

CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 6, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Location: Online

In Attendance

Members: Edna Helm, Don Toews, Zena Mclean, John Smarch, Jacques Jobin, Tyler Obediah, Seki Giardino

Don Toews was Chair

Andrew Serack was recording secretary

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented to council. Don and Jacques proposed adding two items under “new business;” fur harvest reporting, and lake trout fishing stock in Crag Lake. Tyler made a motion to approve the agenda as amended and Seki seconded the motion.

2. Approval of Financial Report

The financial reported dated October, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Jacques motioned to approve and John seconded the motion.

The financial reported dated November, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Jacques motioned to approve and Zena seconded the motion.

Council discussed the ongoing financial issues related to the inability to spend funds on events due to Covid-19. Council agreed to draft a letter in support of Teslin RRC’s request to have all unspent funds carry forward into the 2022-23 fiscal year.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting dated November 1, 2021 was presented to council for acceptance. Jacques motioned to approve and Seki seconded the motion.

4. Community Gathering Planning

Council discussed the ever-changing Covid-19 gathering restrictions and decided to postpone the OLG/Community Gathering until further notice. Council will reassess in the New Year, and plan the gathering for March should CTRRC not be allowed to carry forward funding to the next fiscal year.

5. Local Knowledge Survey

Seki, Tyler, and Zena have reached out to contacts to secure a potential contractor for the survey, but no one has yet come forward as a candidate. Council agreed to reach out to DDRRC to connect with the contractor for their survey. The working group will continue to assess possible options.

Similarly, CTRRC will contact DDRRC for their graphic designer's information on the moose collisions advertisement. CTRRC will research options for additional caribou collision advertisements.

6. Elders Gathering Planning

Council discussed hosting the Elders gathering within two weeks of the CTFN Elders internal meeting in January. Edna and Tyler agreed to attend the gathering. Council discussed a budget of up to \$5000 for facility rental, catering, facilitation, and other expenses. Edna motion to accept the budget and Tyler seconded the motion.

7. Moose Local Knowledge Survey

There are four remaining interviewees for the moose local knowledge survey. Council unanimously agreed to hire Lars Jessup as a contractor to complete three of the remaining interviews. Should he not be available, Tyler will do the interviews.

8. Grizzly Bear Indigenous Knowledge Workshop

Edna agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of CTRRC.

9. Update: Caribou Steering Committee (Don and Tyler)

Don provided input at the steering committee meeting: CTRRC has been committed to providing significant funding and resources to caribou over the past few years and will continue to be based on the five year workplan goals. CTRRC is looking to the SLCSC for input on caribou priorities.

CTFN agreed to share the draft plan with CTRRC upon completion in March.

10. Update: Wetlands Policy Review (Seki and Zena)

Over 60 participants attended the two day workshop. Several of the First Nation Governments were, however, not represented. The focus of many conversations centered around the mining industry. Seki suggested connecting with How We Walk to incorporate Indigenous Knowledge in to the policy.

Seki also suggested they consult with trappers on the policy. It was noted that wetlands of 'special importance' was frequently used but never defined. There will be a public survey as a next step.

11. Update: Plastics Gathering (Edna and Tyler)

The two-day event revealed information related to microplastics, scientists having gathered data from birds and fish. David Suzuki presented information on climate change related to fossil fuels and plastics. There was a strong message to put pressure on producers to minimize plastic usage, as consumers often have little choice. Edna suggested a local recycling program to start small in the community.

12. Operating Procedures Review

There was not enough time to review the operating procedures.

13. New Business

Zena discussed an article on climate change effecting spruce trees and caribou.

Jacques discussed mandatory fur harvest reporting. An update from YG is required.

Jacques discussed lake trout population in Crag Lake and net fishing concern. More research is required to determine population data for the lake.

John discussed his moose survey flights. He noted they saw 11 cows, 10 bulls and 2 calves on Saturday, and 6 cows, 6 bulls, and 1 calf on Sunday. They also saw 3 wolves and a moose kill site, 21 sheep, and 1 wild horse. The flights were very successful.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:00am location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.