

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, February 9, 2022

Unapproved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of February 9, 2022 was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present was Walter Latour. Via zoom was Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Lisa Vollans-Leduc, Erik Pinkerton due to restrictions. Observers via zoom.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of update from MLA Streicker.

Moved by Lisa Vollans-Leduc, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted as read.

Moved by Erik Pinkerton, Seconded by Lisa Vollans-Leduc.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. David Swinson, Forester with Energy, Mines and Resources, gave a report on the results of the Diggers Marsh issue. The department has a policy in place to protect wetlands from being harvested. The policy is to keep large operators from ruining wetlands. It was a mistake to give a permit to harvest in this marsh area, and the permit was rescinded after complaints were made. Documents with forestry policies can be found on the Yukon Government website for wetlands riparian standards. No permits will be issued for this area in the future.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

5.a. Update to Council from MLA Streicker. Covid restrictions are still in place but are expected to ease up by next month.

Streicker spoke with Lands Branch about keeping the Marsh Lake LAC informed of land applications in the area.

Yukon's addictions and opioid crisis has hit the communities of Yukon very hard. Yukon Government is working with Health and Social Services to find a way to ensure users are protected from unsafe drugs. Southern Lakes Flooding: Streicker reported that the Snow survey was carried out a month early by YG Water Resources. The results should be ready next week. Plans are being made to take action as early as necessary. A citizen's committee has been formed, led by Lisa Vollans-Leduc and she will be the point of contact for Council.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: AGM will take place in May in Whitehorse by zoom if necessary, but they are hoping to have the meeting in person.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Greg Quartz reported the Winter Carnival has been postponed due to covid restrictions.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: Although there are a good number of volunteers, they are finding it hard to cover all shifts. Concerns were expressed that the growing population at Marsh Lake will require more from emergency services. Streicker said over time things will move forward.

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Facility: nil report.

7. Old Business.

7.a. Wish list will be worked on by Council.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. Council Financials: Actual up to March 31st was presented, along with a budget for 2022/2023.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT Council approves the Schedule A to be signed and sent to Community Services, Sarah Russo, Community Advisor.

Moved by Erik Pinkerton, Seconded by Blair Corley.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

8.b. Mosquito control Program. This is the first time Council was asked to participate in the application to Yukon Government. Controls have been done in the Army Beach / South M'Clintock area for years by Linda Morrison. She has the training and also does the application each year. If other subdivisions wish to take part in future years Council is open to discussions with interested residents if they wish to participate in future years.

8.c. FireSmart: Erik Pinkerton requested the fire smart survey done again this year to gather more information from residents. Posting it on the newsletter and making an easier format so residents can take part will gather more information on areas that residents would like to see FireSmarted.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be March 9, 2022.

Chair Walter Latour adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.