

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2019

PRESENT:

Ken Reeder
Don Toews

Edna Helm
Jacques Jobin

SekiGiardino
Zena McLean

Guest: Randy Taylor
Lars Jessup YG
Karlie Knight CTFN

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:10 AM

The agenda was presented, Ken asked that we add the Youth Muskrat Camp discussion and Don requested we talk about On the Land Gathering and Regulation changes.

The amended agenda was accepted by consensus

The email and picture of the beach at a particular property in Tagish was presented to council with a discussion on how to handle this particular complaint, it was decided that Jacque would take the picture and complaint to Jodi at DFO and to Wade Comins at YG and let them handle this complaint.

ACTION: JACQUE WILL DELIVER INFORMATION TO JODI AT DFO AND TO WADE AT YG

Wildwise letter and email was presented to council and council advised they would like to write Wildwise and ask them for a brief on the project they are looking for support for and to invite Heather to the meeting on March 4, 2018 to see if they are doing anything else we can work on together.

ACTION: TISH WILL CONTACT HEATHER FOR INFORMATION AND INVITE TO MEETING

Ken brought up that he has been doing some work on the Youth Muskrat camp and he feels that CTRRC will be short of funds this year, they have \$ 12, 000 from

Accumulated Surplus but thinks that an additional \$5000 will be needed as last year total costs were approximate \$ 17,000. Council decided that Ken should make application to the YFWET in the amount of \$ 5000.00 to cover the shortfall.

ACTION; KEN WILL MAKE APPLICATION TO YFWET FOR \$5,000 FUNDING

A discussion ensued on regulation changes. Don suggested that a decision could be made after our community meetings on whether CTRRC will be submitting a regulation change.

Council further discussed how trophy fees for non-residents are so low and should be increased to reflect their value. Seki made a statement about how wildlife studies are so expensive to do and therefore if the trophy fees of non-resident hunters were increased it could be allocated to supplement the cost of doing studies.

It was stated that our Trapline Allocation Guidelines should be reviewed and amended to provide better clarity regarding the process, Ken said that Dawson RRC hired someone to do their guidelines. Council instructed Tish to contact Dawson and see who they hired and to make contact with that person.

ACTION; TISH WILL CONTACT THE DAWSON RRC TO SEE WHO THEY HIRED.

Ken brought the furs that were taken from the first trapping camp and made a suggestion that Edna take the furs and make a few items that could be shown at this years trapping camp so that the attendees can see the final product after trapping an animal. Council unanimously agreed.

Jacque brought up that he felt the Yukon should start now doing something about mandatory steaming of boats coming into the Yukon to reduce the chance of zebra mussels and other invasive species coming to the Yukon. He advised that BC had mandatory steaming of boats.

Jacque was going to talk to Heather Milligan to further investigate this.

Dennis Zimmerman attended the meeting to talk to council on how they would like to handle the up coming public meetings that Dennis is facilitating. Council had a lengthy discussion and gave Dennis direction on how they would like to proceed by introducing the council to the communities and finding out what the communities wish to tell us about their concerns. Dennis said he would make some notes on the meeting and give a short report of how he would proceed with this. Dennis said he

would proceed with the “what you told us” motto. Don suggested that all the LAC’s also be included in this process.

Dennis made his presentation on the project he is working on “ Exploring Yukon’s Perspective on catch and release fishing” saying he was applying for funding through YFWET and wanted to know if CTRRC would support him in this application. Council unanimously agreed that they would.

ACTION: DON WILL DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT.

Oliver Barker from Dept of Environment attended the meeting with his assistant Kaitlyn. Oliver was looking to council for support on submitting a regulation change for fishing Burbot. Oliver would like to submit the regulation change to reflect a change in catch and possession from 10/20 to 3/6 and maximum of 3 hooks with set lines. Oliver presented a lot of data on the burbot. After the presentation a member said that after hearing the data it made sense that a regulation change be presented. Council unanimously agreed to support this regulation change and to provide Oliver with a letter of support.

After Oliver finished he was questioned on the signage that was promised for specific sites last summer. He said some signs were in storage and some signs have not been made but he would look into it.

Oliver advised that Kaitlyn was mid-way through her analysis of Little Atlin Creek creel study.

Don reminded Oliver that there was still concern of angling pressure on Little Atlin and wanted to know what was being done.

Oliver advised that a senior biologist should be hired and working in two months. Don suggested that conversations should start on people catching and releasing large numbers of fish. Oliver said in their creel studies that 2% of anglers were releasing 10 or more fish and .24% were releasing 20 or more.

Lars attended the meeting to give the YG updates. He said that education wanted to hire Erin from Rivers 2 Ridges to take notes and build a framework by the end of this fiscal cycle. He estimated costs of the first contract to be \$2-\$4 thousand dollars and then a second contract would be done for building content and going back to the communities. This second contract will be more expensive.

Lars advised council that he had been in the schools and talked to the kids about the program of adopting and tracking a caribou. He has put out 17 of the 76 collars hoping to have 49 more out by end of February and believes that BC will have their 10 out by then also.

Lars wanted to know if the RRC was submitting any regulation changes this cycle. He wanted to know the councils thoughts on Christine Cleghorn's email and presentation. Lars advised that the department would be submitting a regulation change to enable the minister to make changes to regulations. Lars asked Council how they would be responding to Christine Cleghorn's email.

Then Lars wanted to discuss a fish and wildlife management plan saying we should be clear in what we want and how we will go about. He says that YG has no available planners at present but we could go ahead and possibly use our surplus funding.

Karlie then gave updates from CTFN. She advised that CTFN was excited to be part of the information gathering from the communities and glad that the conversation was now open.

Caribou ground monitoring has started with monitors and land guardians. Collecting of pellets and wolf scat is part of the monitoring program. The wolf scat is for a separate program and will assist in determining wolf diet.

The Southern Lakes Caribou Management Plan (SLCMP) should be out by December 2019 by the steering committee.

The trapping coordinator job was not filled. Job description was requested from Karlie she said she would ask.

Karlie stated to council that Tami said CTFN is starting a HEED type of program that will be a cultural workshop around hunter education & ethics development to include gun work, cultural aboriginal right and title, angling aspect, cultural hunt etc.. Full details are not available and Tami will provide more information at a later date.

Wire recovery went well this year and CTFN will be doing more recovery this coming year and will access funding from the Federal Government

She advised that trappers will be gathering wolf scat in March and asked to use a gps to record data and trappers would be compensated.

Karlie said CTFN and 3 other FN will be following the BC helicopter when they do the caribou collaring work.

CTFN will participate again this year in the Chinook program, KDFN would like to play a larger roll in the Chinook program.

Karlie questioned Lars what was being done about Wildlife Collisions in particular to reduce collisions at the Judas Creek corner. Lars said that the sign effectiveness study isn't being conducted because Dept. of Highways does not have any speed trackers. It was suggested that the department be reminded that this was promised by the Minister last year.

It was brought to Lars attention that the sign at Judas Creek has not been working for the past week. Lars replied that it appears to be an issue with the battery and it may need to be hauled back to Whitehorse for repairs. He also mentioned a possible option in the future for a permanent sign connected to the power grid.

Lars said that Dept. of Highways has hired a research consultant to assess wildlife vehicle collisions at some specific sites in the Yukon, including the Judas Creek to Jakes Corner section of the Alaska Highway.

Karlie said that we should send a letter to the Minister questioning what YG Dept of Highways is doing to reduce collisions and asked Tish if she would work with her on it.

The next meeting of the council was set for March 4, 2019 at 9 AM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____As Read _____ As amended

Date: _____

Proposed by: _____

Second by: _____

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