

Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council

Annual Workplan 2017-2018

General Vision for 2017-2018

The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council (CTRRC) strives to be the voice for the residents within the Carcross Tagish First Nation (CTFN) Traditional Territory (TT) in managing our renewable resources, fish, wildlife and forestry, including habitat and environments that affect these renewable resources.

The mandate of the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council as outlined in 16.6.9 and 17.4.1 of the CTFN Final Agreement is:

- To make informed and responsible management recommendations regarding fish, wildlife and their habitat, and forest resources, and
- To administer Trapline Allocation and make bylaws as appropriate.

Objectives for the fiscal year 2017/2018:

- Continue to actively engage the communities in fish, wildlife and forestry management and raise the profile of the CTRRC;
- Ensure Council members and staff have access to training/educational opportunities;
- Promote youth education opportunities/initiatives;
- Continue to establish mechanisms and opportunities to communicate with the public;
- Foster working relationships with fish, wildlife and forestry management agencies including: YG, CTFN, YFWMB, YSSC, CWS and DFO;
 - Strengthen working relationships with governments, stakeholders, and the public.
- Continue providing input into land and water management planning processes;
- Ensure participation of First Nation members/beneficiaries and local area residents in processes regarding fish, wildlife, and forestry management;
- Provide for the maintenance and enhancement of the Yukon's wild fur industry and the Conservation of the fur resource;
- Promote the implementation of the SLWCC recommendations and plans.

Office Operations

- Maintain office operations in a centrally located Community;
- Secure Auditor and or other professional services as required;
 - Retain Bookkeeper on an ongoing basis;
- Work with the Office Administrator to assure smooth and timely handling of Council business;
- Continue to raise public awareness of the Council operations and encourage community participation/interest in ongoing activities:
 - Advertise Council meetings and processes in local newspapers; and by mailings, handouts, and inserts and advertisements in local community newsletters and websites;
 - Publish and distribute biannual or quarterly newsletter;

Council Operations

- Conduct up to 12 regularly scheduled public Council meetings:
 - Invite agencies to attend meetings and present proposals, programs and initiatives that are within our CTRRC mandate.
- Conduct additional Special Council meetings as required;
- Council representation at other meetings and workshops relevant to the CTRRC mandate;
- Council representation at RRC Working Group meetings;
- Ensure/enable training opportunities for Council members and staff:
 - Develop and implement training plans for council members and staff;
 - Ensure alternate Council members attend and participate in all meetings so they are fully informed and able to serve as productive alternates when required.
- Attend Local Advisory Council meetings as required.

Ongoing Council Activities (non-discretionary)

- Review and provide input on issues relating to land and water use proposals relevant to CTRRC mandate:
 - Respond and provide input to all YESAB, YWB and other public land, water and resource project review processes relevant to the CTRRC mandate where comments are posted on public registries.
- Participate in meetings and workshops and represent regional interests for all CTRRC areas of responsibility including Land Use and Protected Area Planning, and provide submissions and recommendations where appropriate;

- Conduct meetings in communities to review fish, wildlife and forestry management issues, policies, regulations and legislation and CTRRC proposals for fish and wildlife regulations:
 - Conduct consultation meetings in each community – Marsh Lake, Tagish, Carcross and Mt Lorne;
 - Attend various community functions for educational and public profile purposes.
- Investigate and implement activities to engage youth in fish & wildlife and Council related activities:
 - Attend and present Council programs and information at schools/open houses;
 - Investigate opportunities to invite school groups to attend selected Council meetings;
 - Develop educational modules for schools on key management issues, e.g. S.L. caribou management.
- Participate in annual Fish and Wildlife Regulation development and review processes.
 - Propose fish and wildlife regulation changes;
 - Review other proposals from government agencies, First Nations, RRCs and stakeholders included in the annual YFWMB public consultation package, and provide recommendations in consultation with communities.
- Trapline Management:
 - Review and update Council's Trapline Allocation Policy;
 - Enact the Trapline Allocation and Renewal Guidelines;
 - Make recommendations to the Minister of Environment and CTFN on the allocation of new, vacant and underutilized traplines and renewal of Trapline Concessions;
 - Establish bylaws as appropriate for the management of furbearers.
- Participate in all regional Protected Area Plan Processes:
 - Attend Tagish River HPA Management Committee Meetings;
 - Work in cooperation with CTFN and YG on the need to establish additional habitat protection and special management areas.
- Participate in all areas of Forest Resources Management and planning:
 - Review and provide input on all forest and timber harvesting plans, processes and proposals on matters that affect the management and conservation of fish and wildlife, and their habitats; and
 - Council will provide input into access issues that affect the management of fish and wildlife and their habitats.
 - Participate in the SLFMP process and review draft plan and make recommendations:
 - Co-host workshop with SLFMP Committee and CTFN.
 - Co-host public meetings with the SLFMP Committee in the communities.

- Participate on YFWMB and RRC processes and initiatives.
 - Attend annual AGW;
 - Provide funding for AGW as agreed to by all RRCs;
 - Participate in YFWMB working groups and programs, e.g. trapping working group and fur harvest enhancement programs;
 - Attend YFWMB RRC Chair meetings.

Special Projects (discretionary depending on budgets):

- Develop database and catalogue all relevant fish, wildlife, and forestry reports to assist in identifying sensitive habitat areas and potential HPA's;
- Develop programs and projects to support the local trapping industry in the CTFN TT:
 - Conduct annual workshop with all trapline holders and assistants in the CTFN TT to discuss needs and potential programs;
 - Develop pelt preparation and pelt handling program in consultation with trappers;
 - Provide assistance for youth to participate in Trapper Training as well as networking opportunities with existing trappers;
 - Assist in educating trappers on humane trapping techniques;
 - Continue wolf trapping education program.
- Host annual on the land gatherings of the First Nations Governments, YG, BC Gov't, Taku River Tlingit and Renewable Resources Councils with overlaps in the CTFN TT, as well as the general public of Southern Lakes to identify common wildlife concerns and issues in areas of interest and responsibility.
- Work with government agencies responsible for implementation of the recommendations of the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee (SLWCC) and ongoing management of the SL caribou herd.
- Management of Southern Lakes Caribou Herd;
 - Work with the government representatives that have authority and responsibilities for land and wildlife management in the continued management of the Southern Lakes caribou herd.
- Host Elder's meetings.
- Recommend, promote and assist with signage, communications and notifications in regards to the protection of wildlife.
- Initiate community based Fish and Wildlife Workplan.
 - Hold public meetings in Tagish, Carcross, Marsh Lake, and Mt Lorne to identify issues and priorities.
- Trapping/Trapline Management:
 - Continue hands-on training and mentoring for trappers and promote proper pelt handling.

- The CTRRC will be making application for funding to the YFWET – Yukon Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Trust.
- Maintain CTRRC website.
- Southern Lakes Wire Recovery
 - Continue researching locations of abandoned wire and the removal of some of the abandoned wire located in the CTFN TT.
- Tagish River Cisco Assessment and Baseline Study
 - The CTRRC will be making application for funding to the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Trust (YFWET) and Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC).
 - The purpose is to conduct research on least cisco in the CTFN TT.