

**HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING 2021 – 01
MINUTES**

Approved by Council:

Chair

DATE: Tuesday, January 5th, 2021
TIME: 7:00 pm
LOCATION: Zoom meeting

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Streicker – MLA; Al Foster – Resident of Mt Lorne; Lucile Fressigné – Administrative assistant

REGRETS:

1. **Call to Order** 07:02 p.m.
2. **Call for Presentations & Delegations**
 - a. Update on activities in the Southern Lakes by Al Foster
 - b. Update on the pandemic by Minister Streicker
3. **Adoption of Agenda**

MOTION: 2021-01-001 Peter moved the Agenda be adopted. Kevin Second – CARRIED.

4. Presentations and Delegations

- a. Update on activities in the Southern Lakes by Al Foster

The Comprehensive Community Plan with CTFN is happening right now.

Concerning the Regional Land Use Planning of the Southern Lakes that includes 3 First Nations, they just released information on their website: <https://www.howwewalk.org/>. They shared how they plan on gathering information and the timeline of things they want to accomplish. All 3 First Nations want to work together.

The 3 First Nations will be giving a presentation about their approach to Regional Land Use Planning. It is worth going on their website to see their approach compare to the Yukon Government one.

Regional Land Use Planning will affect Local Area Land Use Planning.

Community based Fish and Wildlife Work Plan has been finalized. This is to deal with fish and wildlife as well as habitat. People can have access to information through the Carcross Tagish Renewable Resource Council website. There will be a moose survey in Mt Lorne, Tagish, Marsh Lake involving helicopters for monitoring. There is also a study tracking wolf right now in our area.

Fire Smarting is happening around the community centre. Al Foster, Claire Desmarais, Jeff Boyd and Doug Cote are working with Wildland Fire to put up interpretive signs at the community center about the Fire Smarting Process to inform people about it.

b. Update on the pandemic by Minister Streicker

7 cases since last weekend. It is in the tail end of Christmas time. Minister Streicker thinks that we might have more cases coming up. We should be watchful.

Minister Streicker will try to organize community meetings about vaccines. The time roll out for the Yukon will be coming soon. Minister Streicker is confident that residents from Mt Lorne and Marsh Lake will have to go to Whitehorse to get vaccinated. Yukon received vaccines earlier than expected but did not get all of them. Yukon has 7200 doses and will receive another 7200 doses mid-January. Vaccination started yesterday in Whitehorse. Also, the training for all the vaccinators has started.

Communities, health care workers and vulnerable people (seniors and people with underlying health concerns) are prioritized.

2 mobile units will go into communities to vaccinate people and they will go back again 4 weeks later for the second shot.

A clinic at the Convention Center will open to start vaccinating prioritized people and then will open to the public. People will have to book online for their vaccination.

YG believes that 75% of the adult population will get vaccinated. But if more people want to be vaccinated, YG can ask for more vaccines.

5. Review and Adoption of minutes from last meeting

MOTION: 2021-01-002 Lisa moved the minutes be adopted. Peter Second – CARRIED.

6. Approval of Accounts – Financial

7. Reports from Wards

8. Correspondence

9. Old Business

a. Review of Action Items

b. Community Engagement and Communication

Councilors will set up an information booth at the Transfer Station for the end of February/Beginning of March. They will decide on the details at the next meeting.

c. Civic addresses

Council has a number of concerns and issues about the civic address system: keeping it updated, distribution and access for emergency services, connecting it to Box numbers

etc. Lisa got in touch with Andrea and representatives from Community Affairs will be coming to the MLAC meeting in February to talk about civic addresses.

Civic Addresses are available on the YG GeoYukon site, but the information is hard to find and has not been updated and is still the wrong information.

Andrea contacted Al Foster about the inconsistencies and issues and asked Al if he wanted to get involved again with updating civic addresses.

d. YG Mining Engagement

- Mineral Staking & Development in Yukon Communities: “What We Heard” Report

YG started this process, first engaging with focus groups, in order to create a policy proposal with the idea to then do a broader consultation.

Lisa and Kevin read it and the report captured quite a few of MLAC comments.

Kevin is concerned about the ultimate results and recommendations of this process being against local area plan. Minister Streicker thinks that local area plans will be taken into consideration.

