

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, April 10, 2019

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of April 10, 2019 was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

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

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted with the 4.c. Update from Kristi de Vries.

Moved by Walter Latour, Seconded by Joanne Johnson.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the March 13, 2019 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. James Paterson, Director and Fire Marshall for Protective Services, Yukon Government spoke briefly on a request from residents to relocate the fire hall in Judas Creek to a more central position in the overall community. Issues that will have to be looked at before any changes can be made are whether a satellite station in Army Beach can be created, population density and where the majority of the emergency call outs are coming from. It is found medical emergencies are spread out through the community but highway

The issue of dispatchers not knowing the roads in Marsh Lake was mentioned. Lack of maps and local knowledge are an ongoing problem. There are plans to address this by 2020.

Paterson also spoke on Wildland Fire Management. Although residents of Marsh Lake did an emergency plan back in 2012 it is now outdated and new instructions need to be available to residents in case of evacuation.

There is information for property owners on how to keep their property safe, on the website:

<https://yukon.ca/en/emergencies-and-safety/wildfires/keep-your-property-safe-wildfires>

Council thanked Mr. Paterson for attending.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT Council write a letter to the Minister of Community Services, Streicker, requesting his department look at the possible construction of a more central fire hall for the community of Marsh Lake.

Moved by Judy Prevost, Seconded by Walter Latour.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

4.b. Update from Community Advisor Kristi de Vries.

The new Judas Creek civic addressing is ready and signs have been made. Residents can pick them up at the community centre.

The draft Forest Management Plan is almost ready for public input.

Water access to the community centre was brought up at the recent LAC Forum. An answer might not be simple since it would mean creating a distribution centre so an assessment will be done and a solution found.

The contractor for the Marsh Lake transfer station has been found although the contract does not mention the operation of a refundables depot.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

Nil report.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: nil report.

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Manager Greg reported that a room will be provided as a classroom for Yukon College to hold classes.

Books no longer wanted for the Little Library have been placed in the hallway for residents to take.

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

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Management Society: nil report.

7. Old Business.

No Old Business.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. Live Beavers in Bob Lake.

Considerable damage is being done on Bob Lake behind the Marsh Lake Community Centre. Residents would like to see the beavers live trapped and moved. This issue will be addressed again with more information.

8.b. Access to Army Beach.

Residents of Army Beach are complaining that all the accesses to Army Beach are blocked, either overgrown or by encroachment. Signage that was in place years ago is gone. They are looking to find out who's responsible for the upkeep of the accesses and how to keep those accesses open for the use of the general public and residents who do not have lakefront property.

Motion # 3.

Motion THAT Council write a letter to the Minister of Community Services, Streicker, requesting his department look into the beach accesses at Army Beach and how to keep them open to the public.

Moved by Judy Prevost, Seconded by Walter Blair Corley.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 3 Carried.

8.c. A discussion concerning the upgrade of the bridge between Army Beach campground and the day use area came up. Community Advisory Kirsti de Vries agreed to look into this issue with the Department of Environment, which has jurisdiction over campgrounds.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be October 10, 2019.

Chair Jo-Anne Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.