

Marsh Lake Local Advisory Council

Regular Meeting, October 9, 2024

Approved Minutes

1. Call To Order.

The Regular Meeting of October 9, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1A. Roll Call.

Present were Blair Corley, Joanne Johnson, Walter Latour, Gary Pettifor and Erik Pinkerton.

2. Adoption Of Agenda.

Motion # 1.

Motion THAT the agenda be adopted.

Moved by Blair Corley, Seconded by Gary Pettifor.

Vote: Unanimous.

Motion # 1 Carried.

3. Adoption Of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Minutes of the September 11, 2024, meeting were read.

Motion # 2.

Motion THAT the minutes be accepted as read.

Moved by Joanne Johnson, Seconded by Blair Corley.

Vote: 5 in favour.

Motion # 2 Carried.

4. Guest Speakers and Public Discussions.

4.a. Report from MLA Southern Lakes John Streicker vis email. Final report for Electoral Boundaries was tabled. For Marsh Lake it proposes a new riding "Marsh Lake - Mount Lorne - Golden Horn". Note that the riding would include those who live where the Judas Creek crosses the highway.

YG is now debating a new Motor Vehicles Act, called the Traffic Safety Act. This will represent a lot of modernization of this legislation. More info to follow.

Lake water levels have returned to normal.

For those Councillors not returning after the election, Streicker gave his sincere and deep gratitude for their contribution to representing Marsh Lakers. Thank you so much. For those staying on, he is looking forward to continuing to work with you.

4.b. Update sent from Community Advisor Riel Allain. Riel sent a message with information provided in the Water Committee Report.

Riel also wanted Council to know about the post-election orientation for LACs on November 15th. More details to follow.

5. Report From the Chair & Correspondence.

Report from Dale Stokes and the Water Committee. They are forming, with YG, a project committee which will be smaller and more available. The October 8 report looked at the Marsh Lake Drainage Analysis Report by Tetra Tech. The analysis appeared to be thorough except they did not contact the Water Committee for input. Part of an infrastructure project would be to upgrade and raise the roads in the Army Beach / South M'Clintock area.

The committee met with Yukon Energy, who have decommissioned their Army Beach ditch pump, after requesting YG to take it over, but received no response. This leaves the residents in the area in a bad situation with no way to pump the snow melt past houses into the lake in the spring. Also, during high water there is no way to stop overflow onto the trails or Army Beach road.

Although very frustrated by the how slow government agencies are moving, the committee remains optimistic that spring of 2025 will see a stronger commitment from YG through financial budgeting and following through with recommendations made to Community Services Minister Mostyn in July 2023.

6. Committee Reports.

6.a. AYC: Key Dates: Newly Elected Officials Training- November 29th-30th. Admin Forum- November 30th (12pm-5pm). AYC Board Meeting- December 1st (Bonnitta Ritchie sent info on December 1st AYC meeting to be held in Whitehorse).

6.b. Marsh Lake Community Society: Gary Pettifor updated Council on the installation of benches along the Army Beach recreation trails. The community centre had a successful Fall Fair despite weather and power issues.

6.c. Marsh Lake Emergency Services Society: Early ice on roads has kept the society busy with call outs.

6.d. Marsh Lake Solid Waste Management Facility: Despite Raven Recycling in Whitehorse closing public drop offs, the Marsh Lake facility says they've had no noticeable increase in traffic.

7. Old Business.

Blair Corley reported Judas Creek is seeing dogs in packs again. Residents are encouraged to take pictures and notes to report to the Animal Welfare Officer at YG.

8. New Business and Question Period.

8.a. No New Business.

9. Adjournment.

Next meeting will be November 13, 2024.

Chair Latour adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.