

# **Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council**

## **Regular Meeting, June 12, 2024**

### **Approved Minutes**

#### **1. Call To Order.**

The Regular Meeting of June 12, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **1A. Roll Call.**

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, and Erik Pinkerton. Absent with regrets was Gary Pettifer. Meeting chaired by Erik Pinkerton.

#### **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 May 10, 2024 meeting were read.

##### **Motion # 2.**

**Motion THAT the minutes be accepted as read.**

**Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.**

**Vote: 4 in favour.**

**Motion # 2 Carried.**

#### **4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.**

**4.a. Forest Management Branch Foresters Bethany Paul and Darrin Sinclair** discussed Marsh Lake Timber Harvest Plan near Marsh Lake Transfer Station. The same commercial operator has been working in the area for several years and would like to renew and continue. The permit allows no clear cutting, leaving 30% trees behind and an open wildlife corridor. Trees taken should be a full 15 cm in diameter and will become saw logs and or fuelwood. The area has been a good example of how contractors should leave an area.

The Council thanked Paul and Sinclair for attending the meeting.

**4.b. Dale Stokes, Chairperson of the Southern Lakes Water Committee**, gave an update on recent meetings with Community Services at which time it was noted their food maps are from 2007 and need to be updated. There has been an incredible amount of preventative work done by local residents at their own expense, in the form of berms, which should show government that residents are being pro-active. The committee stressed that an upgrade of the roads in the area is needed. Council thanked Stokes for her report.

**4.c. Marsh Lake Marina update:** Steven Colon has entered into a lease to own agreement with the owner of the marina, who lives in Inuvik. Colon will be working to improve the dock, cabins and RV parking this summer. Future work depends on need and usage. Council thanked Colon for the update and wished him luck with the enterprise.

**4.d. Report from MLA Southern Lakes John Streicker.** Streicker reported that lake levels are below average at the moment. Snowpack report shows Southern Lakes is at 109%, close to average. Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> will be a public meeting on Electoral Boundaries.

**4.e. Update sent from Community Advisor Riel Allain.** Riel sent a report to Council.

Army Beach speed signs: three new signs are up along Army Beach Road.

Private quarry access on a blind curve of the highway has received complaints. Additional highway

signage is going up and there is a suggestion of the contractor placing additional highway signs while hauling from the site. HPW is continuing to work toward a solution.

Army Beach Accesses: Allain is confident the accesses should be done this summer.

## **5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.**

Nil report.

## **6. Committee Reports.**

**6.a. AYC:** nil report.

**6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society:** nil report.

**6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society:** AGM held in May. EMS requires volunteers. Without local volunteers, responders must come from Whitehorse.

**6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Management Facility:** Metal crushing is done and stacked. Users should not expect compost fees June to September.

## **7. Old Business.**

**No Old Business.**

## **8. New Business and Question Period.**

**8.a.** Question from resident about repairs needed for the sink hole in the eastbound lane of the highway.

## **9. Adjournment.**

Next meeting will be July 10, 2024.

Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.