

# Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

## Regular Meeting, January 12, 2022

### Unapproved Minutes

#### 1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of January 12, 2022, was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

#### 1A. Roll Call.

Present were Walter Latour, Erik Pinkerton attending in person.  
Via zoom Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson and Lisa Vollans-Leduc.

#### 2. Adoption Of Agenda.

##### Motion # 1.

**Motion THAT the agenda be adopted with spelling corrections.**

**Moved by Joanne Johnson, Seconded by Blair Corley.**

**Vote: Unanimous.**

**Motion # 1 Carried.**

#### 3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting were read.

##### Motion # 2.

**Motion THAT the minutes be accepted .**

**Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.**

**Vote: 5 in favour.**

**Motion # 2 Carried.**

#### 4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

**4.a.** MLA John Streicker gave an update on the Covid 19 Omicron infections in Yukon. Streicker said preparations for the potential of a Southern Lakes flood in 2022 is being looked at by Community Services. Items to prepare could include Yukon Energy Corporation opening the gates early. Streicker said the snowpack in the mountains at the headwaters to the Southern Lakes will be measured earlier than usual this year to give everyone insight into the flood potential. Last year was a wake-up call as to how early and fast a flood can occur.

Ward 4 Councillor Vollans-Leduc explained that residents in Army Beach and South M'Clintock are very concerned about flooding again and would like to see YG stop worrying about whether or not it will flood and instead prepare for the eventuality. Spring melt is expected to bring its own set of problems with snow unable to drain off properties into the lake due to the berms that are still in place. Contractors helping with reparations will be overworked and under pressure. Pre-approved permits for shoreline work should shorten application times. Unoccupied cabins and properties will be a challenge to get owners inline with the work being done to protect occupied properties.

Council requested Streicker let Lands Branch know that the Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council should be keep informed of all land applications for lot extensions or subdivisions.

A question was asked of Streicker about the condition of subdivision roads over the holiday season. Highways and bus routes take priority any time, with the holiday break seen as when the subdivision roads don't get much attention.

There was a complaint from a resident who went to YG Forestry for a fuelwood permit but was told the only person who could give a permit was on holiday and not expected back for weeks. Streicker agreed to investigate why the department doesn't have someone to back up employees on vacation.

There was a question about the flood and soggy roads along the M'Clintock Valley. Residents don't want to see the marsh areas drained and would instead like to see the road built up above the saturation level.

#### 5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

**5.a.** No report.

## **6. Committee Reports.**

**6.a. AYC:** many notices are sent to Council and any of interest to Marsh Lake will be discussed.

**6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society:** Greg Quartz announced they are working on the Winter Carnival but many things depend on what restrictions are in place at that time.

**6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society:** Volunteer numbers are down.

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

## **7. Old Business.**

**7.a.** Council received a copy of the FireSmart survey done in 2020, which lists areas residents are interested in seeing FireSmarted in the future. FireSmart work along roads is seen as most advantageous to keep escape corridors open.

Scouting out new areas to gather firewood should be established.

## **8. New Business and Question Period.**

**8.a.** Lisa Vollans-Leduc was asked by residents of Ward 4 about speed bumps along Army Beach Road to discourage speeding. However, if speed bumps are put in place on a road the snowplows will no longer be able to service that road. Other methods of slowing traffic need to be found.

## **9. Adjournment.**

Next meeting will be February 9, 2022.

Co-Chair Latour adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.