

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2020 – 10
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, October 6th, 2020
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Lorne Mountain Community Center

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Streicker – MLA; Andrea Wilson – Community Advisor; Al Foster – Mt Lorne Resident; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order** 07:15 p.m.
2. **Call for Presentations & Delegations**
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2020-10-001 Peter moved the Agenda be adopted. Lisa Second – CARRIED.

4. Presentations and Delegations

a. Northwestel's Every Community Project

Tammy April, VP of consumer market at Northwestel, gave a presentation to MLAC about Every Community Project. Details are expected to be posted on the NWtel website in the coming days. Look for the link called Every Community Project. Northwestel's Every Community Project will bring high speed, unlimited Internet to households across Yukon and NWT. These territories will be among the most connected jurisdictions in the world.

NWtel will be making a number of announcements later this month detailing the project which will dramatically expand fibre optic internet across the north.

Northwestel will lay fibre-optic cable right to the home, either along poles or buried underground.

In 2021, they plan to have 4 communities upgraded (Dawson, Teslin, Watson Lake, Upper Liard). By 2023, they plan on having 11 communities upgraded. Improvements in Mount Lorne are expected to go in during 2023.

The packaging rates will be available next week. The price will be like the one in Whitehorse and Carcross.

By December, households that are using satellite internet with Xplornet will be losing their internet connection. Minister Mostyn is trying to find a solution around this issue.

Mt Lorne was left off the list of communities but that was just an oversight.

MLAC will help Northwestel by providing the civic address map of Mt Lorne and let Northwestel know where houses are in Mt Lorne.

5. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: 2020-10-002 Jess moved the minutes be adopted. Lisa Second – CARRIED.

6. Approval of Accounts – Financial

7. Reports from Wards

Kookatsoon: After years of inactivity, CTFN is moving forward with one unit in a 26 unit subdivision located on the left off the South Klondike Highway before arriving at the CutOff, heading towards Whitehorse.

Robinson: A few residents living in the Robinson Subdivision have filed a lawsuit against a neighbor. The issue revolves around alleged harassment by one Robinson resident against a number of other residents living in the same area. At the moment things have settled down due to a visit by the RCMP.

8. Correspondence

9. Old Business

a. Review of Action Items

b. Community Engagement and Communication

Due to the second wave of Covid-19 and all the regulations in place to be able to use the kitchen, MLAC thinks that organizing a pancake breakfast is not a good idea.

MLAC proposes to have a booth at the transfer station to be able to meet the locals and hear their issues/comments. MLAC will provide some coffee and snacks. Minister Streicker would love to come by and bring some coffee. The councillors will organize this more in details at the next meeting.

c. CTFN Comprehensive Community Plan Project

Lisa requested that council hold a special meeting to discuss her concerns around CCP and to get direction on how to proceed with CCP. This meeting was held on September 28th. Lisa and Dawn attended a CCP Steering Committee meeting on September 30th. Due to the sensitive and heated nature of the discussions, Lisa requested that her report on this meeting be in-camera. It was agreed to have an in-camera session at the end of the public meeting. Note for the record: Kevin felt that it should all be on the public record.

d. Cemetery

The Cemetery Society AGM was held on September 29th. Those that have been working on the project to date, don't feel that they can give any more of their time to the project. None of the new people who attended the AGM were willing to take the lead to move the project forward. Paperwork will be sent to keep the society registered. A number of people agreed to have their name stand for a committee. Jess will contact everyone on the committee in January to see if there is any movement on willingness to work on the project or if other community members are willing to step forward.

10. New Business

a. Brushing on the South Klondike Highway

HPW are brushing 20 meters from the roadway shoulder and it will be completed by November 2020. Residents affected had not been contacted. YG agreed to contact affected residents. A resident had some concerns regarding the fact that it affects his privacy and had contacted the government to start a discussion.

MLAC does not remember if an information package has been sent to the communities beforehand to explain the process. The communities would appreciate to be informed beforehand on the process of the brushing so that they are not surprised, particularly if there is a change from the past in the distance being brushed.

b. Yukon Inter-community Transportation Project

There is a short-term local employment opportunity with this project. This will involve, in part, gathering community feedback on inter-community transportation options in the territory for the consulting team working on the project.

MLAC will publish the letter on the website so that residents will see this opportunity.

c. Tagish Gold/Mt Skukum

Community member and LMCA President, Etienne Tardif, was contacted by the CEO of Whitehorse Gold re their plans to start mining again at Mt Skukum. They asked if Mt Lorne would like a presentation on their plans. Etienne will look into setting up a public meeting.

d. Flu shots at community hall

Marsh Lake and Mt Lorne did not make the cut this year and Minister Streicker reached out to the minister's office about this issue. A special clinic in Tagish will be accepting people that are highly vulnerable on October 21st by appointment only. Another special clinic will be hold in Carcross on October 26th by appointment only.

A resident asked MLAC to back her up about asking for opening a flu clinic in Mt Lorne.

ACTION ITEM: Kevin will write a letter to the Minister of Health to ask for the opening of a flu clinic in Mt Lorne. The other councilors will be reviewing it.

e. LAC Forum

It is scheduled for November 20th. Lisa, Kevin, Jess and Peter will be attending.

f. A new regulation on grizzly bear hunting in the Southern Lakes is coming.

11. Tabled Business

a. Hiking in the Annie Lake area during lambing season

12. Next Meeting

November 3rd, 2020

13. Adjournment 21:21 p.m.

MOTION: 2020-10-004 Moved by Jess, Lisa Second – CARRIED.