

CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 4, 2022

Time: 10:00am

Location: Tagish Community Centre

In Attendance

Members: Don Toews, John Smarch, Jacques Jobin, Tyler Obediah, Zena McLean, Edna Helm

Guests: Kate Andre, Janet McDonald, Lars Jessup, Jaylene Goorts, Catherine Pinard, Marc Cattet

Don Toews was Chair

Andrew Serack was recording secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to Council. Jacques proposed adding a discussion on threshold hunt and survey accuracy to New Business. Don proposed adding Land Use Planning, HPA's, and Youth Trapping Camp to New Business. Jacques made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Tyler seconded the motion.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting dated March 7, 2022 was presented to council for acceptance. Tyler motioned to approve the minutes as presented and John seconded the motion.

3. 3. 2022/2023 Budget Planning

Council discussed ideas to meet the 22/23 Work Plan and Budget goals:

A youth trapping camp may be supported in part by YFWMB, or funding could be used to support next Spring's CTFN Family Camp. It might be possible to join forces with the Dan Keyi trapper camp.

A meat handling course could tie-in with outfitter donation in the November. Jacques will reach out to Werner Fischer about presenting the course.

The OLG traditionally has been at the beginning of June. Could be held then, or September. Council Members agreed it could be beneficial to host the OLG in conjunction with the Southern Lakes

Caribou Steering Committee again. Andrew will reach out to Dennis to determine interest and timing.

CTRRC should host a meeting on forestry and involve CTFN and YG.

Council Members unanimously agreed to engage Lars Jessup as a coordinator for this year's fishing education and outreach. Council has a carry-over of \$10,000 from last fiscal year for fishing plus a 22/23 budget of \$5,000.

Council discussed options for hiring a graphic designer to do a campaign for bear awareness. The ads would be similar to the very successful caribou collision awareness campaign over the winter. The remaining funds from the bear awareness budget of \$2,000 could be used to support Wild Wise's efforts for bear awareness. The focus of bear awareness should be around removing attractants such as garbage and food sources such as a livestock.

YISC will be doing work in the Southern Lakes this summer and could likely partner with CTRRC again.

4. Request to meet with Yukon Conservation Society

Council reviewed the request to meet with members of the Yukon Conservation Society and agreed it could be a good partnership.

5. YSSC Update - Don

Don attended a recent meeting with the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee and provided an update to Council:

DFO has recognized salmon numbers are declining and will shut down or dramatically reduce the capacity of salmon fisheries in Canada. Climate change is affecting river temperatures, which are killing salmon. The few salmon that make it to spawning grounds will be the ones to improve the species adaptation. Don encouraged long term planning for up to 20 years for Yukon River salmon considering salmon adaptation to a changing climate will take 3 generations to complete. A salmon's lifecycle is 6 years.

The take away question should be "do we want salmon on the landscape in the future?" And if so, we have to do something about it now.

6. Elders Gathering Update – Zena

Zena provided a brief update on the Elders Gathering. It was well attended and the Elders were knowledgeable about the Work Plan. They provided beneficial on-the-land wisdom.

Colleen was an excellent facilitator, Lyndsay from Rivers to Ridges was a great asset to the presentation booths, and How We Walk had a presentation that tie-in well with the Work Plan.

7. New Business

There was not enough time to get to New Business. However, all of the subjects added to New Business at the beginning of the meeting were touched upon at some point during the day either during the budget planning conversation or with guests in the afternoon.

8. Outfitter Quotas – with Marc Cattet and Catherine Pinard

Marc provided an overview of the current need for changes regarding outfitter quotas.

Don highlighted the importance of the RRC's role in development of the quota process.

Catherine touched on the current changes as being interim. Consultations with FN's and RRC's will take place before a new process is developed.

9. CTFN Updates - with Kate Andre

CTFN hired a private contractor to review the Southern Lakes Enhanced Storage Project and found a lot of missing or misreported data.

CTFN is working on a process for Indigenous hunter reporting.

Don suggested discussing both regional land use planning and the future Yukon Lands Act with CTFN after some discussion and interest from Frank James and Doris Dreyer. Kate mentioned that Michael Draper will be meeting with CTFN to discuss the future Lands Act and that the RRC could sit in on the conversation.

10. Updates from Lars Jessup

Local Knowledge Survey – Lars has just one interview left on the list. The final report is in progress and we should see a draft within a few weeks. After the final draft, there should be a discussion on the future of data storage for the survey.

Caribou in the Schools – Lars attended the last meeting with the working group and some Elders. There will be a version of the curriculum posted soon to the website. There will also be 6 individual community booklets for local language and resources in each of the six participating communities.

11. Updates from YG – Jaylene Goorts

Tony Clevenger provided an initial report to YG. They will be able to share with the RRC soon.

YG is in discussion with the contractors for highway brush cutting to add the Judas Creek section to this year's list.

Most caribou collars have now dropped off. There are 10 left in the Carcross herd and 5 in the Ibex herd.

YG was able to put out 3 additional sheep collars in GM7. There are a total of 11 active.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05PM.

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