Lisa asked Minister Streicker when they could expect to see some movement on this, especially as an election is on the horizon. Minister Streicker said that he would talk to Minister Pillai and get back to council.

- Draft Yukon Mineral Development Strategy and Recommendations

YG is asking for people to give their comments and recommendation on Yukon Mineral Development Strategy until February 22nd (flyer in mailboxes). It is a good opportunity for the communities to highlight the importance of respecting local area plans.

ACTION ITEM: Lisa will draft comments from council to submit.

e. CTFN Comprehensive Community Plan

They contacted Peter and said that they can give a presentation to give MLAC an update on what they are doing. Councillors agree to attend this presentation.

Peter will propose a date to CCCP and set up a zoom meeting.

In October, CTFN decided to give honorarium as well as travel refund to all the CCCP steering committee members. Some LAC representatives disagreed with receiving honorarium. Lisa does not think it is appropriate for LAC representatives on the Steering Committee to accept honoraria as she views it as a conflict of interest, and so she will send the cheque that she received for attending the October meeting back to Gunta.

The chair of the South Klondike LAC resigned from the CCCP steering committee as well. She felt that CTFN does not respect roles and responsibilities of LACs.

Lisa will receive honorarium from MLAC to be compensated for representing MLAC at the CCCP steering committee.

10. New Business

a. Covid Funding from AYC

Andrea proposed that it could be used to pay for an attendee for the showers at the Community Center. Maybe this concerns more funding from YG.

MLAC thought about getting a refund for their zoom account but decided that it is a useful tool that they will continue to use so they will not claim a refund for this.

b. Community member questions re Transfer Station hours and Compost Fees

(Background: A community member asked if the LAC would consider lobbying the government to have the Transfer Station open one day mid-week, as well as having the same number of hours in the winter as the summer. They also questioned the higher tipping fees for compost vs a bag of garbage.)

Lisa looked into this. She spoke to Dave Albisser, (Director, Community Development). He is aware of the compost fee issue and it will possibly be addressed in the spring/summer when some municipalities (and YG) make revisions to their fee structures. The government is also looking at better ways to deal with compost in the communities. Kevin had also raised the issue of compost with Dave at the LAC Forum.

As far as Transfer Station hours/schedule, Dave said that it is the communities that make this decision. As per Mike Bailie, the dump schedule was set some years ago and he believes it meets the needs of the community. He does not think that there is enough demand to open the dump mid-week and that it would not be cost effective. There are more hours in the summer in large part due to the interest in the free store.

Jess: (employed at the Transfer Station): The transfer station does not charge people for compost except if it is brushes. People working at the transfer station were talking about creating a compost community to do something with the compost but YG at that time proposed to create a big compost facility. So, the idea slowed down, but it might come back in the spring.

As far as the dump schedule, Jess does not think the hours will change because it is not really busy right now. There is not enough demand to open the transfer station another day during the week. She suggested that council could do a survey.

Kevin suggested that council could ask residents about the dump schedule when we have our booth at the Transfer Station.

There was no firm decision made as to how council would proceed with this issue.

There was a question about snowplowing at the Transfer Station:

There was a time when no snowplows were coming to remove snow at the Transfer Station. Jess explained that it is part of the transfer station contract to remove snow themselves. They were working with Ross Smith, but he got really busy, so they had to find someone else to work with. This explains why at some point people working at the transfer station had to do it themselves, but the issue is resolved now.

It was decided that MLAC will write a letter to YG about reducing the fees for compost. These fees are pushing people to not compost which is not desirable.

ACTION ITEM: Jess will write a letter asking to reduce the compost fees and will circulate it before sending it to YG.

c. 211 Service

Nothing specific to add.

d. Website: updating

A lot of things from LMCA have not been updated.

Lisa will contact Lucile to talk about the items she thinks need to be updated on the MLAC page.

e. Letter of condolence to Marsh Lake LAC

Jo-Anne Smith, the Chair of the Marsh Lake LAC, and her husband passed away in December.

ACTION ITEM: Peter will write the letter of condolence.

11. Tabled Business

- a. Hiking in the Annie Lake area during lambing season
- b. Cemetery
- c. Tagish Gold/Mt Skukum

12. Next Meeting

February 2nd, 2021

13. Adjournment 20:20 p.m.

MOTION: 2021-01-003 Moved by Lisa, Kevin Second – CARRIED.