



CARCROSS TAGISH RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL
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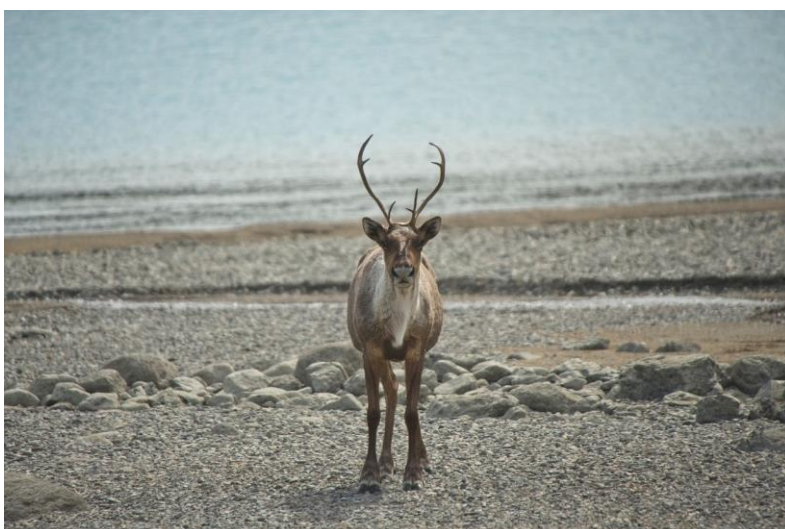


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Introduction

The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council was established in February 2010. The fiscal year 2018-2019 was the ninth year of operation for the Council.

Our area of responsibility encompasses a wide region commonly referred to as the Southern Lakes. Four very distinct communities lie within the boundaries of the Carcross Tagish First Nation Traditional Territory: Carcross, Tagish, Marsh Lake and Mount Lorne. The CTRRC meetings are open to the public and we invite everyone who is interested to attend the meetings, which are held on the first Monday of every month.

Mandate

The CTRRC, established under the Carcross Tagish First Nation Final Agreement, is the local advisory body for fish, wildlife, forestry and land use in the Carcross Tagish First Nation Settlement area.

The Council strives to be the voice of the Community in managing local renewable resources.

The Council provides strong input into planning and regulation processes by raising public awareness of specific issues and by providing local and traditional information.

The Council also plays an important advisory role to territorial, federal and First Nations governments and the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board.

The CTRRC is comprised of 8 council members including 2 alternate members, each appointed by First Nation and YTG.

Membership

Ken Reeder, Chair	May 5, 2017 to April 26, 2020	YG Nomination
Edna Helm, Vice-chair	Feb 15, 2017 to Feb 14, 2020	CTFN Nomination
Don Toews	March 8, 2018 to March 7, 2021	YG Nomination
Fiona Seki Giardino	May 29, 2018 to May 28, 2021	CTFN Nomination
Randy Taylor	Jan 29, 2016 to Jan 28, 2019, (expired)	YG Nomination
Ron Desjardins	Dec 19, 2019 to Dec 18, 2022	CTFN Nomination
Alfred Smith (Alternate)	May 2, 2018 to Dec 1, 2018 (expired)	CTFN Nomination
Zena McLean (Alternate)	Dec 19, 2019 to Dec 18, 2022	CTFN Nomination
Jacques Jobin (Alternate)	Feb 24, 2016 to Feb 23, 2019 (expired)	YG Nomination

Office Staff

Patricia Reeder

Highlights

One member and the secretariat attended the Annual General Workshop in Pelly Crossing June 14 to 17, 2018.

Hosted by Selkirk RRC.

CTRRC hosted a public meeting for a public consultation on the Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan on November 8, 2018. This meeting was well attended by the public with 50 plus people in attendance.

CTRRC held a youth trapping camp in April held at the Lubbock River, this camp was our second camp and had good support and over twenty kids participating.



CTRRC supported the Caribou in the Schools education program by purchasing two video collars to collect data on the caribou.

CTRRC support Dennis Zimmerman of Big Fish Little Fish Yukon Consultants with start up of the “Respect for Fish”. This program is being developed to educate anglers on aspects of catch and release fishing.

CTRRC supported Environmental Dynamics Inc. with the Tagish Cisco Project which included a third year of field studies focusing on spawning cisco, genetic data analysis and a final report on this project.

