

MINUTES OF A MEETING
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD AT TAGISH ON
FEBRUARY 3, 2020

PRESENT:

KEN REEDER

DON TOEWS

EDNA HELM

JACQUES JOBIN

SEKI GIARDINO

ZENA MCLEAN

GUESTS: ANNE MIDDLEL, CTFN TRAPPING COORDINATOR

YG: LARS JESSUP

Tyler Obediah

Ken Reeder was the chair of the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:10

The agenda was presented and accepted by Council with no changes.

Minutes from a meeting January 6, 2020 were presented to council. There were no changes to the minutes. Seki Giardino moved that the minutes be accepted as presented and Jacques Jobin seconded the motion.

The financial report for the month ending January 31, 2020 was presented to council, after a short discussion it was unanimously accepted by council.

Heather Ashthorn had written to council and requested support and collaboration in two summer programs they are doing in 2020: Education and Outreach and the other is hiring an electric fencing technician. Council will provide a letter of support to submit to wildwise and council will meet with Heather on March 2, 2020 to hear more about the proposed programming.

ACTION: Don will draft a letter of support.

Anne Middler the trapping coordinator hired by CTFN was asked to attend the meeting and give an update of what she has been doing since being hired. Anne has been working on the following:

1. Preparation of a trapping exhibit to be displayed in the CTFN learning center. The exhibit is to open in April and there will be a day of celebration.
2. Organizing a trapper education workshop to be held in Carcross in late February, this will give citizens the opportunity to get their trapper certification in the community.
3. Organizing and coordinating the “on the land camp” (formerly referred to as muskrat camp) for youth. The camp will be held in late March at the CTFN farm and will have trapping and cultural events.
4. Working towards solving the problems of overlap conflicts on traplines with other FN. She discussed some of CTFN ideas on things that have been happening over the last years. Anne said that there was an agreement between FN regarding the handling of overlaps on traplines from 2013, but that YG has not accepted this agreement. She also mentioned another agreement between CTFN and Teslin in regards to the traplines on the eastern side of the CTFN TT, Anne was asked if she could locate a copy of this agreement and share with the RRC. It was also mentioned that Sandi Smarch had written a letter stating that Teslin recommended that the Ted Hall trapline be in CTFN, a copy of this letter was also requested to be shared with the RRC.

Anne was questioned further about the on the land camp and asked if there was any involvement required by the RRC. She advised that she would appreciate any support she could get. Council requested from Anne a proposal of what the camp will be about with an approximate budget and a request for support. Anne said she would get this to council shortly.

A discussion was had about caribou habitat as it was noted that there is now a dog team that is travelling through a trail from the Tagish Rd. through caribou winter habitat to the Judas Creek area. It was questioned if an education program could be started with signage to notify users that they are in critical caribou habitat and that travel should be minimized. Lars advised they had just placed 50 cameras in the field to do a survey of recreational use in populated caribou areas.

There was a further discussion about putting a Habitat Protection Area in critical caribou habitat. It was discussed that an HPA would create a boundary that stays forever. Designation of an HPA does not call for planning until you want to do something in the HPA. Considerations regarding the creation of new HPA's is one of the priorities/action items in the CBFWWP that is currently in the development process.

Lars advised council that the minister was ready to close all commercial fishing licenses on Bennett Lake and Atlin Lake. Lars stated there was one more letter required and he is currently working on that.

Lars advised council that the cisco license in the Tagish River is now closed.

Lars advised that the replacement caribou collars have not arrived yet but they should be here shortly and will be put out on caribou right away, he is hoping before the end of February. The video camera collars that were purchased with support from C/TRRC have been modified to increase image quality and should be back at this time and go back out on the caribou.

Lars said YG is close to a population update from the fall caribou survey, he stated that he would like to wait until the SLFN caribou steering committee has completed the caribou management plan and publish the survey results at the same time. In general, he stated that recovery has grown, and the results look very positive.

Lars was questioned about a moose survey in the area and he said it could not happen until the 21/22 fiscal year.

Lars advised that Laberge RRC committed to \$15,000 to the Caribou in the School Program.

Council discussed a sheep quota meeting with Lars for Mac Watson Outfitting Concession. Council requested a quota meeting. Lars accepted the request and will set the meeting.

Lars requested that council meet with the new bear biologist and he will bring Jodi to the March 2, 2020 meeting.

Lars also asked if the new fish team could attend the meeting in April and it was agreed council would like to meet with them.

Don brought up the *moose harvest regulation change* and suggested we should host a public meeting. It was decided that March 30 would be the suggested date. Tish will organize and make arrangements for a public meeting to be held in Tagish.

ACTION: Tish will organize a public meeting for March 30, 2020 in Tagish.

The next regular meeting of the RRC was set for March 2, 2020

MINUTES RERAD AND ADOPTED AS READ this day of , 2020
