

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2020
73 SECRET VALLEY LANE (REEDER'S PLACE)

PRESENT:

KEN REEDER

AL FOSTER

DON TOEWS

EDNA HELM

SEKI GIARDINO

ZENA MCLEAN

JACQUES JOBIN

LARS JESSUP, YG

KARLIE KNIGHT, C/TFN

The meeting was called to order at 10:10.

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting. Patricia Reeder was the recording secretary.

The agenda was presented to council and was accept as written.

The minutes from July 6, 2020 were presented to council, Don made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Al seconded the motion.

Al made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 financial statements prepared by McKay and Co. as presented to council and Don seconded the motion.

Tish brought up that she would like to see council have a meeting to discuss financial matters, projects and review our work plan. It was decided that this meeting would be held October 5 at Mount Lorne community center.

Tish brought up that it was time to do the annual review and evaluation of council's employee. Seki said she would take this project on. Seki will gather evaluation forms from members and proceed with a review from there.

Ken brought up the subject of making snares for trappers. With covid it makes it difficult to have a gathering to get all the trappers together to make snares. Ken suggested that a couple members get together with a couple trappers and build as many snares as possible to distribute to the trappers. Seki suggest that it would be a good idea to give the trappers a handout of different tanneries in Canada. Ken will work with Jacques for building of snares and distribution to trappers.

Council had a discussion about dog mushing and impacts on caribou habitat. A meeting being put on by wildwise, is being held September 9, council has four members attending to share the thoughts of the RRC with the participants of the meeting.

An application was made for a license for a viewing deck that has already been constructed on public land between the applicant's property and the rivers edge. Council had a discussion on this to see if they would make comment or not. It was decided that council would comment and oppose this application with a definite no. Siting the importance of the riparian area for the wildlife and also that should this be approved it would set a precedence for any future applications. Council will prepare a letter and submit before September 8.

Council had a discussion on the draft TRHPA, Don expressing concern that there is no allowance in the document to protect fish and fish habitat. It was requested that Tish find out when council will be asked to review and comment on the TRHPA.

Lars was questioned about a moose survey, and he discussed the pros and cons of having one at this time. He said that should we wish we could make and request and he would have to provide rationale to his department for the purpose of the survey. He felt that all the governments would have to agree to rehabilitate the moose in the Mount Lorne and Wheaton Valley. Karlie stated that she felt CTFN would be supportive of a survey at this time. This was left open for further discussion.

Council had a discussion about the YESAB application by YG for the Timber Harvest and road development in Lewes Marsh area. After the discussion council decided they would submit comments on this application as this area represents core winter caribou habitat and the forestry plan as drafted and discussed limited commercial logging in such areas except for fire abatement. Submission is to be in by September 15.

Ken questioned Lars on regulation change proposals and Lars advised that confidentiality was lifted on September 1 and we should be able to obtain the information from Rob Florkiewicz. Tish will make contact with Rob to get an update.

Lars advised council the Department of Environment, in partnership with the Southern Lakes Caribou Steering Committee, intends to commission a multi-year multimedia project to highlight results and successes of the Southern Lakes caribou recovery program. He is looking for some funding if the council is in a position to help. Council said they would discuss and get back to him.

There being no further business council adjourned.

Accepted as presented:

Ken Reeder

Edna Helm

Don Toews

Al Foster

Jacques Jobin

Zena McLean