

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2019 – 07
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Lorne Mountain Community Centre

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tamera Johnson - Mining recorder, Energy, Mines and Resources; Dave Albisser - Director, of Operations and Programs, YG Community Services; John Streicker – MLA; Peter Percival – Resident of Mt Lorne; Muffy Macdonald - Resident of Mt Lorne; Avy Rudell - Resident of Mt Lorne; Noah Macfadgen - Resident of Mt Lorne; Mary Walden - Resident of Mt Lorne; Werner Rhein - Resident of Mt Lorne; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS: Kevin Kennedy – Robinson

- 1. Call to Order** 7:01 pm
- 2. Call for Presentations & Delegations**
 - a. Dave Albisser – Director, of Operations and Programs, YG Community Services
 - i. Discussion on regionalization and tipping fees for waste management
 - b. Tamera Johnson – Mining recorder, Energy, Mines and Resources
 - i. Aspen Lake claims and placer mining regulations: Question and Answer period

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: 2019-07-001 Peter moved the Agenda be adopted. Jess Second – CARRIED.

4. Presentations and Delegations

- a. Dave Albisser – Director, of Operations and Programs, YG Community Services
 - i. Discussion on regionalization and tipping fees for waste management

The government accepted the recommendations made on waste management and is now proceeding to the implementation of regionalization and tipping fees. The implementation of the tipping fees in the Southern Lake regions (Marsh Lake, Carcross, Mt Lorne, Tagish) will happen by the 31st of March 2020.

Waste generation is exceptionally high in Canada. Canada was the number one country in 2014 to produce the most garbage per capita per year.

In 2016, AYC came out with a document talking about solutions to make waste more sustainable and operate facilities better. Those solutions are similar with the ones proposed today.

One driving force behind this change is to stop people from town going to the transfer station in Mt Lorne to escape the tipping fees in town.

Another reason is the consistency factor to level the plan fee for everybody.

Fees will be based on the ones from the city of Whitehorse and will take the volume into account. No charges on recycling and low charges on compost.

There will be no scales at the transfer station because the government cannot anticipate what will happen after the tipping fees.

The staff from the transfer station, which is limited, is concerned about the administration structure of the fees. If a booth is installed at the entrance of the transfer station with one staff member in it, it will be hard for the other staff member (when there is one) to deal with the free store and do the recycling part of the job in the same time.

There are some solutions to make it possible such as mobile debit machine so that people can still be mobile.

A resident fears that implementing tipping fees will increase bear/human conflicts in the area around the transfer station. People will start dumping garbage all around the transfer station and this will attract even more bears.

The community will need to report illegal dumping. A fine for illegal dumping exists and has increased. People from the Department of Environment and conservation officers enforce the law in the rural area.

Some other ideas were proposed by residents of Mt Lorne. We could ban or charge with special fees people coming from out of the community with big truck.

We could use clear plastic bags to be able to see what people bring and this would help sort the garbage right away.

- b.** Tamera Johnson – Mining recorder, Energy, Mines and Resources
 - i. Aspen Lake claims and placer mining regulations: Question and Answer period

There are 3 individuals and a total of 4 claims on Aspen Lake. They are all in good standing.

Council identified early on that the area is zoned as Protected Open Space. The council would like to withdraw this area from staking, but the government has declined this request pending an overall review of mineral staking in and around communities and municipalities.

The 3 owners of the placer claim do the real minimum to keep the claim to their names, but they are not really active. It is believed they just keep it to have a hold on a piece of land.

Under class 1, you are only allowed to build a structure without foundations and only keep it for 365 days and move it from the claim after.

In the Placer Mining Act, grouping claims is allowed. Work done on any claim in the group can be applied to all claims in the group for the purposes of renewing a claim. To group claims, they must be contiguous/adjoined and if they are not, the owners of the claims need to give good reasons why he wants to group his claims.

Under class 1, you are not allowed to build roads or upgrade or maintain roads and you can only bring vehicles that are under 35 psi.

Placer claim owners can use banked excess work to renew their claim.

Aspen Lake feeds Kookatsoon Lake underground and feeds all the wells in the area. The concern is that somebody is living in Aspen Lake playing mining and this person is disturbing the road that goes to the swamp between Aspen Lake and Kookatsoon Lake. This could affect the survival of Kookatsoon Lake by disturbing the link between Aspen Lake and Kookatsoon Lake as well as the quality of water in the wells.

Class 1 allowed activity is minimal. Any activities above Class 1 would require an environmental assessment by YESAB. This is when concerns about lake and well water would be assessed.

Peter and local residents will continue to monitor the claims and report any infractions.

5. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: 2019-07-002 Peter moved the minutes be adopted. James Second – CARRIED.

6. Approval of Accounts – Financial

7. Reports from Committees

8. Correspondence

- a. Letter requesting brushing assessment for Annie Lake Road
 - i. Minister Streicker said that we should be receiving a response from Minister of HPW soon.

9. Old Business

- a. Review of Action Items

Lisa still need to contact the bank for signing authorities.

- b. Cemetery

The council sent a letter with a map of the proposed new location for the cemetery to CTFN. Lisa talked to Doris Dreyer, who said that she will have news concerning the support from CTFN by the end of next week.

Lisa sent a request for quotes to two companies for the planning and design work and will have a feedback next week. She will then be able to apply for CDF funding.

c. Public Water Supply

Lisa still needs to talk to Etienne (president of LMCA) about writing a joint letter from the two organizations about the need of a public water supply, highlighting the concept of fairness for all communities.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa will talk to LMCA members and together LMCA and MLAC will write a letter to Minister Streicker about the need of a public water supply, highlighting the concept of fairness for all communities.

d. Speed limit signs – Annie Lake Road

Annie Lake Road has a new 60km speed limit sign.

e. Dry Hydrants Feasibility Study

The councilors did not hear anything yet.

f. CTFN Comprehensive Community Plan Project

MLAC was invited to be part of the steering committee. The steering committee had a meeting last week to unveil their logo. Lisa was able to attend. Peter was the only other councilor that showed interest in participating as an alternate. Dawn Bouquot, long-time resident of Mt Lorne, previous councilor, and past participant in the Yukon Regional Round Table, asked Lisa and Peter if she could be an alternate. Dawn was able to attend as well.

It is a 2 years process. More discussion is still needed to know how other communities than CTFN can participate in this process. Much of the input that was generated at the Open House Feast on May 22 focused on the town of Carcross and CTFN.

10. New Business

a. Bridge closures on Annie Lake Road

YG Highways and Public Works held a public information session on June 13th. Paul Murchison, Director, Transportation Engineering, spoke about the bridge closures and was available for questions. Lisa, Peter, Etienne, and two members of the public attended. It was a very informative session, and it was made very clear why those bridges will be removed for safety issues and no other bridges will be put on.

b. Road maintenance on Annie Lake Road

The beginning of Annie Lake road is in bad shape because it goes through a swamp. It would be better to start over and build a proper roadbed instead of fixing it over and over.

In Carcross the roads are in even worse conditions, so they are the priority.

c. Southern Lakes Forest Resource Management Plan

A Draft Plan is out there for comments. Comments have to be in by the end of September. Each councillor should have a look at it individually and then they can talk about it all together.

11. Next Meeting

August 13th, 2019

12. Adjournment 21:35pm

MOTION: 2019-07-003 Moved by Peter, Jess second – CARRIED.