

MINUTES OF A MEETING
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
AT MOUNT LORNE COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT:

KEN REEDER	DON TOEWS	SEKI GIARDINO
RANDY TAYLOR	RON DESJARDINS	ZENA MCLEAN

GUESTS; LARS JESSUP, ANNE MIDLER, TAMI GRANTHAM

RECORDING SECRETARY: PATRICIA REEDER

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:15.

The agenda was presented to the meeting for acceptance.

Don requested that an update be given on the meeting with the lawyer, this was added to the agenda.

The minutes of August 5, 2019 were presented to council, and were unanimously accepted Ron made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Seki seconded the motion.

The financial report was submitted to council and there were no concerns. All present accepted the financial report as presented.

The 2018-2019 draft financial statements, prepared by McKay and Associates were submitted for approval to the meeting. There was a short discussion of the financial statements. Don made the motion to approve the financial statements as presented and Ron seconded the motion.

There was a short discussion on the new timesheets that council is changing to and all present were fine with the new timesheet. Don made a motion to change the hourly rate to reflect the daily rate as per past practices seconded motion.

Lars had sent an email to council about moving forward with the Caribou in the schools program, he was looking for additional funding to get the program finished, he would be requesting funding from Laberge RRC, YG and YFWET. After discussion council agreed that they were willing to commit up to \$ 40,000 for the program as long as the program was going to end up being implemented in the schools. All present were in unanimous agreement.

Ken suggested that council write a letter to the Minister of Highways regarding highway right of way brushing in the Judas Creek area that was requested in a letter to the Minister of Highways several years ago but never completed. At an earlier meeting Lars had advised that it was on the list to be done this year, but nothing has started to date. It is important to have this done as this is the high collision area between caribou and vehicles in the winter. Council agreed to write a letter to the Hon. Mostyn, Minister of Highways copied to the Hon. John Streicker. Don will draft a letter and forward to Tish.

ACTION: Don will draft a letter about Right of Way brushing on the Alaska Highway in the Judas Creek area.

Seki brought up a concern about the Dept. of Highways proposing to do right of way brushing in shoreline riparian habitat adjacent to the Tagish HPA. It was suggested that the dept of highways be invited to come and talk to the RRC prior to starting brushing/clearing projects on right of ways. Seki will draft a letter to the Dept of Highways on this concern.

ACTION: Seki will draft a letter concerning brushing/clearing happening in shoreline riparian habitat adjacent to the Tagish HPA.

Ken suggested that possibly the council will be interested in doing some respect for viewing signs similar to what was shown to council. Lars said that YG has someone on staff that would likely be willing to work with CTRRC to come up with something. Lars said he would check and get back to us.

ACTION: Lars is to see if this person is available to talk to the RRC about this.

Ken brought up the topic of dog mushers and their impact on wildlife habitat. He showed council pictures of a trail that had been cut through prime moose and caribou habitat with the intention of the musher using this trail for mushing dogs and exercising dogs from its boarding kennel. The trail in question far exceeds the 1.5 meter trail that lands permits people to put in, and is being put in with equipment. Lars said that dogs and their impact on wildlife and habitat is a hot topic and he suggested that the Council write letters to YG to start implementing some restrictions on dogs and mushers. Lars believes that this falls within the mandate of the RRC. Council will decide at a later date whether to write a letter to the Minister of Environment on this matter.

Lars wanted to discuss some matters on the Caribou in Schools project. He said that he had correspondence with Rivers to Ridges that he had forwarded to council. He acknowledges that there was a funding agreement between YG and CTRRC for the Council to contribute \$10,000 to start moving this project forward. He expressed a concern of spending the \$10000 to get a start on the project and not getting it finished because of insufficient funding, so he was looking for more funding from CTRRC over the initial \$10,000.00. CTRRC advised Lars that they had money set aside for this project up to \$40,000 but they wanted some assurance that the project would be finished. Tami from CTFN said that CTFN would put in \$ 30,000 to ensure that this project gets implemented in the schools. Lars said he would be asking for funds for the project in the coming fiscal year and that an application could go into YFWET. Council advised Lars that the current \$10,000 could be used towards developing the project framework.

ACTION: Tish will submit an application for \$ 30,000 to the Accumulated Surplus for the Caribou in the Schools project so that the program can proceed and be completed over the winter.

Lars gave an update on the wolf collaring program that is currently being done in the Little Atlin/Snafu/Tarfu area. Lars advised council that the program is going to come up short of funds and they are looking for a further \$10,000 to complete this years project. Tami said that CTFN would be willing to financial support this project as long as CTFN can keep the data. Lars said the data would be available to all and that CTFN could have access to the data. CTRRC discussed if they could contribute financially to the project and unanimously decided that they would contribute \$ 5,000.00 from core funding for this project.

Lars advised council that a caribou survey would be starting in early October and if any of the council members were interested in flying/participating in the survey they should let YG know.

ACTION: Tish will create a list of members that are interested in flying the survey.

Lars advised council that the video collars that were on caribou had dropped and had been picked up. Jaylene had been able to get some pictures and video from the cameras but some problems were encountered retrieving the images and with the quality of the images. The collars would have to be sent to the manufacturer to get all the images. He would keep us informed on this.

Tami told council that the salmon work was just now wrapping up for the summer and carcass return would be done in 10 days. They were alarmed as they found many salmon that were not spawned out (as many as five per day per monitor), compared to Teslin where none were found.

Ann Midler was in attendance at the meeting and was introduced as the new trapping coordinator hired by CTFN. She advised she was just new in the position and finding her way, she said she had lots of ideas to keep the resource in the Yukon and proposed having a group line that could offer mentorship to those who wanted to learn to trap.

RRC advised Ann that they thought that the Trapping Guidelines should be gone through and that CTFN should participate in this and we should work together to get guidelines that work for all. Ann advised she was having difficulty in obtaining information about traplines and concession holders. Lars suggested that she contact Mark Callan as he is very informed and would be helpful. Council members suggested that CTRRC could share what information it had, with the caution that it is only as current as information that has been provided to the RRC. The communication between YG and CTRRC is sometimes lacking and we do not hear other than local gossip if a trapline has changed hands.

ACTION: Tish will send Ann what information she has on traplines in the CTFN TT

The next regular meeting of the RRC will be on October 7, 2019 at the Tagish Community Hall.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Read and Adopted: _____ As Read _____ As amended

Date: _____

Proposed by: _____

Second by: _____