



Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council

Minutes of the

Regular Meeting- Tagish Community Hall

April 4, 2016

Council Members Present: Ken Reeder, (Co-chair), Edna Helm (Co-chair), Patrick James, Albert James, Don Toews, Randy Taylor

Absent with Regrets: Jacques Jobin,

Others Present: Matt Clarke, SL Reg. Biologist (YG)
Alain Fontaine, A/Reg Biologist-SL (YG)
Mac Watson, NorthCurl Outfitters
Natalie Leclerc, Natural Resources Manager (CTFN)
Frank James, Lands Manager (CTFN)
Charlie James, Exec. Council (CTFN)
Tami Hamilton, Natural Resources Coordinator (CTFN)
Dennis Zimmermann, Trust Manager (YFWET)
Shirley Ford, Trustee (YFWET)
Terry Wilkinson, Trustee (YFWET)

Chairperson: Ken Reeder, Co-chair

Recording Secretary: Linda Thornton

Meeting called to order: 10:05

In Camera: 10:00 – 12:00

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Randy Taylor moved to approve April 4, 2016 agenda; Second by Albert James. Adoption of the agenda was passed by consensus.

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM March 7, 2016.**
Moved by Don Toews/Second by Patrick James. Minutes were passed by consensus as amended. Signatures were obtained as required.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM March 14, 2016 – Special Meeting.
Moved by Don Toews/Second by Patrick James. Minutes were passed by consensus as read. Signatures were obtained as required.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Action item included in minutes.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
Ken tabled the Budget Tracking Sheet as of **March 31, 2016** and supporting documents. Linda advised council that these documents were placed in the dropbox for CTRRC members to review.

The book balance of the bank account as of **March 31, 2016** is \$ 36,372.37.

In regards to the Enhancement Trust Fund, if these get approved, Tish noted that she will need to meet with Council to rework the budget to make it fall more in-line with what Council is proposing.

16/17 Transfer Funding Agreement

Linda provided 3 copies of the 'Transfer Funding Agreement' for Co-chairs' signatures.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

Ken tabled the General Business & Correspondence Summary. Specific Discussion arising from GB&C items as follows:

a. Appointment – letter received

Linda tabled the letter to Council that Jacques Jobin has been officially appointed as YG alternate; appointment letter received.

b. Liability Insurance

WCB coverage for volunteer and if Council members are covered? Employees and Council members are covered.

c. Yukon Forest Resources Regulation Proposed Amendments and deadline for comments is April 30/16.

Consensus by Council for Don and Randy to draft a comment letter and will circulate for Council to review for their in-put. Documents provided in dropbox.

Action: Don & Randy will draft comments on the proposed amendments for Council to review.

e. Lars Jessup Leave

Linda informed Council that Lars Jessup is on paternity leave until May 2/16 and Alain Fontaine will attend CTRRC meeting as required.

5. Members' Time

This gives CTRRC members the opportunity to flag and address internal issues and discussion on future projects.

6. Meat Donation & Distribution

Ken welcomed Mac Watson & Leona, "NorthCurl Outfitter" to the meeting and called for round table introduction.

Ken started the meeting with discussion on meat donation and distribution and explained that CTRRC are looking for suggestions from Mac.

Mac said he would deliver the meat to a licensed butcher of Council's choice and CTRRC would look after the butchering, packaging and distribution of the meat to the communities. Once Council has a butcher in mind, Council will let Mac know so he can deliver the meat.

Mac mentioned that he would like a better relationship with Council and he would like to meet with CTRRC in the spring and in the fall on any updates.

Lunch 12:00 – 12:30

7. CTFN – updates

Frank shared with Council about some items that were discussed at CTFN meetings on the Armstrong application at Jakes Corner, Judas Creek application and the tailing ponds on Montana Mountain. CTFN will have further discussion on New Mining applications and Harry Property "Pennycrook Creek" and will be discussing further with the local people.

Frank also expressed concerns and would like to bring to CTRRCs' attention that people are setting nets in the spawning areas on Tagish Lake – this is an ongoing concern and they have plans to put forward a policy and CTFN is seeking CTRRC support.

The *Nares River Bridge Replacement* is close to the stage of the work being put out to tender.

Don mentioned the two major concerns that CTRRC had was the lake trout migration and pile driving as it is related to timing. Because, we are dealing with lake trout migration, this may require more research done to look at what assessment has been done on the pile driving and what affect this has in an area like this.

Action: CTRRC agreed to provide a letter of support to CTFN on setting nets policy in spawning areas.

Tami suggested scheduling the initial "Caribou Management Plan" meeting on April 25/16 in Carcross. Consensus from Council to have a meeting on this date and Tami will provide more details.

Action: Tami will send the details of this meeting to Linda.

Tami shared with CTRRC from the Monitors meeting on the working collaboration and the possibility putting out some information pamphlets where CTFN and CTRRC would like to see people avoid for recreation. She asked if CTRRC would like to team up with CTFN on a public announcement to identify habitat protection areas? For example, lambing season on Caribou Mountain, what time-frame for people to avoid, **(no disturbance during May/June)**.

Council agreed that CTRRC could engage the public on the sensitive areas and identify area as "HPA" and get feedback from the public. Discussion took place on various suggestions and would CTFN be interested to have a designated parking area and have a sign at this point saying, **"Do Not Disturb the Sheep"**.

