

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, July 14, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of July 14, 2021 was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Judy Prevost, Walter Latour, Joanne Johnson, Blair Corley and Erik Pinkerton.
4 observers plus zoom attendees.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be accepted as posted.

Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted as read.

Moved by Judy Prevost, Seconded by Erik Pinkerton.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Discussions and Guest Speakers.

Catherine Welsh, Wildland Fire and Fire Smart. Welsh gave an update on the status of wildfires in Yukon and talked about the importance of using FireSmart to reduce hazards. Council wished to talk about new areas of concern and Welsh agreed someone could be made available to do recon to evaluate those areas. One area in great need of FireSmart is Old Constabulary and it was agreed a request should go to Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society to do a new survey for FireSmart for all of Marsh Lake. Council thanked Welsh for the information.

David Swinson, Forester, Energy Mines and Resources. Swinson discussed the issues with personal fuelwood permits and areas that residents wish to be protected. Swinson and his department are willing to look at areas of interest to help identify suitable areas for residents to harvest fuelwood. Council thanked Swinson for attending.

Community Services Minister Richard Mostyn arrived and gave an overview of the flood situation. A flood was predicted but not how serious it quickly became. Assistance in building berms and sandbagging came from volunteers, the First Nations Wildland Fire crew and the Canadian Army.

Highways and bridges are being monitored and there is no threat. Debris is collecting at the Dam and will be removed by Yukon Energy personnel. The southern lakes water levels appear to have peaked but weather, wind and rain will be a factor over the next few weeks.

Mostyn also spoke on the covid situation. There is a complaint from residents who wish to know what communities have outbreaks so they can better protect themselves. Personal information protection is important and information being given reflects that. The real danger at this point is to non-vaccinated residents.

Council thanked Minister Mostyn for attending the meeting.

Sarah Russo, Community Advisor, spoke on flood response training being offered. They are looking for community volunteers to take a 7 day course.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

Correspondence:

Received an email encouraging participation in the Review of Fire Services in Yukon.

Received an email promoting the first ever Carcross Market on August 1st.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: nil report.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: The society held their AGM. They haven't hired a new manager yet. Preet Kaur is the new Recreation Director and she is planning programs and working on funding. Council requested the society post their new society board members into the newsletter so residents are informed. An outdoor gathering is in the works for later in the summer.

Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: nil report.

Solid Waste Facility: Complaints have been made about the state of the free store. The mess made by users and the need for a daily cleanup require extra labour. A possible solution could be using volunteers to keep the free store tidy.

Community Services has extended the depot hours to 7 days per week for the duration of the flood and clean up.

Flood related debris is no charge to drop off. MLA Streicker agreed to discuss brush fees at facility at his next community meeting.

7. Old Business.

7.a. Army Beach lake access trails. Yukon Government has offered three designs for the trails, however, work won't be done until next year due to flood levels. A public meeting for area residents will be organized to pick a standard design. The meeting should be held before the election in October.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. A Judas Creek resident brought up issues with lake access trails in Judas Creek. One single trail is open in their area and is used often late at night by ATVs and snowmobiles. Reopening more trails in Judas Creek subdivision could alleviate the noise that is happening. Council explained they cannot make rules or regulations but can advise Community Services of what projects the community needs. This issue will be discussed more at future meetings.

9. Adjournment.

Chair Latour adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 11, 2021.