

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, October 21, 2020

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of October 21, 2020 was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, Jo-Anne Smith and Judy Prevost.
Many guests via Zoom.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of brush clearing under #7. Old Business.

Moved by Joanne Johnson, Seconded by Walter Latour.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Previous minutes will be presented at November meeting when the agenda isn't so busy.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. NorthwTel presentation by Tammy April, Northwestel VP Consumer Markets, of "Every Community Project". Northwestel has a 3 year plan to bring high speed Internet to every community in Yukon and NWT with fibre to home and low earth satellite technology. This will bring unlimited internet packages to most homes in Yukon. Marsh Lake, however, is not expected to be connected until the end of the project, approximately 3 years. Council was told this time frame was flexible if the project gets ahead of schedule.

Chair Smith thanked NWTel for their presentation.

4.b. Yukon Energy Corporation 10 Year Plan. Presentation was by Mila Milojevic, Attended by Andrew Hall President & CEO and Stephanie Cunha Media & Public Relations. Growing electrical demand is to be met with a 10 year renewable energy projects. Multiple projects are under development.

1. Battery storage. 2. Microgen. 3. Individual power producers. 4. Energy conservation. 5. Enhanced storage (including the raising of Southern Lakes levels). 6. Thermal replacement. 7. Hydro Upgrades.

Projects needed in the next 10 years.

1. Atlin Hydro- purchase of hydro from Tlingit Homeland Energy LP.
2. Moon Lake to Tutchi Lake pump storage.
3. Southern Lakes Transmission upgrade to carry Atlin energy.

Next steps 1. Continue discussions. 2. Finalize plan. 3. Project specific & obtain federal funds.

Residents questioned the Southern Lakes enhancement project and asked why it looks like a "done deal" in the literature. Hall says the decision on the Southern Lakes project is delayed and will be made only after First Nations input.

Chair Smith thanked YEC for their presentation.

5. Report from Chair and Correspondence.

Dog Issues will be deferred to the November meeting.

Update on Army Beach foot paths. Council requested. Community Advisor Sarah Russo look at possible funding from infrastructure branch.

There were complaints from residents about Northwestel phone & internet problems.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: Next regular meeting dec 5. Sent survey and members can complete and return to Crystal. LAC Forum Nov 20th. Council agreed to attend.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: New exercise room is open with Covid rules in place and a waiver to sign. No flu shot clinics are scheduled in the communities close to Whitehorse this year. The Community Society will be expanding their liquor licence to include the gym and outside deck.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: Blair Corley reported on highway accidents on first day of snow.

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Management Society: Fees are still varying from attendant to attendant. However, volumes are down since the tipping fees are comparable to Whitehorse and not as many people are bothering to drive outside of the city.

7. Old Business.

John Streicker updated about sewage lagoon. Hoping to put out tender this winter so work can be done in the new year.

Dept of Highways has agreed to look at Doehle road for clearing.

Receiving complaints about deer along the highway and the number of collisions they are causing.

An electronic information sign is being installed on the highway near Mary Lake.

8. New Business and Question Period.

Walter brought up partying at M'Clintock Place boat launch. Garbage the real issue. Looking at options for broken bottles and cannabis containers.

The GEO Yukon website has now posted interactive maps.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be moved to the third Wednesday in November, the 18th instead of the 11th which is Remembrance Day.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.