

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL  
HELD AT TAGISH COMMUNITY HALL  
APRIL 19, 2021

PRESENT:

KEN REEDER  
EDNA HELM  
TISH REEDER

SEKI GIARDINO  
ANDREW SERACK

GUESTS:

KATE ANDRE

JAYLENE GOORTS

Ken Reeder chaired the meeting and Andrew Serack was the recording secretary.

The agenda was presented to council for acceptance. There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

The financial report from March 31, 2021 was presented to council. Tish clarified the breakdown of the surplus funds. Approximately \$61,000 is committed to moose related projects, which need to be completed by October. Of the moose funding, approximately \$32,500 is committed to Yukon Government for surveying, \$7,500 for hiring local knowledge, and approximately \$21,000 for a moose workshop, which must include CTFN elders.

Also within the surplus is approximately \$24,000 for the fish workplan and \$12,000 for a youth trapping program. Council needs ideas to use the \$12,000 for a modified youth program. A proposed solution is for CTFN to plan a summer cultural harvest camp for youth.

Tish proposed an on the land gathering could be scheduled for Fall of 2021 as opposed to Spring. Ken suggested council considering purchasing an event tent to easily facilitate gatherings and events without the ongoing rental costs. A 20'x40' tent was found for sale in Haines Junction for \$1800. Council had a discussion and all members present agreed that we should buy the tent.

The minutes of March 1, 2021 were presented to council for acceptance, Seki made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Edna seconded the motion.

Council discussed the YESAB 2021-0059 grazing lease. Seki suggested there is concern over the fencing causing issues to a potential wildlife corridor. The fencing has been in place for at least 30 years and the proposed plan will upgrade some or all fencing to wildlife fencing. However, Kate expressed CTFN's concern that an environmental assessment never took place and whether the land designation is appropriate.

There is no proposed action regarding the abundant wildlife letter.

Seki said the public concern over the increased volume of hikers on Needle Mountain effecting sheep lambing season is a direct responsibility of the council. Proposed action is to install a sign at the base of the hike similar to the sign on Caribou Mountain and to reach out to yukonhiking.ca to add a warning on their website for the lambing season. Kate mentioned CTFN doesn't have the budget for a new sign. Jaylene will check into YG budget for a new sign. Council to draft a letter to YG on our position.

Regarding the Catherine Ford inquiry of the moon lake electricity project, council is of the position that the project is outside of our traditional territory and mandate, however, we will continue to monitor the process for potential concerns.

Jaylene provided the following updates from YG:

Plans are in the works for a SPIN survey for Little Atlin Lake and Fish Lake. Trail cams have recently been removed and data will be analyzed over the summer to categorize human versus wildlife activity. The caribou camera project had a software issue and camera information is missing, but they're making changes for the next phase. The story map has been redesigned and includes more video. There is a moose survey encompassing the Whitehorse south region that will take place October and November coming. Monitored caribou mortality since February totals 4.

Kate provided the following updates from CTFN:

They are providing recommendations for the Little Atlin Lake hydro project as parts of the highway were unsurveyed and closely follow the caribou corridor. Due to the high snowfall this winter, CTFN has purchased materials to build their own sandbags for flooding. They are looking into areas to take sand in the territory. CTFN plans to discuss changes to the fish ladder with YAC. A meeting will be held to discuss concerns over the Skookum mine with the mining company. CTFN will not be doing a caribou harvest this year for concern that it will send the wrong message.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.