



ANNUAL REPORT 2013 - 2014

Introduction

The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council was established in February 2010. The fiscal year 2013-2014 was the fourth 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.

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.

Membership

Albert James, Co-chair	Nov. 8, 2012 – Nov. 7, 2015	CTFN Nomination
Ken Reeder, Co-chair	Nov. 1, 2013 – Oct. 31, 2016	Yukon Gov't Nomination
Patrick James	Dec. 15, 2014 – Dec. 15, 2017	CTFN Nomination
Randy Taylor	Dec. 20, 2012 – Dec. 19, 2015	Yukon Gov't Nomination
Edna Helm	Nov. 4, 2013 – Nov. 3, 2016	CTFN Nomination
Don Toews	Mar. 8, 2012 – Mar. 7, 2015	Yukon Gov't Nomination
Ted Hall (Alternate)	Jan. 13, 2012 – Nov. 7, 2015	CTFN Nomination
Blair Corley (Alternate)	Sept. 7, 2013 – Nov. 27, 2016	Yukon Gov't Nomination

Highlights

The Council:

- continued to enjoy positive working and information sharing relationships with government biologists and conservations officers, and CTFN Lands personnel;
- developed a Communications Strategy to guide CTRRC public awareness advertising and participation at community events;
- launched a public awareness campaign, “Don’t Lose It, Use It!” offering salvage options for freezer burned meat and fish;
- developed the concept and undertook preliminary planning for a multi-jurisdictional “Second” *On the Land Gathering*;
- three Council members attended the 15th North American Caribou Workshop, May 12-16, 2014
- held a special meeting, regarding CTFN Elders Caribou Management Harvest Plan, Implementation Planning Meeting;
??? CTRRC members attended the Southern Lakes Fish & Wildlife Monitoring Collaborative Practices Workshop, February 26 & 27, 2013;
- provided feedback and comments on a range of proposed legislative and policy changes including: “*Resource Access Framework*”; “*2012 Lubbock Valley Timber Harvest Plan*”, “*Yukon Wildlife Act*”, and Federal “*Species at Risk Act*”;
- two Council members attended the *Marsh Lake Land Use Ideas* workshop;
- one Council member attended the *Carcross Local Area Plan* workshop;
- three Council members attended the *2012 Yukon North Slope Conference*;
- two Council members attended the *Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board AGM* .

Challenges

- The vastness of the region, four distinct population centres, and wide-ranging priorities for the residents of each community continue to present a variety of logistical challenges for the Council.
- Due primarily to its close proximity to the Yukon’s major population centre, 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 patterns and fish populations, and jeopardized the sustainability of traditional lifestyles and activities.

Office Administration:

- The Council office, centrally located in the Tagish Community Centre is staffed four days per week.
- The Office Administrator undertakes all facets of the day-to-day administrative duties.
- A private contractor provides bookkeeping services.
- Council engaged the professional services of an Auditor.

Council Administration

- Regular Meetings: The CTRRC held 12 regular meetings

- Special Meetings: The CTRRC held one Special meetings
- CTRRC members and the Office Administrator attended the RRC Annual General Workshop held in Whitehorse.

Projects

1. Land Use Applications:

The CTRRC reviewed 20 applications to the Yukon Environmental & Social Economic Assessment Board and Yukon Lands Branch for projects with potential impacts to fish and wildlife within the traditional territory. We consulted with CTFN Lands and submitted comments on 12 projects.

(see Appendix 1)

Budget Variance:

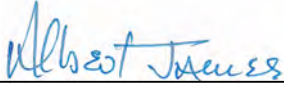

Overall, the CTRRC ended the fiscal year under-budget. Our surplus as of March 31, 2013 was \$228,930.

Some anticipated projects were not completed as expected therefore funds earmarked for these projects remained unspent at year-end.

Summary:

The 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.

While Council was not able to complete some proposed projects, Council are looking forward to another challenging and productive year ahead.

	
Albert James, Co-Chair	Date
	
Ken Reeder, Co-Chair	Date

Appendix 1:

Summary of 2013-2014 YESAB and YTG Lands applications within CTFN Traditional Territory reviewed by CTRRC:

	Project #	Proponent	Project Name
1.	2013-0052	Jacqueline St. Jacques	Rural Residential Land Application, Near Km 94, South Klondike Highway, Carcross
2.	2013-0097	Carcross Tagish Management Corporation	Carcross Tagish C-31 FS Rural Residential
3.	2013-0109	Karen McKenna and David Murray	Land Application Near Km 3, Annie Lake
4.	2013-0113	Atlin Lake Campground	Yukon Government of Environment, Yukon Parks Branch
5.	2014-0108	Graham Gifford	Residential Land Application Near Km 1343, Alaska Hwy, West of Jakes Corner
6.	2014-0109	YG-Environment	Conrad Campground
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