

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, February 12, 2020

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of February 12, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, Jo-Anne Smith and Judy Prevost.
10 observers.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted.

Moved by Walter Latour, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted as read.

Moved by Walter Latour, Seconded by Judy Prevost.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. Energy, Mines and Resources presentation on mineral exploration in Council boundaries. Jocelyn McDowell, Senior Land Planner, Bob Savard, Mining Lands Supervisor, and Tamera Johnson, Mining Recorder did a summary of how mineral staking and development happens in Yukon communities. The department is looking to create a policy that works within the existing legislation and is reaching out to communities to get issues and concerns along with possible solutions to incorporate into the policy. There has been a history of conflict between miners and residents in Whitehorse, Dawson City, Mount Lorne and the Ibex Valley. In some cases there have been legal proceedings over land development. Once the policy has been developed it will be in place for municipalities and the unincorporated areas like Marsh Lake.

Although there isn't currently any mining exploration in the Marsh Lake area, Council suggested that a completed land use plan for Marsh Lake would help to clarify and perhaps reduce conflict.

Council thanked the committee for travelling to the meeting with their presentation.

4.b. **Army Beach Accesses to lake:** Minister of Community Services John Streicker gave a summary of where the committee is at in selecting which beach walk accesses to reopen.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT Council write a letter to Minister of Community Services John Streicker supporting redevelopment of two walking path accesses from Army Beach Road to the lake, using criteria set out in his letter of January 14th, 2020.

Moved by Judy Prevost, Seconded by Walter Latour.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

4.c. **Update from Sarah Russo, Community Advisor.** Maps with new civic addressing are to be uploaded so that they are available on-line. Dave Albisser, Director Community Operations will be attending the March Council meeting to update on transfer station tipping fees and sewage lagoon clean up.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

-Council received a copy of a letter from Southern Lakes Septic explaining the increase in pump out fees due to the distance needed to dump in other communities.

-Upcoming FireSmart workshop in Whitehorse on February 26 and 27. Blair Corley agreed to attend.

-The Marsh Lake rep for the Emergency Measures planning will be long time local resident Wray Lyons.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: Jo-Anne Smith will be attending the AYC meeting in Faro February 28 and 29.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Greg Sim announced a new recreation director Kelly Weatherby, who began by assisting with the recent ski loppet.

An issue with candle powered Chinese lanterns found on the frozen lake has been brought to the attention of Council. It was suggested the community centre may wish to start a campaign to educate the public on the dangers these items cause in a heavily forested area like Marsh Lake.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: nil report.

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Facility Update: There were questions about the length of the contract for operating the Marsh Lake facility and suggestions to Community Services that a bottle depot should be included in the contract.

7. Old Business.

No Old Business.

8. New Business and Question Period.

-Mail Boxes: A question about who is responsible for clearing snow in front of mail boxes was answered and Canada Post has a contractor to clear each access.

-Mount Lorne Local Advisory Council sent an inquiry about budgeting to all other Advisory Councils. It was decided this should be presented by Community Services at a future Local Advisory Forum.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2020.

Chair Jo-Anne Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.