CTRRC supported CTFN with the ongoing telegraph wire recovery program. This was the fourth year CTRRC hosted community meetings in Marsh Lake, Mount Lorne, Carcross and Tagish to interact with residences and find out their concerns on fish, wildlife and habitat. These meetings were well attended by the residence of the communities and provided good information.

CTRRC distributed moose meat to elders and members of the southern lakes. This meat is donated by North Curl Outfitters (Mac Watson). The meat is always appreciated by the recipients.

CTRRC did a lot of planning and organizing to put on their youth trapping camp, in early April of 2019 but the unusually warm Yukon weather caused the council to postpone the camp until next year.

CTRRC hosted a trappers gathering on March 30, 2019. The RRC meets with the trappers annually to discuss how to assist trappers in their endeavors and for council to better understand how they can more effectively work with trappers. This meeting was attended by 13 trappers from the southern lakes area



CTRRC supported trappers this season by providing them with chum salmon for bait and wolf snares.

CTRRC has participated in the on-going Tagish River Habitat Protection Area (HPA) process with the HPA Management Committee.

Council participated in various workshops and events:

- Caribou in the Schools Planning Meetings
- Roads and Wildlife mortality talks
- Salmon Resiliency Conference
- Two Wetland Policy Round Table workshops
- Joint booth with Wildwise at July 1st Canada Day event held at Marsh Lake

Council was represented and had input at various meetings:

- Tagish Habitat Protection Area Plan
- Off Road Vehicle Committee meeting
- Southern Lakes Forest Resource Management Plan
- RRC annual Chairs meeting
- Yukon Salmon sub-committee
- YFWMB meetings

Council drafted and letters of intervention and ministerial recommendations on the following resource issues and YESAB Land use applications:

- Red Ridge mining exploration
- Mt Anderson mining exploration
- Judas Creek placer mining
- Wolverine Creek placer mining
- Alaska Highway winter caribou mortalities and use of salt in winter range
- Commercial fishing on Bennett Lake
- Agriculture and Residential Land applications

Challenges

- The vastness of the region, four distinct communities, and wide-ranging priorities for the residents of each community continue to present a variety of logistical challenges for the Council. It is challenging to hold meetings regularly in all the communities to engage the public.
- Due to primarily to its close proximity to the Yukon's major population center, the Southern Lakes region is under constant pressure from a variety of factions wanting to use, occupy and develop land and natural resources in the area. This continuing pressure has

disturbed wildlife pattern and fish populations, and jeopardized the sustainability of traditional lifestyles and activities.

- The appointment process of new members is slow and very often leaves vacant positions in the council making it difficult to meet quorum and conduct meetings.
- Due to our location, council had difficulty in hiring an office administrator. After weeks of advertising an applicant was hired in March of last year but she resigned in August. Council then asked Tish Reeder who had been covering this position before the hiring to take on the duties of this position.
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Office Administration

- The office is centrally located in the Tagish Community Center .
- The Office Administrator undertakes all facets of the day-to-day operation and does all bookkeeping duties.
- Successfully submitted Funding Agreement deliverables to YG and YFWET
- CTRRC advertises meetings on its website, through email, and posters in the communities.

Financial Reporting

Council engaged the professional services of M McKay and Associates, Certified General Accountants, of Whitehorse, Yukon, to be the auditor. The council, in fulfilling its responsibilities, has developed and maintained a system of internal accounting controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded from loss or unauthorized use, and the records are reliable for preparing the financial statements.

Council Administration

Council held 9 Regular meetings

Council held 6 Special meetings

CTRRC was represented at the following meetings:

- YFWMB meetings
- Whitehorse Southern Lakes Forestry Management Plan
- Yukon Resource Roads Regulations
- Roads and Wildlife presentation
- Wetland Policy Round table

Education and Training

CTRRC council will participate in various local events (open houses, public meetings, workshops etc. hosted by other organizations, or in partnership with CTRRC) to further awareness of the CTRRC current projects.

CTRRC members and staff participate in training opportunities as time and funds allow throughout the year.

Land Use Applications

Council reviewed 7 Yukon Environmental & Socio-Economic Assessment Board applications for projects with potential impacts to fish, wildlife and habitat within the CTFN traditional territory. Council consulted with CTN Lands and submitted comments on these projects.

Summary

Council continued to build relationships with local area planning organizations and stakeholders to support the advancement of common area of concern; make informed and responsible recommendations to governments and management agencies regarding fish, wildlife and their habitat; and engage the communities in participative renewable resources management.

The Council has completed all projects in their work plan within the budget set out.

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