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Meeting Minutes 09-18  
September 15, 2018  
Kluane National Park Management Board Office  
10:30 am

## **1. Call to Order 10:30 a.m.**

**In Attendance** – Elsabe Kloppers - Chair, Michael Riseborough, Barb Joe, Linaya Workman, Sylvie Gewehr – Administrator.

## **2. Review and approve draft Agenda 09-18**

Agenda reviewed and taken as a guideline for this meeting with the addition of a report on the August 25<sup>th</sup> Kokanee Flight by Michael Riseborough.

## **3. Review and approve draft Minutes 08-18**

Minutes reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes is deferred to the next meeting.

## **4. Healing Broken Connections Research by Roberta Nakoochee**

Roberta Nakoochee wrote her Master's thesis on "Reconnection with Asi Kéyi: Healing Broken Connections' Implications for Ecological Integrity in Canadian National Parks".

Roberta will send her thesis to Linaya who will then share it with the Board.

## **5. Old Business**

### **5.1. Action Log Review**

No amendments.

### **5.2. Chair's Update**

Deferred until next meeting.

### **5.3. Site Manager's Update**

Exterior renovations and the small addition to the Thachal Dhal Visitor Centre are underway. The exhibit is still in development with Kluane First Nation (KFN) guiding parks on the contents.

Construction of the new boathouse at Kathleen Lake is underway as well.

The contract for the work on the exterior of the Admin Building and construction of the Trades Building has been awarded to Wildstone Construction & Engineering through an Indigenous Benefits Plan. Work is scheduled to begin this fall.

Money was received to tear down the old contaminated buildings at the Parks Canada Farm Site. Champagne & Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) are considering leasing the big blue

building over the winter to use as a workshop to build tiny homes. Remediation work still needs to be done on the grounds.

Parks Canada had several internal meetings to discuss the new zoning of the park and to clarify the definitions of the different zones. At the next big zoning meeting, parks will propose a few changes and offer the First Nations to establish and manage Culturally Sensitive Areas for them. The park biologist, Carmen Wong, is also considering establishing Ecologically Sensitive Areas to replace some of the Zone 1 areas.

Parks is organizing a Community BBQ on September 20<sup>th</sup> and Northern Nights, Kluane's third Annual Dark Sky Festival on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The last day of the season is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Parks met with the Matatana working group to discuss some of the asks.

#### 5.4. Trapping Request

No update, this will be a winter project for parks and KFN.

Action items 02-02-18 and 03-02-18 can be removed from the action log.

#### 5.5. CO cross appointment

No update.

#### 5.6. Dark Sky Preserve

A summary of the August 15<sup>th</sup> presentation has been distributed.

Action Item 01-09-18: The Administrator will draft a letter of support for the Board members to review at the next Board meeting.

### 6. Finance and Administration

#### 6.1. 2018-19 Financials Review

The motion to approve the financials has been deferred until the next meeting.

The motion to pay the \$31.05 the Board owes to TD has been deferred until the next meeting.

#### 6.2. Admin Update

The Admin has prepared a draft letter on the First Nations crest initiative. Linaya clarified that both First Nations are asking for their crests to be on all parks staff uniforms in Kluane.

Action Item 02-09-18: The Administrator will amend the drafted letter to reflect the First Nations' proposal for the Board members to review at the next Board meeting.

#### 6.3. Webpage Content

General information on the Board will be available on the park's website soon. Contents for Robin C., Barb J., and Gerald D. are still missing. Robin C. is working on it.

Action Item 03-09-18: The Administrator will prepare a new section on the KNPMB's website that links to initiatives the Board is involved in (e.g. Dark Sky Preserve).

### 7. New Business

#### 7.1. Zoning Meeting – September 26

The meeting yet remains to be confirmed.

#### 7.2. First Nation Liaison Officer Hiring Process

The competition for the First Nation Liaison Officer position closes on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held in October. Linaya will let the Board members know when dates have been confirmed.

#### 7.3. Fall/Winter Meeting Dates and Meeting in Burwash Landing

The meeting in Burwash Landing could be combined with an outreach activity this winter. For example, the Board could host tea and cake at an Elder's Council meeting day.

Action Item 04-09-2018: The Administrator will find out when the Elder's Council will be meeting this winter and find out if the Board could host tea and cake.

The November meeting will be on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

#### **7.4. December Open House**

In 2017, the Alsek Renewable Resources Council (ARRC) organized a joint Open House in early December. It was agreed then that the KNPMB could be in charge of organizing the 2018 Open House. Tasks this would include are: creation of posters, inviting other organizations (EMR, Regional Biologists, Conservation Officers, Parks Canada, YESAB, ARRC, Squirrel Camp, and Arctic Institute), booking the atrium at the Convention Centre, and hiring a caterer.

YESAB proposed the following dates for the Open House: December 5, 6 or 13, with the 13<sup>th</sup> being the preferred date. The ARRC has been contacted regarding the dates and the Administrator will wait for the ARRC to confirm a date before starting to organize the event.

### **8. Updates or Additions**

#### **8.1. Kokanee Flight – August 25th**

On Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>, Michael R. went on a kokanee survey flight with the Resource Conservation team. It was very good experience to learn more about the work that is being done in the park. However, Board members need to be better informed on how to prepare for such activities (i.e. clothing and gear they should bring and if they should bring food).

### **9. Next Regular Meeting Dates**

Tuesday October 16 at 5:30 p.m., Kluane National Park Management Board Office

Saturday November 10 at 10:30 a.m., Kluane National Park Management Board Office

### **10. Adjournment at 2:07 p.m.**

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Chair or Vice-Chair

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Administrator