

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2018 – 12
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, December 4, 2018
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Lorne Mountain Community Centre

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Chevalier – Annie Lake, Chair; Peter Carr – Kookatsoon; Jess Sellers – The meadows

OTHERS PRESENT: John Streicker - MLA; Al Foster - Mt Lorne Resident; Ralph Palmer – Member of the Cemetery Society; Andrea Wilson – Community Advisor; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order** 7:02pm
2. **Call for Presentations & Delegations**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2018-12-001 Peter moved the Agenda be adopted. Lisa Second – CARRIED.

4. **Presentations and Delegations**
5. **Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting**

MOTION: 2018-12-002 Jess moved the minutes be adopted. Peter Second – CARRIED.

6. **Approval of Accounts – Financial**

MOTION: 2018-12-003 Peter moved the accounts presented be approved. Jess Second – CARRIED.

7. **Reports from Committees**

8. **Correspondence**

Letter from Shane Andre, Rebecca World and Barbara Dunlop about the development of a new climate change, energy and green economy strategy for Yukon.

9. **Old Business**

a. Review of Action Items

b. Councilors for Robinson and Cowley

Jess found a potential new councilor to represent the Meadows.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa and Jess will meet and talk to her about the responsibilities of a councilor.

c. Land Planning

During the meeting that MLAC and the Cemetery Society had with CTFN, CTFN mentioned that a priority for them is to develop Settlement Land in Mt Lorne – having CTFN members living on Settlement Land.

KDFN now have the ability to lease settlement land. They have identified 2 potential residential subdivisions on their settlement land in Mt Lorne: north of Robinson and on Annie Lake road. The information about it can be found on their website, in a document called Traditional Territory Land Vision.

Also, the White Pass railroad is starting to stock pile railway ties in Carcross with plans to start renewing the railroad between Carcross and Whitehorse next summer.

d. Website

Lisa will update it this month.

e. Dogsled Crossings

Take it off the agenda.

f. Mining on Annie Lake Road

John Streicker did not receive a formal response back about a YESAB Review Process. But for now, nothing has happened on the big scale.

g. Placer Claim on Aspen Lake

Peter will talk to one of the inspectors and keep track with John if something is happening.

h. Cemetery

A meeting happened with CTFN, MLAC, and the Cemetery Society. CTFN told MLAC that they were not happy about the process that YG followed regarding the cemetery planning – that they did not consult with the FN before creating the Reserve. But according to the government, they followed the right process – consultation is not required to create an Administrative Reserve. Regardless, CTFN would like us to start over and work with us to identify a piece of land together.

KDFN has no concerns with us having a cemetery on this piece of land.

The question was asked if the government should send a letter to CTFN saying that the proper process was followed regarding creating the Reserve.

The councilors and one member of the Cemetery Society had a long discussion about deciding if MLAC should continue the process as it is or remove the reserve land and start over with CTFN.

The three councilors agreed to remove the reserve land in order to build a relationship with CTFN.

MLAC will reach out to the government and ask to remove the reserve land planned for the cemetery and will sit with CTFN to identify a piece of Land.

MOTION: 2018-12-004 Peter moved that the council will ask the government to withdraw the reserve land planned for the cemetery. Lisa Second – CARRIED.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa to contact Frank James (CTFN, Director of Heritage and Natural Resources) to inform him of the decision and request a meeting.

i. EMO

Lisa called Kelly Johnston, operations officer at EM. MLAC will hear from the director sometime soon about an operation organized by the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as emergency planning for the community.

This operation called Operation Nanook Tatigiit is going happen in Whitehorse and Southern Lakes region at the end of May. They are going to simulate a wildfire around Kookatsoon that will run rapidly north and hits the city of Whitehorse. This operation is jointly managed with JTFN (Joint Task Forth North), YG, Fire Marshall Office, EMO, and the Communities (Mt Lorne, Golden Horn, city of Whitehorse). Somebody from EMO will come to present MLAC the planning and the specific of Operation Nanook.

j. Communications/Public Engagement

MLAC will talk about it next meeting. Jess and Lisa will meet this month to come up with ideas.

