



## **Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting- Tagish Community Hall May 2, 2016**

**Council Members Present:** Edna Helm (Co-chair), Patrick James, Albert James, Don Toews, Randy Taylor, Jacques Jobin

**Absent with Regrets:** Ken Reeder, (Co-chair)

**Others Present:** Lars Jessup, SL Regional Tech. (YG)  
Carrie McClelland, Wildlife Viewing  
Natalie Leclerc, Natural Resources Manager (CTFN)  
Frank James, Lands Manager (CTFN)  
Lawrence Ignace, Director, Heritage, Lands and Natural Resources

**Chairperson:** Edna Helm, Co-chair

**Recording Secretary:** Linda Thornton

**Meeting called to order:** 10:15

**In Camera:** 10:00 – 12:00

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Don Toews moved to accept May 2, 2016 agenda; Second by Patrick James. Adoption of the agenda was passed by consensus with the following addition.

**Don called for additions to the agenda:**

- Yukon Fish & Game Association – Youth Camp

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM April 4, 2016.**

Moved by Don Toews/Second by Jacque Jobin. Minutes were passed by consensus as amended. Signatures were obtained as required.

Albert expressed concerns on "surplus funds" and that Council needs to have further discussion on a strategic plan for special projects.

**Consensus by Council to schedule a meeting to plan in how CTRRC can effectively use the funds on special projects.**

#### **SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:**

Council reviewed these action items. Some action items are outstanding and Linda will follow up on these and report back to Council.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Edna tabled the Budget Tracking Sheet as of **April 30, 2016** and supporting documents.

Tish noted that she did not received notice of funds for 2016-17 and corrections to this will be

made prior to June meeting. April 2016 bank statement will not be available until the following Monday.

Linda confirmed that the first installment of the 2016/2017 transfer funding would be deposited in the bank and CTRRC will be notified by automatic notice.

**Consensus by Council to accept the Financial Report.**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**a. New Fish & Wildlife Branch Director – Environment YG**

Linda tabled Introduction letter received April 14/16 from Christine Cleghorn.

Council reviewed the letter and suggested that Council to put together a list of topics to discuss and invite her to the CTRRC meeting next fall. Council agreed to draft a response letter to invite her at a future date.

**Consensus by Council to draft a response to Christine Cleghorn.**

**Action:** Linda will prepare a response letter to Christine Cleghorn.

**5. Members' Time**

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

**Lunch 12:00 – 12:30**

**6. CTFN - Updates**

Natalie gave a briefing to Council that the YFWETF "Wire Recovery" Agreement has not been received to date. Randy and Natalie are working on a Workplan to cover the next 3-5 years. Youth Achievement Center contacted Natalie, as they are interested as to what type of opportunity would be available for the youth, because we are full this summer, they would consider adding them to the project next year.

Natalie provided a brief overview on the *Caribou Management Plan Meeting* that took place April 25/16. Natalie said there was a discussion on CTFN taking the lead on **Caribou Management Plan** (CTFN indicated at the meeting that Land Management Board supported such a lead role), and that YG could provide the process with a facilitator or a contract planner and may provide funding for a facilitator.

Don mentioned that Tami agreed to draft up Roles and Responsibilities, Workplan, Terms and Conditions on how CTFN and CTRRC will work together on this project.

Natalie shared with Council a brief discussion on the Land Application 2016-0420 at 10 Mile Ranch for a dock in front of main resort, old dock is decommissioned and a new floating/crib dock will be built. Frank said he met with the owner and CTFN does not have any concerns with this project.

Don mentioned there is no concern if it is a floating dock, as long as it allows water movement and fish movement along shore.



The deadline for comments - **May 12, 2016**, this application **does trigger** an assessment through the YESAA. Comments can be submitted to the Land Management Branch.

**Action:** CTRRC will submit comments on 2016-0420 based on the above concerns.

Natalie shared with Council with a brief discussion on Dry Creek and expressed concerns on the amount of hiking/viewing in this area. Continued discussion took place 'on do we want to establish hiking trails in this area', the next step is to take this to CTFN Lands Management Board for further discussion and directions. It was suggested that the long-term answer, would be to establish this area as a HPA and to avoid hiking during May and June, as this is a sensitive area and have signage in a suitable location.

Carrie McClelland from Wildlife Viewing introduced herself to Council and CTFN and she said that they could provide education resources and best practices, alternative options and signage at a more effective location. Lars said the last survey that was done in this area was approximately 100 sheep and that he witnessed seeing a lot of sheep in this area.

Don suggested that CTRRC could do a public consultation; further discussion would need to take place on what kind of management we would like to see.

Natalie said the Tagish HPA Steering Committee went to the Elders' Council on April 13, 2016, which went very well and had a positive feedback and comments from the elders.

