

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, May 12, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of May 12, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, and Judy Prevost.
3 observers. Due to a territory wide internet outage there is no zoom attendees for this meeting.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of 7.c. Status of Local Area Plan.

Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Judy Prevost.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted with type-o's corrected.

Moved by Joanne Johnson, Seconded by Blair Corley.

Vote: 4 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. MLA for Southern Lakes John Streicker has been re-elected. His new portfolio includes Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Public Service Commission, and Minister responsible for Yukon Development Corporation, Yukon Energy Corporation and French Language Services Directorate. Streicker gave Council an update on Covid 19 vaccinations in Yukon which are at 74% for the first dose. Changes in the rules will be coming, along with an announcement when youth vaccinations will begin for those aged 12 to 18 years.

Lake water levels: Streicker will be issuing a weekly email with snowpack and lake level information. The snowpack is roughly twice the amount as average and although the gates at the dam were opened early this spring the water level has already started to increase.

Lewes Bridge (Blue Bridge): signs have been set up on either side of the bridge instructing transport trucks to slow to 10 km and restricts to one truck only on the bridge at a time. After being inspected it was found the bridge is not up to code and work will be done this summer to bring the bridge up to code. Other vehicles are unrestricted crossing the bridge.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

Sewage Lagoon Update; Work is started at the facility and YG hopes to have completed by fall.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: Emails from AYC with notes from AGM are being forwarded to all Council members.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Greg Sim reported on how expensive any upgrades to the skating rink will be, with construction and material prices seeing huge increases during the past year. The community land lease renewal has gone through with no issues.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: The AGM will be on May 18th. FireSmart Funding has been received and projects will be completed this summer.

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

7. Old Business.

7.a. Army Beach Access Trails: Judy Prevost and Perry Savoie walked the overgrown trails with Michael Edwards, Project Manger from Community Services Infrastructure Branch. Prevost expressed frustration that having to go over these plans yet again is creating tension among the residents. She would like to see this issue completed this summer.

7.b. Marsh Lake Local Area Plan: MLA Streicker agreed to look into the status of the plan and come back to Council with information.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. Highway Signage: Residents are complaining that highway signs are knocked down, tilted or smashed after the ploughing this winter. There is also the new wildlife warning signs to go up. Council would also like to remind the new Minister that his predecessor agreed to have an engineer look at two intersections with the highway in Marsh Lake as well as the curve at the top of the hill north of the Lewes Bridge.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT a letter be written to the Minister of Highways and Public Works Nils Clark, referencing the letter from the previous Minister concerning the highway inspections and the missing and damaged signs along the highway.

Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: 4 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

8.b. Wish List Update: Council discussed the needed projects around the community and priority.

1. Solid Waste Facility Road is considered priority. This is a road everyone must use and it is in terrible shape.

2. Judas Creek Drive: Chip sealed a number of years ago the road is in deplorable shape with potholes and disintegrating areas. This road is well used to access the ski trails, the community centre and the largest of the subdivisions.

3. Nolan Road in M'Clintock Place is another road overlooked and in need of resurfacing.

4. A Generator for emergency use at the community centre. Council has been discussing this issue for a number of years and would like to see it installed so the community centre can be an evacuation centre for the community.

5. Upgrades are needed for the community skating rink. Council would also like to see the water available at the pump station next to the community centre shared with the facility and also used for flooding the rink in winter.

Motion # 4.

Motion THAT a letter be written to Community Services Minister Richard Mostyn, cc'd to Southern Lakes MLA Streicker and Community Advisory Sarah Russo, with the updated wish list.

Moved by Judy Prevost, Seconded by Blair Corley.

Vote: 4 in favour.

Motion # 4 Carried.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2021.

Chair Latour adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.