

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, January 11, 2023

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of January 11, 2023 was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, Erik Pinkerton, and Lisa Vollans-Leduc. Approximately 19 attendees.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted.

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

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted with typo corrections.

Moved by Eric Pinkerton, Seconded by Blair Corley.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. Update on Flood Mitigation Options: A public meeting will be set for late January or early February. Councillor Lisa Vollans-Leduc will attend, as well as any Council members who are able to attend.

4.b. Tree Cutting along Judas Creek Drive: Michael Kearney, Highways and Public Works Regional Program Manager, apologized to Council and residents for not informing the community of the work to remove the trees from the access roads to Judas Creek. They were trying to complete the work before the snow became too deep.

The YG department received a letter from the Marsh Lake Volunteer Fire department concerning the north entrance to Judas Creek and the overgrown trees that could cause the road to be blocked during an emergency. Highways and Public Works plan is to bring the roads up to national standards with the trees cleared back to 15 meters from the centre of the road on both sides. Protests by residents stopped the work when they saw the south entrance trees by the ski trail being felled. All work was stopped until after public consultation. Kearney clarified that the clearing would only be the 1.5 kms from the highway into the subdivision at both entrances.

Residents expressed many arguments against having the trees cleared, including the rarity of trees falling on the road, the road's usage as a recreational road for walking, running and ORV, the current beauty and aesthetics of the community, lack of First Nation consultation, and asked for stats on road collisions along Judas Creek Drive. Residents do not want this clear cutting near private property and feel clearing will allow drivers to speed up along the 50 km limit road.

Some solutions were discussed including decreasing the speed limit to allow for a smaller number of trees being cleared, such as a 30 km speed limit only requiring a 5 meter set back. It was agreed no work would be happening until the spring, allowing for greater consultation by the public. The road is not up to government standards and some clearing will need to take place.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT the tree clearing is postponed until spring and Council seeks more input from residents for suggestions to H&PW before then.

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

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

Council thanked Kearney and all residents who attended the meeting.
(At this point most of the audience left)

4.b. Update from MLA for Southern Lakes, John Streicker. Streicker encouraged Council to look at the options for flood mitigation before the public meeting. Information is available on the Yukon.ca website.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

Nil report.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: Chair Walter Latour attended the AYC meeting in December. The municipalities and LACs discussed the new Elections Act changing the term of elected officials to 3 years from 4. Any change in the length of the term will include the LACs.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Kyla Guzik reported on the many activities at the Community Centre and discussed the upcoming Winter Carnival in February.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: Fire Chief Rob Schneider reported 12 call outs in the past few months. Schneider spoke on the fire risk of having the trees too close to the road when an evacuation happens. An area emergency plan is in the works with EMO.

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Management Facility: Council discussed the opening hours of the facility in the new contract, including public facing vs working hours. Council agreed employees should be paid for all work hours, even after the gates closed.

Motion # 4.

Motion THAT the Council supports having consistent hours year-round at the Solid Waste Facility.

Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Erik Pinkerton.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 4 Carried.

Motion # 5.

Motion THAT the Council recommends the open hours of the Solid Waste Facility be 10:30 am to 6:00 pm as public hours, and the contract should include a ½ hour paid closing to 18:30.

Moved by Erik Pinkerton, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 5 Carried.

6.e. Flood Watch Committee: Public meeting to discuss flood reparation options with residents will be set for late January or early February.

7. Old Business.

7.a. no old business.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. no new business.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2023.

Chair Latour adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.