

CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWAL RESOURCE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 3, 2021

Time: 9:12am

Location: Tagish Community Hall

In Attendance

Members: Ken Reeder, Edna Helm, Seki Giardino, Don Toews, Zena Mclean, Andrew Serack

Guests: Carl Sidney, Graham Van Tighem, Heather Ashthorn, Jaylene Goorts, Kate Andre

Ken Reeder was Chair of the meeting

Andrew Serack was recording secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council for acceptance.

Don requested to add the following agenda item to the agenda and council agreed:

- Update from the Angling Working Group Meeting

The motion to approve the agenda was put forward by Seki and Zena seconded the motion.

2. Approval of Financial Report

The financial report was not available due to the meeting being held on the first working day of the month.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held April 19, 2021 were presented to council for acceptance.

Don proposed the following amendments:

- “fish workplan” changed to “community based fish and wildlife workplan” for clarity
- “Little Atlin Lake” changed to “Atlin Lake”
- “YAC” changed to “YEC”

The changes were approved by council and made before the final approval of the minutes.

The motion to approve the minutes was put forward by Seki and Zena seconded the motion.

4. Agenda Item – Dog Mushers & Caribou

Discussion: Action on this topic is part of the CTRCC workplan to “monitor, map and update trail network & recreational use,...” It was acknowledged by all members that we need to begin the research process towards developing an action plan.

5. Agenda Item – Moose Survey, Local Knowledge

Discussion: Council initiated discussion regarding the course of action to gather local knowledge for the moose survey by proposing contractor Jen Herkes. There was discussion on the inclusion of technical and traditional knowledge. Council reviewed a local knowledge study from the Dawson District renewable resource council. There was consideration of including a type of disclosure/knowledge sharing agreement with study participants.

6. Agenda Item – Catherine Ford Inquiry – Moon Lake Project

Discussion: Council reviewed the reply from Catherine Ford and agreed to draft a response by email.

7. Agenda Item – Climate Change Project Funding

Discussion: Council discussed the possibility of applying for funding for a project for the following fiscal year. Council agreed that CTRRC’s mandate may align with some climate change related studies.

8. Agenda Item – Angling Working Group Update

Discussion: Don attended a virtual meeting of the Angling Working Group and provided an update to council. Members of the YFWMB, Salmon Sub-Committee, YG, and RRC’s were in attendance. The AWG intends to rejuvenate. They discussed topics of interest including traditional knowledge concerns surrounding live release fishing ethics.

Guest: Carl Sidney & Graham Van Tighem of YFWMB

Discussion: Carl and Graham provided updates from YFWMB:

- YFWMB has engaged a lawyer to draft a letter to YG regarding their transfer funding agreement.
- YFWMB met with CTFN to discuss YG breaches
- YFWMB met with new YG director of Fish and Wildlife Marc Cattet

Guest: Heather Ashthorne of Wild Wise Yukon

Discussion: Heather presented a series of artist designs for signage and social media regarding wildlife disturbances from off-leash dogs.

- Wild Wise has a new Outreach Coordinator who will be active at campgrounds and trailheads this Summer.
- Heather suggested self-regulation of recreational activities is a goal of Wild Wise. Educative measures, including signs and social media, will be used.

CTRRC agreed to continue to work with Wild Wise throughout the Summer of 2021.

Guest: Jaylene Goorts of Yukon Government

Discussion: Jaylene Goorts provided the following update:

- The attractant complaint from the April 19, 2021 meeting was forwarded to CO's.
- The Director of Fish and Wildlife drafted a letter to the Director of Land Management Branch regarding Grazing Agreement – Annie Lake Road. The letter proposed reassigning the grazing area outside of caribou winter range and reducing the term from 30 years to a maximum of 10 years.

Guest: Kate Andre of Government of Carcross Tagish First Nation

Discussion: Kate provided the following update:

- GCTFN has designed and will print a sign to be installed at the base of Needle Mountain for hiker awareness during lambing season.
- GCTFN is in the process of engaging citizens regarding the Salmon Workplan.
- GCTFN has decided against a cultural harvest of caribou this season.
- GCTFN is working with YG to co-author a management plan for ORV use.
- GCTFN will engage the community regarding decisions at the Skookum Gold Mine.

New Business

Topic: CTRRC discussed dates and requirements for the OLG 2021. No agreements were reached. Ken updated on the purchase of the tent; the sale item was suspect or a scam.

Next Meeting

Set for **9:30am May 17, 2021 at Tagish Community Hall** and is agreed upon unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm.