formal report every five years. A more efficient software or system for analyzing the data and partnering with C/TFN could be even more beneficial and reduce the upfront costs to the RRC.

Council discussed using funds this fiscal year to determine better data storage and analysis, and then following up the second year of the survey in April/May of 2023 (next fiscal year).

Lars is working on the survey results for the Angler Engagement surveys. Don proposed doing the survey on an annual basis.

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