

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2020 – 03
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Lorne Mountain Community Centre

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Streicker – MLA; Andrea Wilson – Community Advisor; Dave Albisser - Director of Operations, YG Community Services; Al Foster – Resident of Mt Lorne; Etienne Tardif – President of LMCA; Mary Walden – Resident of Mt Lorne; Dawn Bouquot – Resident of Mt Lorne; Mike Bailie – Resident of Mt Lorne; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order** 07:05 p.m.
2. **Call for Presentations & Delegations**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2020-03-001 Kevin moved the Agenda be adopted. Peter Second – CARRIED.

4. Presentations and Delegations

- a. Dave Albisser, Director of Operations, YG Community Services
 - i. Sharing plans for waste management in Yukon and tipping fee schedule for transfer stations

The tipping fees will be implemented starting April 1st, 2020 at Tagish, Deep creek, Carcross, Mt Lorne, and Marsh Lake. The first month will be more about informing people to make them understand where YG is going with waste management.

Next year, YG will extend this to other 4 other communities as part as the regionalization. And finally, it will be implemented to Beaver Creek and Old Crow.

The fees are based on fees at the Whitehorse dump (\$1 per bag). There will be a punch card system to reduce the handling of cash. The idea is to encourage people to reduce their waste by associating a cost to waste.

There was a question about the waste from the Community Center and the Golf Course. LMCA also often has to deal with waste that is randomly dumped on its grounds. LMCA will need to ask for more funding to cover the price of tipping fees for these 2 locations. How does it work for non-profit, opportunity to discuss?

Minister Streicker does not think that the government can be making exceptions for different interest groups. This is not the place to discuss this.

Does YG expect more dumping in the woods? It will vary from one community to another. The experience is that you see a little bit more dumping at the beginning, but it stops after a while and this is punishable under the law. We hope that this will stop people from avoiding paying in Whitehorse by driving to surrounding communities.

The tipping fees categories are not clear for some waste and some people might start dumping these wastes because they do not know what to do about it. There will be no fees on any household hazardous waste because YG will still recycle it through HHW program. YG will work on making the information clearer.

Also, some people donate their beer can money to different associations such as the transfer station. But now people will probably use this money to pay their tipping fees. Will the transfer station get more funding to compensate for this?

We need a way to count how many people live in the community, not the number of properties. It is hard because some people have their mailing address in town. Having a better count would help to get more funding. There are 2 ways of counting right now but they are not efficient.

YG will provide training for transfer station staff, such as conflict resolution, and handling cash. YG will also provide information on who to call if there is an issue.

If somebody puts a security camera in a location where illegal dumping occurs can they bring the video to Conservation Officers or YG and can it be used to punish dumping? Yes, it could but signage will need to be put on to inform people that there is a security camera.

With the collection of fees slowing traffic flow, concerns about vehicles backing up onto the highway were raised. In case Mt Lorne deals with a lot of traffic at the transfer station, this can be reported to YG. Upgrades for the transfer station access road will be implemented this summer.

YG has work to do on the transfer station electric fences. A resident of Mt Lorne has noted that the electric fence does not always work as it does not have sufficient power on cloudy days, is not sturdy enough, does not have sufficient rows, and there is concern that bears can dig in the sand under the fence. YG will look into connecting the fence to the large solar panel grid, and will look into the other deficiencies. YG will make sure that Mt Lorne will be the first on the list for physical upgrading. Mt Lorne is one of the only transfer stations to deal with organic waste on site.

5. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: 2020-03-002 Kevin moved the minutes be adopted. James Second – CARRIED.

6. Approval of Accounts – Financial

a. Budget for 2020

MLAC will talk about it at the next meeting.

b. Operating Policy

MLAC will talk about it at the next meeting.

7. Reports from Committees

8. Correspondence

9. Old Business

a. Review of Action Items

b. Mailing list for Mt Lorne

Minister Streicker was told that the privacy commissioner recently said that they could no longer use the mailing list except if it has to do with property or property taxes. YG is not allowed to share the mailing list with other groups. Even YG is not allowed to use that list.

YG can support us with unaddressed mail. Another solution would be for YG to write on behalf of the LAC to the privacy commissioner to explain our position and show how important it is for MLAC.

