

December 14, 2016 Elders Council Meeting

In attendance:

Call IN: Inez Larsen
Kluane Martin

In Attendance:	Gloria Johnson	Agnes Johnson	Dennis Dickson
	Kirk Johnson	Mary Easterson	Gloria Johnson
	Peter Johnson	Christabelle Carlick	Chief Dickson
	Sharon Kabanak	Isabelle Dewhurst	Charles Pugh

Review the Agenda: Added June 15, 2016 and November 08, 2016. Review Agenda and read out the agenda. Housing Committee from deffered to February. Deferred the update of Elders sitting on committees to January 2017 meeting. Next Elders meeting to January 18, 2016. Presentation on Burwash Landing Function plan for the school is moved first and minutes moved to the end so everyone can review again.

On Call – presentation on the new school functional plan. Jennifer Marshall from Vancouver and Darrin Fendrickson.

Presentation on brief summary – Engaged by YG Dept of Ed to do the functional plan for the new school in Burwash Landing. She came to the community a few weeks ago. Gathering the community vision for the school and the space for the programming for the future going forward. Looking for the Elders council in what kinds of spaces do you see the community getting engaged in the school and what kind of space would be required. A questionnaire has gone around for specific information for a meeting. Opinion on a number of items and get the elders to get other community members to engage in the input. Speaking on also having an education lab for southern Tutchone languages. What is an ideal school environment for instance traditional wood for the school.

What kind of research has Jennifer been doing? Maybe three different questionnaires, 1 for the youth, 1 for age group of the parents, and then the elders.

Outside cultural space is needed for the school for drying moose/fish, trapping, fishing and hunting area. Land based traditional area for practicing cultural education. Talk on a language support room, proper kitchen, workshop space for arts/crafts. Learning space is also visually important with being able to see the land and lake.

Question on a functional gym and outdoor sports. Answer – school gym is an expensive space and may cost as much as the school itself so looking at ways in connecting to the existing gym at the Jacquot hall. A running track should be taken into consideration. A play area will be created for the primary and older kids can have active play. Quite different for all ages and it can be designed to address those needs.

Elders concerns that the school is so old and we need the money for a decent school.

Action Item: all Elders requested to fill out the questionnaires and email a questionnaire to Inez Larsen and Kluane Martin.

Valerie Laurie – cancelled due to cold weather policy, she will do a presentation at the Elders Luncheon at a later date.

Chief Dickson – gave an update on CYFN are trying to solve the issues with education. Chief just got appointed to the AFN Chiefs committee in Dec 2017. Meeting with Paul Martin and to have success with school we need KFN teachers.

Meeting Minutes – June 15th: Moved by Mary Easterson and Seconded by Keith Johnson with the following change:

GA Resolution to remove Elders/Youth positions was not a motion it was at a previous GA. Gloria Johnson did not make a motion at the meeting but was just in support of this resolution.

- November 8th minutes: Moved by Dennis Dickson and Seconded by Sharon Kabanak

Agenda: Struck the Valerie Laurie section and any additions. Reviewed and moved agenda with changes as stated. Add Policy on Cultus Bay.

Moved by: Mary Easterson

Seconded by: Keith Johnson

Talk about use of Cultus Bay – policy pertaining to use of Cultus Bay.

Action Item to develop a cultus bay use policy. Lisa Badenhorst to do policy development.

Request to use Cultus Bay. Action Item: make sure deposit be put on the policy when using Cultus Bay.

All questions regarding Cultus Bay use will be developed in the policy and come from Elders Council. Elders want to be part of the policy development. There were many concerns from the Elders, so ensure there is Elders input when doing the Policy (stressed very much).

Motion: Cultus Bay not to be used until a Policy is in place. Moved by Mary Easterson and seconded by Keith Johnson.

Issues with liability insurance, water and sewer, and approved kitchen so it has not been rented out for some time. Gated Fence to be put in by PWMS as soon as possible.

Parks Canada information and identify issues with Parks Canada. Lenaya could not attend the meeting and sends her regrets. Give a presentation along with KFN LRH. Craig McKinnon speaking on behalf of Parks Canada. Presentation of work that Parks has completed in the summer of 2016. Parks introduction – Matt Trotter (CAFN) and Kelsey Kabanak (KFN).

Action Item: Kate Ballegooyen to email the presentation to Kluane Martin and Inez Larsen before February 2017 elders council meeting.

Talk about work completed on Donjek Pass sheep surveys and purpose of the presentation. Objectives involve site assessment on sheep in the Hoge Pass area. Wildlife surveys in Hoge Pass and Atlas pass they are proposed flight paths for the eco-lodge and see how many sheep are in the area. July 4-7 (4 park staff and 2 KFN youth took place in the sheep survey). Craig McKinnon to get the original document on the eco-lodge information sharing with Elders. Parks recorded information on animals, birds and plantation in the area. Count on the use of the area for sheep, how many ewes, lambs and went to different areas. Results of survey – Hoge pass had an average 196 sheep and atlas pass had – 55 sheep. 679 sheeps in the area with 219 rams, 353 ewes, and 107 lambs. 41 percent of total sheep in the Donjek area in the area of Hoge Pass. Tends to be nursery groups in areas studied.

Birch Howard from Parks Canada –Parks worked with KFN and DKRRC about approaching the Yukon Government about closing sheep hunting around Sheep Area from Slims River to Congdon creek. There is a change proposal to discuss on more permanent closure about this hunting area. May be a more temporary closure again in Fall 2017. Birch Howard gave his cell number to stop incidents in the park. 867-335-3768 (Birch Howard to call about incidents in the Park). Parks Canada is working on is assisting with discussion on AJA (Lisa Badenhorst). Question regarding people hunting on the traditional territory: would you enforce laws. Parks can enforce in the Park. Birch Howard is a Yukon Conservation Officer and if they see someone breaking the law they will speak up and approach any non-hunters. Members can call Birch Howard with any breaking of laws. There will be cross over between Parks and YG that they can call. Toll Free dispatch 1-877-852-3100. Illegal fishing and visitor safety can also be used to call. Certified Yukon Conservation Officer and primary role is in the Park but YG has given them enforcement authority outside the park.

Action Item: Keith will provide his updates at the January 2017 meeting.

Action Item: Move Elders Concerns to the next month as well. Information on the Housing Policy and Housing Committee will presented at the February 2017 meeting because Lisa Badenhorst is still working on this item.

Adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Some Elders stayed and asked Parks Canada questions.