**7. Environment, YG - updates**

Discussion took place earlier under #6. CTFN updates.

**8. Commercial Fishery Licenses - update**

Council had a brief discussion and if this was a good time to approach commercial fishermen with discussion on interest in retiring licenses, there is an argument because of the low fish population and there would have to be compensation as in past practice. Lars offered to have discussion with Oliver Barker, Senior Fisheries Biologist (YG) and report back to CTRRC.

**Action:** Lars will have discussion with Fisheries and report back to CTRRC.

**9. Fur Production Records - update**

Fur Production Records will be deferred to next meeting.

**10. 2016 AGW - update**

Linda advised Council that the resolution on **Trapping Industry Support** and **Furbearer Harvest Reporting** was forward to AlsekRRC for the AGW. Linda advised Council, documents for the CTRRC 2015 success will be submitted by May 6, 2016 for the AGW. Lars requested a copy of the resolutions, Linda will email.

**Action:** Linda will email the two resolutions to Lars and will forward the CTRRC success to AGW.

**11. Snafu/Tarfu Lake Trout Project - update**

Don tabled this item for discussion, the **SNAFU/TARFU Lake Trout** proposal was not accepted for YFWET funding. Some discussion took place and if Council wanted to proceed with this project under another source of funding.

**Consensus by Council to delay this project and to reapply again for funding on this project next year. Council suggested to prepare a strategic plan on the use of surplus funds in advance for this project.**



**Tagish River Cisco** project was accepted for **PARTIAL** funding in the amount of \$10,000. Don revised the budget to match the new funding amount and was forward to YFWETF.

**Consensus by Council to proceed with the Tagish River Cisco project.** Don gave some topics as follows to focus on as a starting point:

First part of the project:

- Sample of Cisco through early spring and summer – 200-300 fish required
- Collect ageing structures and other biological information
- Don proposed to hire EDI to do the field work

Second Part of the Project:

- Cisco Traditional Knowledge study (CTRRC will do this jointly with CTFN)
- Review data on file
- Look at where and when the Cisco are spawning
- DNA genetic sample collection

Don suggested in holding off on the reporting until we had a clear vision of our budget and suggested in requesting EDI to just focus on the aging and the field work.

#### **12. On the Land Gathering - Preparation**

It was noted that there had been no discussion on this subject other than confirmation that the dates planned for **June 10 and 11, 2016**. Council said the main topic will be focus on "Caribou" and Linda to inform attendees to block this date off in their calendar and reserve "Skookies Camp" and food arrangements with Colleen James. Council said they would like Lars to come and give a presentation.

**Action:** Linda will reserve Skookies Camp and food arrangements and send an email out to all attendees to block this off on their calendar for the **"On the Land Gathering"**.

#### **13. CTRRC Website - update**

Randy tabled a brief update on the CTRRC Website and notified Council that the structure is set up and in place and ready to go, more information will follow. Randy advised Council we need to determine what we want on the Website. Randy asked members to send in their comments and any ideas they have. More training will be required as time goes on and Linda will send the link to members.

**Action:** Linda will send the CTRRC Website link to members.

#### **14. Water Lot Application – 2016-0420**

This was discussed under CTFN – updates.

**Action:** CTRRC will draft a response to 2016-0420.

#### **15. SLFRMP – Regulation Amendments – for review**

Don tabled general comments he made on this document, which was circulated to Council. The deadline was extended early this week; Linda notified Council that Lisa left a phone message; this has been extended again for another month. It was suggested to Council that if you have any comments on this document to forward to Linda.

**Action:** Linda will keep Council informed on the status and revised comment date.

**Add:**

**Yukon Fish and Game Association – Youth Camp**

Don tabled the email that was sent out by Dennis Zimmermann on Saturday, April 30, 2016 to Council. Discussion continued on the "Youth Outdoor Camp – July 2-29/16" and seeking if CTRRC would be interested in being involved.

Council expressed interest and support and noted some concerns such as; Spirit Lake over fishing and harvesting as Lake Trout populations are low, hiking on Caribou Mountain and the potential of impact to sheep and lambs.

Jacque Jobin offered to work with Dennis and Council requested that Linda send an email to Dennis advising him that Jacque will be the contact person.

**Consensus by Council that CTRRC is interested to be involved and Jacque Jobin will be the contact person.**

**Action:** Linda will send an email to Dennis Zimmerman that CTRRC has an interest and that Jacque Jobin will be the contact person.

#### **Meetings/Workshop**

YFWMB – RRC Co-chair meetings

YESAB – public meeting in Tagish – 2016-0018

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 3:00 pm**

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 6, 2016 - REGULAR TIME**

During July and August time of meeting may change

Minutes Read and Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_ As Read ☒ As amended

Date:

June 6/16

Proposed by:

[Signature]

Second by:

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