A formal letter will come to MLAC shortly regarding this information.

c. Cemetery

Al Foster gave a summary on the Cemetery survey conducted in February. There were 72 responses to the survey. 29 responders are willing to help in moving ahead with this project. 90.3% agree on the establishment of a cemetery. A lot of meaningful comments were sent.

Al Foster is happy about the results. At the end of March, the Cemetery Society will have a public meeting to try to engage more people.

A YESAB application, a cemetery design, and the development of management policies still need to be done and Al hopes that the 29 people will come forward and help the society with the next steps.

The Cemetery Society got some quotes back about hiring a landscape design company but it would be too expensive. The society wants to design and build the cemetery with people from the community.

Minister Streicker shared with us that Marsh Lake is doing a series of public discussion called "Death Talk". It would be nice for Mt Lorne, as an aging community, to join Marsh Lake and talk about it.

d. Public Water Supply

Etienne has presented his survey to Minister Streicker at the LMCA meeting. He will submit his survey summary to the government for review.

Both KDFN and CTFN are planning in the future to develop subdivisions for their citizens on their settlement lands within the hamlet. Should the potential for FN use be factored into the government's deliberation on the public well project?

e. CTFN Comprehensive Community Plan Project

Lisa and Dawn participated in a 2-day CCP retreat. CCP had the results of their survey from which they extracted five pillars that will form the basis for the CCP plan: governance, community education, community wellness, community development, and resilience. During the 2-day retreat, the participants developed a vision for the plan and priorities regarding the five pillars.

In looking more closely at the governance pillar, a Social Enterprise has been proposed but this needs to be discussed more in detail, as well as looking at other options.

f. Kookatsoon Lake Road Signs

We heard back from the Government. They will put up a sign saying restricted turn around.

g. Fire Ban Signs

Andrea talked with the Operations Manager and he said that they were working on the sign, they understood now what MLAC is looking for. They will send a mock-up of the signs to make sure that they are on the same page than MLAC. They were hoping to have the signs ready by early April.

h. Community Website

Etienne will send a note to Susan to know how we can transition over the next 2 months. Etienne with other 2 persons will volunteer to learn how to build and deal with the website.

Etienne will make sure that it is easy for MLAC to update and download documents online.

The number of people that will have access to the website will be limited to 1 person per group.

i. Transfer station: Electric Fence

Right now, the electric fence is plugged onto the smallest solar panel on site. Mike proposed to plug it to the bigger solar panel when it is cloudy to have enough power. YG will put Mt Lorne as a priority on the list of upgrading the fence.

j. Community Engagement and Communication

The councillors will set up a special meeting to plan the event.

k. Brushing the Annie Lake Road

MLAC wrote a letter to Minister Streicker last summer requesting that Annie Lake Road have an on-the-ground assessment for brushing in regard to access and egress in case of a wildfire. And that this assessment be used in prioritizing secondary roads in the YG brushing schedule. Minister Mostyn responded, expecting that the secondary roads brushing schedule would be completed last fall. Council had not heard back and asked Andrea to follow up with it. Highways are apparently behind with their brushing. They will probably assess Annie Lake road this summer, but we will not hear about a specific date for Annie Lake road to be brushed before next winter.

l. LAC Bank Account

Kevin asked YG whether we can put our accumulated surplus into a liquid investment account and the answer is no.

10. New Business

a. Community member, Lucile Fressigne's, Southern Lakes Grizzly Bear Research Proposal

Lucile thanked the MLAC for their support regarding her Yukon Bear project. She plans on assessing the population size of bears in the Southern Lakes region by sampling bear scat. She wants to involve volunteers and First Nations to help her sample bear scat. This project would be essential to implement the conservation plan regarding Grizzly bears and minimize human/bear conflicts.

b. Fire smart course

Peter Carr attended a 2-day workshop on Firesmartering. Really good 2-day workshop about fire smarting at a community level. Peter would like to add a part on fire smart on the new website. Really interesting information on firesmartcanada.ca.

There is an app on smartphones to do assessment of your property.

The insurance corporation are thinking of giving you discount if you fire smart your property. Fire smart 101 course online to see what you can do which is worth doing.

11. Next Meeting

April 7th, 2020

12. Adjournment 21:35 p.m.

MOTION: 2020-03-003 Moved by Kevin, James Second – CARRIED.