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Meeting Minutes 10-18
November 10, 2018
Kluane National Park Management Board Office
10:30 am

1. Call to Order 10:46 a.m.

In Attendance – Robin Chambers- Chair, Elsabe Kloppers, Michael Riseborough, Michael Beattie, Gerald Dickson, Linaya Workman, Sylvie Gewehr – Administrator.

2. Review and approve draft Agenda 10-18

Motion 01-10-18: Michael R. motions to adopt the agenda as presented. Elsabe K. seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

3. Review and approve draft Minutes 08-18 and Minutes 09-18

Q: Will the crest project discussed at the previous meeting cause an issue with the worker's union?

A: It is unlikely and precedent has been set by Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve.

Motion 02-10-18: Michael R. motions to accept Minutes 08-18. Michael B. seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

Motion 03-10-18: Elsabe K. motions to accept Minutes 09-18. Michael B. seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

4. Old Business

4.1. Action Log Review

Action Item 02-08-18 needs to be amended to "a future meeting in Burwash Landing".

Action Item 03-07-18 needs to be amended as Barb J. no longer is a Board member.

4.2. Chair's Update

Barb Joe has been elected to sit on The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' (CAFN) Council and thus resigned from her position on the Kluane National Park Management Board (KNPMB).

Action Item 01-10-18: The Administrator will draft a letter to the Minister to advise her that Barb Joe resigned from the KNPMB.

Action Item 02-10-18: Robin C. will email Barb J. to ask her for her formal resignation from the Board.

Action Item 03-10-18: The Administrator will have Barb J. removed from the list of signatories for the KNPMB bank account.

4.3. Site Manager's Update

Since the last Board meeting, the park's visitor season has ended. The visitation statistics are now being compiled.

Action Item 04-10-18: Linaya will ask Carly Sims to give a presentation to the Board on visitation statistics.

Linaya went to the Banff Mountain Festival and gave a presentation on the local First Nations' history in the Kluane region (i.e. highway construction, creation of the Kluane Game Sanctuary and then the Kluane National Park and Reserve). The presentation was very well received. She has been asked to give the same presentation at the Haines Junction Mountain Festival. Linaya will edit the presentation to adapt to a local audience and will only present it if the First Nations approve.

The work at the Thachal Dhal Visitor Centre is advancing. The deck improvement has been built and a draft has been developed for the new exhibit. The goal is to have the new interpretive panels installed by May 2019.

A zoning meeting has been scheduled for November 30 at 10am to review the current zoning in the park.

The new boathouse at Kathleen Lake has been completed.

The new trades building is now under construction. Work will continue until before Christmas. The community has raised concerns about all the trees having been removed from the former parking lot area. There are plans for landscaping once the construction is completed.

The federal government has created working groups to deal with indigenous relations. Linaya is on those working groups.

Several parks staff have received extensions for this winter.

4.4. Trapping Request

KFN has made a request for commercial trapping in the park. KNPMB is working with Parks Canada to develop a process. Land claim obligations need to be considered. A plan needs to be developed before the KNPMB can make a recommendation.

4.5. CO cross appointment

No update. Action Item 01-06-18 needs to be amended to "pending update from Birch on CAFN position".

4.6. Dark Sky Preserve

Action Item 05-10-18: The Administrator will send the letter of support Linaya.

Action Item 06-10-18: The Administrator will amend the letter of support for the crest project as proposed by Michael R. and will send it to Linaya as well.

4.7. Winter Meeting Dates and Meeting in Burwash Landing

The Board wishes to host an Elder's Council meeting in combination with a Board meeting in Burwash Landing. Elder's Council meeting dates for the New Year will only be determined in January 2019 though.

Action Item 07-10-18: The Administrator will contact KFN in January 2019 regarding the Elder's Council meeting dates.

