

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 2017

PRESENT: Albert James, Patrick James, Don Toews, Edna Helm, Randy Taylor,
Jacques Jobin

CTFN: Karlie Knight, Tami Grantham; Charlie James; Frank James

YG: Lars Jessup; Rob Perry

Regrets: Ken Reeder, Adam Winters

The meeting was called to order at 10:15AM. Albert James was the Chair of the meeting.

The agenda was presented to council, Don Toews suggested to have a discussion about withdrawing the regulation change that Council submitted to YFWMB on the matter of Little Atlin Lake fishing. It was agreed this would be added to the agenda. Patrick James moved that the agenda be accepted as amended and Jacques Jobin seconded the motion.

Jacque stated he had someone who had received a sheep permit for a zone that was CTFN land and when he went to the First Nation to gain permission to hunt he was denied. Jacques questioned how YG can have a lottery for the permits but the hunter cannot gain permission to hunt. Patrick said that CTFN says no to all the applicants as they feel that there has to be more communication between YG and CTFN well in advance of the permit allotment time, he stated that CTFN needed to see sheep numbers before they would approve a hunter to hunt on CTFN lands. It was decided that this was a government to government issue between CTFN and YG and not a matter for the RRC.

The minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting were presented to council for approval. There were no changes to be made. Don Toews moved to accept the minutes as presented, Jacques Jobin seconded the motion.

Don requested that council allocate up to 10,000 dollars so that the cisco study could do further sample gathering to determine spawning areas. Edna said that White Pass does sampling once a year for the last 3 years at the end of Bennett Lake, this sampling was done by Golder and Associates. Don said he would follow up with this to see if they could get information from White Pass or Golder on their findings.

Patrick stated that the information gathered so far has raised a lot of question that should be answered. He suggest that a strong letter should be drafted to both

governments encouraging them to pick up where we are finishing this project. A much larger study is needed.

Council discussed how far into BC the sampling of Cisco should happen, Albert felt that if the CTRRC did not get to sample further in BC that there should be follow up with possibility of getting some funding from BC government for the study in BC. Randy thought that this might be “scope creep” and for this year it may be better to focus more locally with the available resources. Don indicated that this time of year it is totally dependent on weather conditions regarding further sampling. Council voted on allocating 10,000 to the cisco project for study work to be done in October 2017. This was passed by consensus.

A discussion of a one day workshop for elders was had, Albert was going to check with Forestry Planning to see if we can combine a workshop for traditional knowledge on the Cisco and forestry. This would eliminate the elders having to attend two separate workshops.

ACTION: Albert will approach SLFMP to see if it would be possible to host a workshop together.

ACTION: Don will approach CTFN to get the information on cisco they have to bring to the workshop.

A letter was received from the Taku River Tlingit FN asking for support from the CTRRC for the regulation change they are submitting on behalf of the TRTFN, CTFN and Teslin Tlingit FN, to close the harvesting of caribou in the GMU 6-27. Don said that we had previously sent a letter of support to the TRTFN. They are now submitting the same regulation change on behalf of the three first nations. Council agreed that a letter of support should be written.

ACTION: Don will draft a letter of support for the three first nations to stop caribou hunting in GMU 6-27.

The financial report was submitted to council. Questions were asked and council was satisfied with the answers. A reminder that we will have to apply for the surplus funds (\$20,000) would have to be submitted by the end of December. There was no further discussion on the financial report. Randy moved that the financial report we accepted as submitted and Jacques Jobin seconded the motion.

Don started a discussion on the withdrawing the regulation change that the CTRRC submitted for fishing on Atlin Lake. The general agreement was that the CTRRC would withdraw their regulation change, until the next cycle, for Little Atlin Lake with conditions that government comes up with something to control fishing on Little Atlin Lake; as well the government should have a harvest survey done by the

next regulation change cycle. This was put off to further discussion this afternoon when Lars and Rob Perry are at the meeting.