ACTION ITEM: Jess and Lisa to meet this month to come up with ideas.

10. New Business

a. Changing the Ward system

The government recognizes the perennial challenges that communities faces to find a representative for each ward. There are chances for changes about that. Lisa think that it is still good to have a representative from every ward to represent well the

community. But if it is not possible, we should be allowed to have 2 people from the same ward.

Al Foster proposes 2 wards (possibly divided as follows): south Robinson and Annie Lake road) and north (everything else) + 3 councilors at large. Peter agrees with AL's suggestion, Jess too but she also agrees with Lisa.

MLAC is thinking about doing a referendum to reach out to the community about changing the ward system.

Andrea Wilson and John Streicker are going to get more information about our boundaries and make sure that we can change from 5 wards to 2 wards + 3 councilors at large.

MLAC will discuss this further at our January meeting and think about the process, in terms of consulting with our community.

b. CTFN request for voting member

At the November meeting with CTFN, CTFN made a request of the MLAC to have a voting CTFN member on council. (council currently has non-voting CTFN delegate position). MLAC could take the same model as Tagish LAC, who have a voting CTFN member.

In Teslin, municipality and FN have joint meetings at least four times a year. They have a very good working relationship.

If CTFN has a representative with a vote, KDFN and Ta'an Kwach'an Council could also request the same. It was suggested that MLAC consider offering one representative seat for the three FN's with Traditional Territory within the boundaries of Mt Lorne (CTFN, KDFN and Ta'an Kwach'an Council). One representative out of the 3 FN's could be nominated to represent FN's.

Andrea Wilson will verify if the seat must be a named FN or if it can be FN in general.

MLAC still needs some time to think about this subject and the process (go talk to the FN communities). This will be discussed again at the January meeting.

c. Firesmarting/Brushing

MLAC would like to develop a policy about Firesmarting in the Hamlet. LMCA talked about it during their meeting and they got some resistance about it. It was suggested that 'guidelines' could be developed. They are not sure whether LMCA or the Fire Hall should be leading this. Claire from the Fire Hall would be interested to take the lead as well as Dan from LMCA.

LMCA proposed to post signs along the areas that will need to be fire smarted to inform the residents and encourage engagement.

The brushing budget in the Yukon has been cut in recent years, but MLAC insists that the government should keep brushing some areas. It is a safety issue. MLAC would like Annie Lake road to be brushed as there is a lot of tall pines close to the road. It is vital, in case of a fire, for people to get out and firefighters to get in. Minister Streicker said that the brushing budget has been increased again this year

and that the government will try to keep a steady state with regular brushing cycles through every year.

John Streicker could push for a request for brushing due to fire risk on Annie Lake Road. Andrea Wilson is going to verify if Annie Lake road is in the plan for brushing.

Council also raised concerns about the need to brush in certain areas along the South Klondike Highway. Minister Streicker suggested that somebody drive with him along the highway and point out areas of concern.

d. Strategic Planning/New Year

In February, MLAC is considering having a meeting and inviting a mix of long-time residents and new residents to talk about our community.

ACTION ITEM: MLAC needs to come up with a date.

e. Climate Change

In relation with Climate Change, Minister Streicker talked about the bigger picture of fire safety in the Southern Lakes area. The most important thing is to reduce fuel load: cut trees, burn them or use them as a biomass. The government needs to discuss with LAC and communities about landscape management which consists of reducing fuel load in specific and strategic places. The southern lakes is a big region where the fuel load needs to be reduced, so MLAC need to think and talk about it.

f. Grizzly Bear Management Strategy

This conservation plan will guide grizzly bear management decisions in the Yukon. Minister Streicker noted the concerns in the Southern Lakes area regarding roadside hunting of grizzly bears. He will pose some questions to MLAC as he did to all the LAC of Southern Lakes on roadside hunting. MLAC will need to take a position with a motion. Minister Streicker will share all the LAC'S positions with CTFN and give them to the Renewable Resource Council to submit for the 2019 intake for new regulations.

11. Next Meeting

January 15, 2019

12. Adjournment 09:10pm

MOTION: 2018-12-005 Moved by Lisa, Jess second – CARRIED.