Regular Board meeting dates in 2019 will generally be on the third Saturday of the month and will begin somewhat later to allow for more time in the morning for members needing to travel. Meeting dates are:

- January 19, 2019 at 11am
- February 16, 2019 at 11am
- March 16, 2019 at 11am

- April 13, 2019 at 11am
- May 11, 2019 at 11am
- June 15, 2019 at 11am

Action Item 08-10-18: The Administrator will send the Board members a list of all the meeting dates.

Action Item 09-10-18: The Administrator will send the Board meeting information to Monica Krieger (CAFN) and Geraldine Pope (KFN) a few days before each meeting.

Action Item 10-10-18: The Administrator will contact Laura MacKinnon at the Alsek Renewable Resources Council concerning the Renewable Resources Councils' Annual General Meeting, as this event might be of interest to KNPMB members.

5. Finance and Administration

5.1. 2018-19 Financials Review

Motion 04-10-18: Michael B. motions to approve the October financials as presented. Gerald D. seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

5.2. Outstanding Balance with TD

The KNPMB owes TD \$31.05 for the outstanding balance on the bank account when it was closed.

Motion 05-10-18: Elsabe K. motions to let the Administrator pay the outstanding balance to TD on behalf of the Board. Michael B. seconds the motion.

Action Item 11-10-18: The Administrator will remit the payment for the outstanding balance the Board has with TD (\$31.05).

5.3. Admin Update

The Board and other agencies will host an open house on December 13, from 5pm to 7pm at the St. Elias Convention Centre. Guy Maynes has been hired as the caterer. He submitted a quote in the amount of \$1,250 plus GST. There will be some fees for the room rental and for refreshments and other supplies for the event.

Motion 06-10-18: Michael B. motions that the Administrator be allowed to spend up to \$2,000 on the Open House. Elsabe K. seconds the motion. Approved unanimously.

Action Item 12-10-18: The Administrator will prepare materials to present at the Open House, such as handouts, a presentation board, or a slideshow to be projected on a screen.

Action Item 13-10-18: Linaya will ask Graham Dodds to provide the Administrator with information and materials on the management planning process to present at the Open House.

5.4. Webpage Content

Robin will send the Administrator her picture and bio.

6. New Business

6.1. First Nations Board Members Appointments

The First Nations Board members' appointments will expire in October 2019, and as per Action Item 02-03-18, the Board will take action to ensure nominations are completed in time for the Board to remain active.

Action Item 14-10-18: The Administrator will write a draft letter to the Chiefs advising them of the expiring nominations and asking them to nominate representatives.

Action Item 15-10-18: Linaya will send a briefing note to the Minister to advise her of the upcoming appointments.

6.2. Dall Sheep on Alaska Highway

Eight sheep were killed on the Alaska Highway near Thachal Dhal in September. Signage is there to advise drivers to slow down, but it does not seem to be efficient enough. Because of changing water levels, the sheep have modified their travel routes to get to the water and they are found on the highway very frequently, putting them at risk.

Action Item 16-10-18: The Administrator will draft a letter to the Minister of Highways asking that whatever steps are necessary to resolve this issue be taken expeditiously.

7. Updates or Additions

7.1. Bison entering KNPR

Bison have been entering the park and both CAFN and KFN have concerns, as bison cannot currently be harvested in the park by First Nations because of wording in the Final Agreements identifying them as a transplanted species and not wildlife, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Even though the bison is an endangered species in Canada, the species is well established in the Yukon now.

7.2. Haines Junction Mountain Fest

The Haines Junction Mountain Fest will take place from November 30 to December 2. There is the option for the KNPMB to have a booth on the evening of November 30 and on December 1 during the day. The venue for the evening of November 30 is the St. Elias Convention Centre and on December 1, the event will take place at Daku.

Action Item 17-10-18: The Administrator will make all necessary arrangements for the KNPMB to have a booth at the Mountain Festival on November 30 and on December 1.

8. Next Regular Meeting Dates

Saturday January 19, 2019 at 11 a.m., Kluane National Park Management Board Office

Saturday February 16, 2019 at 11 a.m., Kluane National Park Management Board Office

9. Adjournment at 2:05 p.m.

Chair or Vice-Chair

Administrator