Albert brought up about hiring of a secretariat. He stated that it was difficult to get the hiring committee together for interviews. He said that it is the Co-chairs that have to work with the secretariat. Tish said that it was six weeks from closing of competition to interviews. Edna stated that she does not have to work with the secretariat so she would like to be removed from the committee. Randy suggested to carry on with a committee if members can attend, but to go ahead with the process if members cannot attend. Tish stated that the most important thing once someone is hired is to have the performance reviews, and to stay on top of the performance of the employee. Everyone agreed that the co-chairs should be involved in the hiring process and that it would be helpful to have other minds. Patrick suggested that it should be the two co-chairs and one other member. Albert stated he would discuss this further with Ken.

Tish advised that she had put an advertisement on Yuwin but had downsized the advertisement from the last one.

Jacque Jobin presented a draft proposal for a project that Rene Rivard and he would like to do in the Southern Lakes area. Council asked what they were looking for and Jacques suggested a letter of support and possibly funding. After much discussion between all parties agreed the idea of the project was good, but decided that the proposal was a bit preliminary and all parties needed much more information. Lars said that presently all southern lakes FN are running ground based monitoring programs. Lars suggested that more conversation would be needed to see how this proposal could be tied to the YG mandate. Lars indicated that YG would likely not want to deal with a wolf plan in the southern lakes until there was an ungulate plan in place.

Lars submitted a last minute proposal that YG wanted to submit for a regulation change. Apologized for it being submitted to council so late. The proposal for regulation change was to change the Nares Lake and the Nares river waters from general waters to conservation waters so that the fishing regulation would be the same across the board for all the southern lakes system. Lars said that YG was looking for comments and support for the regulation change submitted by the Conservation Officers Branch (COB).

Albert James advised Lars that the council did not appreciate not being involved in this discussion earlier or forwarding the regulation change before hand. Rob Perry apologized as he was the one who dropped the ball on getting this to council and CTFN sooner. Albert says he has a concern on how this would affect him as a First Nation person. Lars stated that this would only affect licensed anglers and not subsistence rights.

Albert requested that YG should change the title of “conservation waters” as conservation has a definition in the final agreement. Don Toews suggest it be changed to “special management waters” Council agreed that the regulation makes sense, however an explanation is required on how it will not affect FN rights.

Lars brought up the proposed regulation change for Little Atlin Lake. Rob Perry said YG would be willing to support CTRRC as stated in Don Toews email about the regulation change. Don Toews stated that the CTRRC would want to see a harvest survey done and Rob Perry said he would make the commitment to do a harvest survey for the next regulation change cycle.

ACTION: Don will write a letter to the YFWMB withdrawing the proposed regulation change for this cycle.

Don Toews suggest that “Conservation” terminology should be raised with the YFWMB and they should address it.

Lars advised council that the letter from the minister on road kill has not been finalized yet and would like to hold conversation on this matter until the next meeting.

Lars asked council if they were interested in partnering with YG to split costs on communications about caribou on the highways. Council agreed they would share the cost for YG but they would like to see the radio ads continue. Lars said he thought the costs last year were about \$3,000 and the RRC would pay 1,500.

Lars asked if an interview was requested by CBC would the RRC be willing to do one and council said yes.

Lars said he would be going to a meeting in the next week to request moose surveys, council suggest they would like to see them done in Wheaton, Snafu/Tarfu, Squanga and Strikers Pass

Karlie Knight said that she and Danny Creswell went on the last Cisco sampling trip and that Danny would be interested in going on the October trip. Tami said that CTFN was very busy with their ground base monitoring, they had weather stations doing snow survey.

CTFN would be meeting October 10/11 with Elders to sign the project charter between three chiefs on indigenous land use plans.

Tami advised that the project charter on the caribou management plan has been signed.

Don asked for a further update on all that has been done with the Caribou Management Plan and Tami said she would have Dennis send something to the office.

A discussion was had on the BC proposal to stop hunting caribou. It was decided Don would write a letter on behalf of the CTRRC in support of the regulation change.

Remediation at Chootla site continues and now three parties are involved
CTFN/INAC/YTG

Lars is having a workshop for caribou education in the schools on November 28 and invitation will be coming.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2017 AT THE TAGISH COMMUNITY CENTER.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____As Read _____ As amended

Date: _____

Proposed by: _____

Second by: _____

ACTION ITEMS;

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