

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD AT TAGISH, YUKON ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

PRESENT: EDNA HELM, DON TOEWS, KEN REEDER, JACQUES JOBIN, ALBERT JAMES,

CTFN: KARLIE KNIGHT

YTG; LARS JESSUP, JAYLENE GOORTS, ROB PERRY

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am, Ken Reeder acted as chair person of the meeting.

The agenda was presented to the council, Don wanted a discussion on surplus funds added to the agenda, and Patrick wanted a discussion on evening meetings, Ken said he would like to see a discussion on the wire recovery report. Patrick, moved to accept the agenda with additions, Don seconded the motion.

The minutes of the August 7 meeting were tabled. Don moved to accept the minutes as presented and Ken seconded the motion.

Ken started a discussion on changing the signing authority on cheques from two signatures to one signature. Council agreed to change the signing authority on cheques to one signature with the following conditions:

1. Honorariums must have two signatures approving them, one signature must be a Co-chair approval.
2. On a cheque payable to oneself the signing authority cannot be their own signature they must have another signing authority to sign their cheque.

Don made a motion to change the signing authority to one signature, Patrick seconded the motion.

ACTION: Tish will write a letter to the bank advising this and the Operations and Procedures Manual will be changed to reflect this.

The yesab application from Marsh Lake for a lot extension was presented. Council decided that a letter should be sent to YESAB not supporting this application to go forward until such time as the Marsh Lake Plan is finalized

ACTION: Tish will write a letter to YESAB not agreeing with approval of the Lot extension application.

An email from YFWMB was presented to council that gives an update on the Grizzly Bear Management Plan work to date and is open for further comment until September 22, 2017. Don will review the contents and make comments to council.

ACTION: Don will review the information from the YFWMB on the Grizzly Bear Management Plan and comment to council.

Don presented an update on the Cisco Project, stated there is an elders workshop to come, report writing, one trip for sampling for sure and that there is a multi day trip that should be done at the end of September, this will be a multi day because of the areas to be sampled are in the whole project area. To do the multi day sampling and analysis of all sampling will cost a further \$10,000. Don advised that at the end of this season it will be the end of the project for the RRC and someone else will have to pick it up and take it further. Albert has concerns that the project keeps needing more money and where will it end, questioned if costs can be cut? Don advised the only way to cut the costs is to not to the last trip and analysis. The reason for the project was there was a long standing concern from elders as to why the cisco declined. Don needs an answer for this in the Oct 2 meeting so he can advise the rest of the team.

ACTION: Tish will look at the budget and see how a further \$10,000.00 will affect the overall budget to the end of the fiscal year.

The financial report as of August 31, 2017 was presented to the meeting, after discussion, Don moved that the financial report be accepted as presented and Jacques Jobin seconded the motion.

Ken advised council that the hiring committee had interviewed three applicants, one person was offered the position, and declined as they had been offered another position. The applicant that the hiring committee felt was the next choice was asked to attend this meeting and take notes to see how well they could do with that part of the job, this applicant agreed then advised on Sunday evening she would not be coming as she was going hunting. The hiring committee was concerned about the commitment of this applicant and decided not to hire her.

Don told Karlie that he would like to see the Elders workshop that they had talked about earlier move forward. Karlie agreed she would work on it, and bring it to Tami and Frank.

Don also asked Karlie to provide an update on the caribou management process, because the RRC has money allocated to the school education program and the management process, but there are limits as to spending these funds

Lars advised that the caribou management committee had a project charter signed by five of the six first nations involved and felt that the sixth FN would be signing

soon. Tami will be sending an invite letter to other governments to start up the steering committee. Lars too has funds that should be spent in this fiscal period. Hopes for a steering committee soon and we can all work together.

Ken commented that the Wire Recovery report that CTFN sent was excellent, and would like to see the government and White Pass become more involved. Lars and Karlie said they had not seen the report.

Edna said she had heard that a Salmon was caught off the narrows of Nares in a gill net and she would like to have more information about that. Lars said he had heard about it but had no information and Karlie advised that she would try to find out more about it.

ACTION: Karlie will find out more information about the caught salmon and advise council.

Karlie spoke a bit on the program she was involved in this past summer of tagging Salmon at the fish ladder in Whitehorse. Ten fish were tagged below the ladder and approx. 50 at the ladder. She advised that was just a preliminary year and that next season there will be a larger project done on tagging. Patrick mentioned that 27 carcasses were found below the fish ladder and analysis is being done on those carcasses for CTFN but will not be available until next year. Don advised council would like a report on findings from this year. Karlie said she would get what she could from the Carleton University student that CTFN has been working with.

Rob Perry made a presentation on lake trout, northern pike and white fish in Little Atlin Lake and the effects of fisherman moving from Snafu and Tarfu Lakes to Little Atlin Lake. There was a lengthy discussion about the presentation. In the end Rob's proposal is to lower the maximum catch size of the fish to smaller fish, which will allow larger older fish (breeders) to breed. He said this is why YG did not support the reg. change the RRC had submitted.

Ken called for closing remarks. Rob Perry said they were looking at harvest trends and looking at harvest management strategy taking size at maturity into account

Lars said he had been working on hosting a workshop for Caribou in schools education program and he has a date of November 28 for the workshop. This is the date that Dept. of Education can be available. It will only be a one day workshop as the first nations do not have the time for two days back to back.

Lars was questioned about the highways working group attending our meeting and he advised that he is waiting to see the letter of response from the minister before commenting.

Don brought up that the “ATTENTION HUNTER” signs on the Tagish road are so faded and grown in that something needed to be done about them. Lars said he had not noticed them but would check them out on his way back to Whitehorse. Don mentioned to Lars about the three blood spots near the Lewes River bridge that when he questioned Ken Knutson about them. Ken’s response was that they did not know what it was as usually when they find out about it that it is just blood spot. Don felt that YG should at least be able to have DNA kit to find out what it was as it is important. Ken suggested that they should be able to find hair at least.

Lars was asked for an update on the wood cutting in the area where the YFGA application for land was denied a few years ago. Lars said that a personal wood cutting permit had been issued. Lars was going to check into if this area was an area that it was agreed wood cutting permits would be withdrawn because of it being critical caribou habitat.

Patrick advised that Forestry had called CTFN to see if they agreed with a permit being issued in this area and CTFN advised they did not want permits issued.

Jaylene advised that moose and caribou rut counts would be happening shortly after Thanksgiving and Lars said that YG would be inviting CTFN monitors to ride in the aircraft.

Lars said he was working on two video presentations **to report on this fall’s caribou rut count surveys. There will be two because we are making one for public and one for management partners that has a bit more detail.**

Lars said he was working on having a moose survey in the next year as one has not been done since 2013. He also stated that CTFN has concerns about moose populations. He said that southern lakes needs more focus on moose management.

Lars said that YG will be purchasing collars in Jan/Feb and collaring caribou for a census of the Carcross and Ibex herds. BC said they will be doing a census on the Atlin herd.

Don said he would like to see an updated definition of the range. He feels the range is equally as important as the count.

Members brought up about evening meetings but the general consensus was that everyone preferred to continue with the Monday meetings.

The next meeting of the CTRRC was set for **October 2, 2017** at Tagish Community Hall.

There being no further business Ken call the meeting to close at 3:05pm

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____As Read _____ As amended

Date: _____

Proposed by: _____

Second by: _____