

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council  
HELD AT MOUNT LORNE COMMUNITY HALL  
ON DECEMBER 15, 2017

PRESENT:

MEMBERS: RANDY TAYLOR, EDNA HELM, KEN REEDER, DON TOEWS, JACQUES  
JOBIN, PATRICK JAMES.

REGRETS: ALBERT JAMES, ADAM WINTERS

RECORDING SECRETARY: PATRICIA REEDER

YG: LARS JESSUP

IN AFTERNOON: MOUNT LORNE: BOB SHARP, BILL DUNN, LISA CHEVALIER,  
PETER CARR, ANN GEDROSE, MARY WALDEN, MIYUKI, FELIX VOGT, GERTIE  
SCHARRER

Patrick advised at the beginning of the meeting that his term had expired the day  
before so he was attending as an observer.

KEN chaired the meeting and called to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was presented for acceptance, Don requested to add the Off Road  
Vehicle meeting report, and Salmon meetings report.

Randy moved the agenda be accepted with changes and Jacques seconded the  
motion.

The minutes for a meeting November 13, were presented for approval. Don moved  
that the minutes be accepted and Randy seconded the motion.

The minutes for the December 4 meeting were presented, Randy requested a few grammar corrections, which were done. Randy moved that the minutes be accepted as changed, Jacques seconded the motion.

The work plan was presented for approval to be submitted, Randy requested a few grammar changes be made. Don moved that the work plan be accepted with changes and Edna seconded the motion.

A discussion among council members ensued and council decided that in the future it would be an idea to invite the RCMP member from Carcross to attend a RRC meeting just for an overall question and answer discussion regarding monitoring and enforcement of vehicle speeds when caribou are on the highways and signage is in place cautioning motorists to slow down .

It was decided that this would likely happen in the New Year.

The budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal period was presented for acceptance and submission. Don moved that the budget be accepted as presented and Randy seconded the motion.

Council had a short discussion about Rick Halliday's commercial fishing license and Don said that he would talk to Environment about retiring the license.

**ACTION: DON WILL TALK to ROB PERRY AT ENVIRONMENT ABOUT RETIRING THE COMMERCIAL LISCENSE OF RICK HALLIDAY.**

Tish advised council that she had started a Facebook page for the council and requested council to send pictures with a short write up when council does something or if they see something that should get out to the communities.

Randy advised council that he had been working on the website and had linked the Facebook page to the website. Randy stated that the website would likely be made available on line within the next week. Randy went through the website with Council. Randy stated that he will maintain the website, but cannot be solely responsible for providing all the content. He urged Council to submit photos, write-ups etc. to the office and Cc him. Randy stated he would maintain the website until the new Administrator is comfortable to do so. Council were very pleased with the work that Randy has done so far with the website.

AFTERNOON;

Several residents of the Mount Lorne area attended the meeting in the afternoon.

Lars started his updates with the caribou on the highways, which triggered a lively discussion involving all attendees, coming up with different ideas on how to reduce caribou mortalities on Yukon highways in the southern lakes area. Don advised the meeting that the RRC had requested the digital signs and the government agreed and had them in place for this winter. The meeting was advised by Lars that the signs would be turned on very close the Christmas season.

Bob Sharp expressed a concern that he felt the salt that dept. of highways was putting in their sand created a large attractant for the caribou. Many ideas were discussed on how or if this could be changed. For example, reducing the amount of salt, using angular (crushed) rock which was stored to keep the water out of it therefore not requiring salt to keep it flowing through the spreader. And much further discussion about this problem carried on with no definite solutions only ideas.

Ken requested Lars to display the poster warning people about Caribou on the highway. Lars obliged and advised that the poster would be out and posted at strategic information places.

Lars spoke to the meeting giving a summary of the Caribou in the schools workshop which was held in late November. He said from the workshop the dept. of Education wanted the teachers to deliver the program. From the workshop it was found that local focus is needed for each community.

Lars advised the meeting that the inaugural meeting of the Caribou Management Planning Steering Committee is on December 18.

Bob Sharp brought up that the Mount Lorne LAC had requested Environment address wire recovery from the White Pass railway. He stated that they had received a response that was not clear on the responsibility of Environment to clean it up. Lars said he would look into the response and get in touch with the LAC to clarify it. The meeting was advised that CTFN had done a final report for the 2016 wire recovery project which also included a five-year plan. Mount Lorne requested that they have a copy of the report and five-year plan. Tish was instructed to send them copies.

Council agreed with meeting attendees from Mount Lorne that Mt Lorne LAC, CTRRC, CTFN, Marsh Lake LAC, Tagish LAC and South Klondike LAC should be invited to a strategic planning meeting for action on the wire recovery. CTRRC agreed to invite and coordinate a meeting early in the new year.

**ACTION: TISH WILL ARRANGE A MEETING WITH ALL PARTIES EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.**

**ACTION; TISH WILL SEND MOUNT LORNE LAC COPIES OF THE 2016 WIRE RECOVERY REPORT AND FIVE YEAR PLAN DONE BY CTFN.**

Bob Sharp raised the issue of bear hunting on the road right of way on the Carcross road. He said it is a very dangerous situation as the Carcross road has residences all along it and he felt that signs should be posted by Environment that there was no hunting on the South Klondike highway from the cut-off to Carcross. Lars stated that there would have to be an amendment to the Wildlife Act prohibiting hunting on the South Klondike Highway before signs could be posted. It was stated that the RRC's mandate is fish and wildlife and does not really include public safety.

Lisa Chevalier stated a question on behalf of Al Foster, who could not be present at the meeting. Al wanted to know what the council's stand was on the regulation of persons being able to cut a trail 1.5m or less on crown lands. Council advised that they could have no say unless it was affecting wildlife or habitat.

Lars stated that the issue was coming up a lot in the ORV process, and would likely be considered, but did not think anything would happen too soon. One option was to require people to apply for a permit to put in a trail on crown lands.

Ken stated that the Forestry Management Plan and the ORV regulation was in process and would have to wait and see if it is dealt with.

A discussion ensued about the impact of dog teams on the environment and neighborhoods. This was a discussion of the problems and safety issues that dog teams can create as well as impacts to wildlife and especially to caribou while they are in their winter range. There were no proposed actions or solutions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_