Tami raised concerns on fishing off the walking bridge in Carcross. People are over fishing off the walking bridge. It was suggested to have a camera or a sign on the bridge saying, "this area is monitored by a video surveillance", and this instance has been reported to fisheries. It was suggested CTFN & CTRRC jointly draft a letter to CO expressing their concerns, as this is an enforcement issue.

Action: Draft a joint letter with (CTFN & CTRRC) to CO.

Council had discussion and noted their concerns that will be raised at the meeting on Wednesday on the "Harry Property" project. Council would like to hear on what they plan to do at the beginning of the season and for them to report to CTRRC on what has been done at the end of the season.

Matt noted the key caribou values on Jubilee Mountain and he will provide the Council with a map that shows the key caribou rut and winter range as well as a generalized caribou migration route.

Action: Don & Randy will draft a letter this week for processing.

Council had discussion on "Commercial Fishery Licenses", further discussion will follow with fisheries and with CTFN on this subject, including the control of quota production.

Consensus to table this item at the next CTRRC meeting scheduled for May 2, 2016.

8. Environment, YG - updates

Ken welcomed Matt Clarke and Alain Fontaine, A/Reg Biologist to the meeting and called for round table introduction. Alain will be attending the CTRRC meeting as requested to cover Lars Jessup upon his return from paternity leave.

Matt shared with Council that Environmental has a new Director, Christine Cleghorn and she is interested in meeting with the RRCs as well as meeting with the Directors of First Nations.

Matt shared with Council on behalf of Lars on the recent rut count is 720 for the Carcross herd and a group of 290 in one group in Ibex

Matt touched base on the Regulation Change; "Special Guide" licensing process has changed for the 2016-17 hunting season. This year we will be offering a total of 125 Yukon special guiding licenses through a lottery process, and,

Including 25 permits for bison only! 100 permits for moose and caribou, except for this year, it is either moose or caribou for special guide, and the other change is getting off designated route to zone 5 to access a harvest of bison.

S.L Caribou collaring will be done late winter this fiscal year, a year from now.

9. Trapping – Update

No updates to report.

10. 2016 AGW - update

Resolution – Furbearer Harvest Reporting – for approval

Resolution – Trapping Industry Support – for approval

Linda tabled the two resolutions, Council reviewed and approved for Linda to forward to Alsek RRC for the 2016 AGW. These will also be on the Chairs meeting agenda.

Action: Linda will forward these to AlsekRRC.

11. YFWET – update

Ken welcomed Dennis Zimmermann and Trustees, Shirley Ford and Terry Wilkinson to the meeting and called for round table introduction.

Through the technical evaluation process the Trustees determined that the SNAFU/TARFU Lake Trout proposal was not accepted for funding this year.

The Trustee determined that they would like to support the Tagish River Cisco project with PARTIAL funding in the amount of \$10,000.

The Trustee reviewed 2016-17 Wire Recovery Project and they delayed on making a decision on this project until they had the opportunity for further discussion with the project lead.

The Trustees expressed their support in the Wire Removal project and said this is a really big job and the purpose of the meeting is a "fact-finding mission".

The Trustee had some questions in order to move on a quick turnaround for a decision. This is a 2nd year project with a success story and this project could extend into a 5-year long term project, it was suggested if there is a possibility to apply for funding from other agencies in future years.

Randy and Natalie will be working on a workplan and plans are in place to approach Whitepass on their funding share.

In closing, Dennis thanked CTRRC in addressing the Wire Recovery project at the meeting with the Trustee Committee, they will have more discussion and will work with this and report back to CTRRC shortly with their decision.

Council suggested in taking on the SNAFU/TARFU Lake Trout project and the project could be funded from another source,

Consensus to table this item at the next CTRRC meeting scheduled for May 2, 2016.

12. YESAB

YESAB (2016-0204) – Judas Creek Placer

Linda informed Council letter was submitted on March 29/16.

YESAB (2016-0018) Harry Property – Jubilee Mountain

Linda tabled the poster on the Harry Property public meeting scheduled for April 6/16 at the Tagish Community Hall and due date for comments is April 11/16.

Alain said he could prepare a map for Council of the key caribou values on Jubilee Mountain which shows the key caribou rut and winter range as well as a generalized caribou migration route.

13. Surplus Funding Application - update

Ken raised the question if there were funds left in the common pot and Matt said there is money left in the common "Surplus Fund". Matt said he will know more after the next meeting in April after reviewing the most recent proposals.

CTRRC was informed by CYFN this week that the Surplus Fund project had been approved and that a bank draft for \$116K was being prepared.

Council was later informed that the cheque was issued as an administration error. Council suggested talking with TeslinRRC and prepare a joint application.

Meetings/Workshop

YFWMB – RRC Co-chair meetings

YESAB – public meeting in Tagish – 2016-0018

Summary Action Items

- #4.c. Action: Don & Rand to draft comments on the proposed amendments for Council to review.
- #7. Action: CTRRC agreed to provide a letter of support to CTFN on setting nets policy in Lake trout spawning areas.
- #7. Action: Tami will send the details of this meeting to Linda on the "Caribou Management Plan" meeting on April 25/16
- #7. Action: Draft a joint letter with (CTFN & CTRRC) to CO.
- #7. Action: Don & Randy will draft a letter re: "Harry Property" this week for processing.
- #10. Action: Linda will forward these to AlsekRRC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 4:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: MAY 2, 2016

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____ As Read ☒ As amended

Date:

May 2/16

Proposed by:

[Signature]

Second by:

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