

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2019 – 04
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, April 2, 2019
TIME: 7:06 pm
LOCATION: Lorne Mountain Community Centre

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Streicker – MLA; Andrea Wilson – Community Advisor; Marta Paulino – Project Manager, Community Services, Infrastructure Development Branch, Yukon Government; Jonathan Kerr – Consultant at Morrison Hershfield; Al Foster – Resident of Mt Lorne and Chair at Mt Lorne Community Association; Rosemary Oslund – Resident of Mt Lorne; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order** 7:08 pm
2. **Call for Presentations & Delegations**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2019-04-001 Jess moved the Agenda be adopted. Peter Second – CARRIED.

4. Presentations and Delegations

- a. Morrison-Hershfield Consultants & YG Infrastructure Development Branch:
Presentation on public water supply feasibility study

Overviews about the study: The public water supply will meet Canadian guidelines for drinking water and would be operated and maintained by Yukon Government. The facility would be the smallest size of public water facility in the eyes of Health and Social Services like the one in Marsh Lake (tested routinely). The feasibility study looked at service that allowed for filling jugs and a water tank in a pickup truck, but not for filling commercial water trucks.

Objectives of the report: Estimate the level of water demand in the community, calculate the financial feasibility, and select of a preferred fill point facility location.

Survey results: 79 households responded (out of 128 eligible households – discrepancy with the survey from 2011 that says that there is actually 160 households); 76% of residents have their own water wells and most of them are happy with their water quality; 82% would like a household well, yet 40% would like a fill point facility in their community (50% would not like such a facility, and 10% were undecided); 50% would pay for a water from a fill point facility, 37% said they would not.

Water demand: Morrison-Hershfield looked at the projection of how the community could grow (estimation of 605 people) and compared it with other communities. This facility would be similar to the facilities present in other small communities like Tagish, March Lake, Deep Creek and Mendenhall.

Location - consultation with the LAC, Al Foster and Fire Chief: On Annie Lake Road with an underground water service line connected to the community center.

Class D Cost estimate: Morrison-Hershfield compared this project to facilities in other communities by working with Community Services. Operation and Maintenance costs could be as high as 178 000\$ a year (quite common). Capital costs, which are linked to construction, would be 1630000\$ (discrepancy about the toilet facilities - Al Foster and Gareth Earl had agreed on taking it out of the estimate).

Al Foster noticed some discrepancies in the survey. The survey results say that 50% of people said that they do not want such a facility. But most residents have their own well which means that they would not use it, but it does not mean that they do not want one.

The biggest challenge for this project is the cost of ongoing Operation and Maintenance. YG is concerned about taking on additional operation and maintenance costs.

There was discussion about the lack of fairness if Mt Lorne is not allowed to have a public water supply, but other small communities are. The level of standard is not the same everywhere in Yukon and the other big question concerned the liabilities to LMCA with the status quo.

Health and Social services are creating new regulations for small water facilities which provide water to the public. There is some stipulation about testing, but there are no operators, and no government control. The facility is taken care of by its own people. This could be a system in place in Mt Lorne.

Marta Paulino will try to get the discrepancies raised by Al Foster resolved. For example, the number from the survey from 2016 do not fit with the ones in the survey from Morrison Hershfield. MLAC also emphasized on the fact that a lot of people depend on the water from this building.

There will be a request to do another presentation to the Community Association as well.

5. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: 2019-04-002 Peter moved the minutes be adopted. Jess Second – CARRIED.

6. Approval of Accounts – Financial

7. Reports from Committees

8. Correspondence

9. Old Business

a. Review of Action Items

Minister John Streicker brought the overall status report on Regional Land Use Planning. He will send an electronic version to the councilors.

b. Councilors for Robinson and Cowley

Lisa talked to Andrea about our councilors issue. As Rosemary Oslund does not meet all the requirements, it was recommended by Community Affairs that MLAC reach out one more time to the residents of Mt Lorne. A letter went out a week ago to Robinson and Cowley Wards, and advertising was also sent out by email, put on the website and Facebook. 2 people came forward from Robinson, so far.

MLAC will wait until the 12th, to see if any other residents put their names forward, and then will decide on how to proceed. It may require a discussion with all potential candidates.

c. Land Planning

The councilors would like to see more awareness within the community about Regional Land Use Planning in the Southern Lakes area. MLAC, in the fall, will have an open house to raise awareness to the community.

d. Cemetery

We have another meeting date with CTFN, April 8th.

e. Changing the ward system

MLAC is confused about what we were working toward. MLAC will have potentially 2 other members. The councilors decided to wait to hear the opinion from the 2 potential new councilors before taking a decision on this topic.

f. CTFN request for voting member

The council needs to write a letter to Andrea Wilson, Community Advisor, before she can do a preliminary assessment. MLAC just needs to send a letter requesting an investigation. Need to assess the viability for including a seat for a voting FN representative.

Other alternatives to consider: continue to have a non-voting delegate; having scheduled joint meetings, council to council, one or more times a year; special meetings as needed to discuss issues of concern.

g. AYC Fees

Tagish LAC went ahead and submitted a Resolution to AYC to be voted on at the AYC AGM. The Resolution is to change the structure of calculating AYC fees for all LAC's. The change is from a flat rate to 4% of the municipal grant. If passed it will be effective in 2020.

h. Speed limit signs – Annie Lake Road

Lisa did speak to Lucas Knowles (HPW/YG). MLAC will hear about it soon.

i. Communications/Community Engagement

Nothing new.

10. New Business

a. Council Chair

MLAC changes the motion from last month.

MOTION: 2019-04-003 Peter and Lisa will co-chair. Lisa moved the motion to be adopted. Jess Second – CARRIED.

b. Dry Hydrants Feasibility Study

A feasibility study is being done right down in Mt Lorne to look at where dry hydrants can be put in, near a water source so a fire truck can have access to it. It is just a feasibility study to find a location that can support the needs of a dry hydrant. People who live far from the fire hall pay higher insurance fees so that could be interesting to have a dry hydrant close to their house which might possibly decrease their insurance fees.

11. Next Meeting

May 7th, 2019

12. Adjournment 20:33pm

MOTION: 2019-04-004 Moved by Lisa, Jess second – CARRIED.