

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council
Held on April 15, 2019 at
Mount Lorne Community Hall.

PRESENT: RANDY TAYLOR
KEN REEDER
DON TOEWS
JACQUES JOBIN

EDNA HELM
RON DESJARDINS
FIONA SEKI GIARDINO

GUESTS: JAYLENE GOORTS
GARY SIDNEY JOHNSON

KARLIE KNIGHT
DENNIS ZIMMERMAN

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

The agenda was presented to council and additions were requested:

Don Toews - to do presentation on Wetland Workshop
Jacques Jobin - inquiry into nets on Crag Lake
Fiona - discussion on electric fencing.

The agenda was accepted with changes by consensus of council.

A discussion was had on action items from March 4, meeting, Ken said he did not contact Rick Halliday because he had heard he was back in hospital, but would try and contact him before the next meeting.

Don advised that he had talked to Oliver, about if the RRC bought out Halliday's commercial lake trout license in Bennet Lake, would YG give assurance that they would retire the license and would they contribute funds for the buyout?. Oliver stated that he could not make that assurance but he would find out and get back to Don and he has not gotten back to Don.

Minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting were presented to council . Council accepted the minutes as presented.

Don Toews motioned that the minutes be accepted as presented and Randy Taylor seconded the motion.

The financial report was presented to council, a discussion about how we ended our fiscal year ensued. Council decided in the future that we needed to have a meeting on the Accumulated Surplus.

Council accepted the financial report by consensus.

Teslin River Tlingit First Nation sent a letter requesting support from the RRC on a regulation change that they are submitting to close hunting of the Carcross Caribou herd in GMZ 6-27.

Council agreed that we should offer a letter of support.

ACTION: Don Toews will review our previous submission and advise Tish of any changes and Tish will submit the letter to BC government.

Don Toews had drafted regulation changes that the council wants to submit:

1. Don drafted a regulation change to focus on management of fisheries:
 - Establish a daily angling catch limit of 5 fish for each species including retained and catch and release
 - Single barbless hooks for Little Atlin, Snafu and Tarfu lakes
 - Establish a non- retention of lake trout on Little Atlin Lake.

Council was in favor of submitting this regulation as presented.

2. Don Drafted a regulation change to prohibit roadside trophy hunting of grizzly bears in the southern Lakes.

Council had a discussion of this matter and agreed that the regulation change should only focus on grizzly bear and not include black bears or refer to any other wildlife when submitted.

3. Don drafted a regulation change on management of attractants for dangerous wildlife and protection of bears and the public in the Southern Lakes.

Council had a discussion on this Randy Taylor felt that identifying attractants and dangerous situations should not be left entirely up to the Conservation Officer's discretion. He felt that it could be identified clearer in the regulation so it is better understood by the public. CO's would still have certain amount of discretion.

Council felt that there should be public consultation on all their regulation changes and consultation will happen as regulation changes progress.

Jacques Jobin said that he had met with a few people from Crag Lake that were upset that there were two nets on the lake near the CTFN farm. Residents were concerned as there are very low populations of fish in Crag Lake. Jacques was informed that the nets were put in by CTFN as an education to their youth citizens for a couple of days.

Don advised he attended the Wetland workshop he said it was a good work shop and there was a good representation of attendees including placer miners, and prospectors, it was clear that wetlands are a concern for all the Yukon.

Seki reported that she had done some inquiring as to setting up electric fencing for protection of ones own property from dangerous wildlife. Council had a discussion on the matter, Seki brought up that maybe the council could provide an incentive to people who could not afford the money to set one up. Randy said he would be in favor of something like this if it was partnered with YG as he felt that it should not be the RRC's financial responsibility alone. It was suggested we could co-host a workshop in each community.

ACTION: Seki will contact YG and see if they offer any programs.

Dennis Zimmerman was asked what he thought about our regulation change on angling and he said he did not think the Public would know what to do with it and that it would start multiple discussions at once. However he felt that the council should go ahead with it.

Council had a discussion on the OLG, from the discussion Dennis is to come up with a draft agenda, and Tish is to get invitations out so that attendees can get it in their calendars. Council decided that the gathering would be held at the Tagish Community Hall. Tish will proceed with arranging venue, catering etc.

ACTION: Dennis is to prepare a draft agenda . Tish is to create an invite list and get invitations out as soon as possible. Tish is to organize venue, catering etc.

Karlie Knight gave some updates for CTFN. She gave a presentation on how she thought the Caribou day at the OLG would turn out.

Karlie advised that a Class 1 mining application in for the property at Judas creek, this is the same applicant that has made two previous attempts to acquire mining property at Judas Creek. Karlie said that CTFN has had enough and they are having their lawyer write a letter.

Karlie advised that CTFN had signed a letter of support for the BC regulation change on closing hunting of Carcross caribou herd in BC.

Karlie advised that CTFN did not get approved for the \$ 38,000 funding they had applied for on the Chinook Salmon research project, she stated that CTFN would now have to fund the whole project.

Jaylene provided updates for YG:

Sheep collaring in mid march did not happen as there was not enough snow, they will try again next year.

All caribou collars are out a total of 72 collars, 14 collars are not working but that is a malfunction from the manufacturer and YG is working out the details of settlement. However this means that 14 collars will have to go out on caribou over the summer using drugs and not netting. The collars that are not working have had no connection for two months now and they will drop off at the set time, however if they do not connect to satellite they will not be able to retrieve them.

She thought over the winter there were 6 road kills of caribou 3 in judas creek area and 3 in Squanga area. Don requested she provide statistics of caribou kills over the past five years.

Jaylene asked if the funds allocated 2018-2019 fiscal year could be forwarded to the 2019-2010 fiscal year. Council agreed.

Jaylene advised that the caribou story map would be available to the public within the next two weeks.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting was set for May 6, 2019 at Tagish Community Hall

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____As Read _____ As amended

Date: _____

Proposed by: _____

Second by: _____