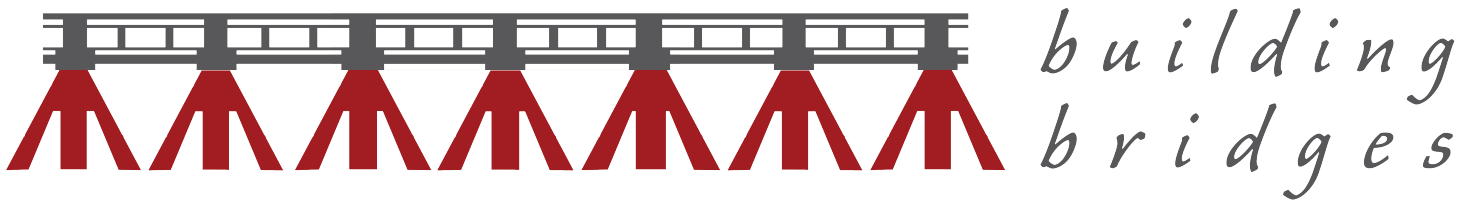


TAGISH LOCAL AREA PLAN



“WHAT WE HEARD” #1: A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS (MAY/JUNE 2015)

Overview

Late May and early June marked the start of the public consultation process for the Local Area Plan. “Lunch n’ Plan” sessions were held in Tagish and Carcross and a Community Survey was launched. 55 people took part in the “Lunch n’ Learns” and 100 surveys were completed. Thank you, Tagish!



Community Values

“Values” are the things that are important and special to the people who care about Tagish. Some of the key values that came out of the “Lunch n’ Plans” and survey include:

- Peace and quiet
- Freedom (including from rules and regulations)
- Pristine, natural environment
- Community and volunteerism
- Fish and wildlife
- Heritage and history
- Access to water and trails
- Rural, undeveloped character
- Connection between Tagish and Carcross and traditional importance of Tagish to C/TFN and other First Nation people

“I don’t think other communities have the level of volunteerism that Tagish does.”

“Rural location = less bureaucracy, taxes, red tape and intrusions on our lives, and more peace, quiet and tranquility.”

“[Tagish is] a historic meeting place for First Nations.”

“We all share a common bond that the natural environment is worth protecting and being stewards of.”

Community Survey Respondents at a Glance

- 76% are 19-64 years old (24% are 65+)
- 27% are citizens of Carcross/Tagish First Nation
- 24% work and/or own a business in Tagish
- 79% own a home and/or property in Tagish
- 46% live full-time in Tagish and 48% are not residents but spend time there
- Non-residents are most likely to spend time in Tagish in summer (73%) and spring/fall (60%)



"Some people want to dictate to others how to live and are too controlling of our future."

"Create a balance between nature and development to maintain quality of life."

"[We need] a foundation of a common vision for the area where residents listen and can speak and participate freely in the ongoing process of development."

Issues & Challenges

Participants and survey respondents shared the issues and challenges they think Tagish is facing either in the present and/or future. These include:

- Aging population
 - Need for assistance/services
 - Threat to volunteer base and local services
- Threats to environment from flooding (YEC project) and oil and gas development (fracking)
- Fear of loss of personal freedom and rural character as a result of rules & regulations
- Lack of secondary accesses
- Serious neighbourhood impacts from isolated activities
- Keeping Tagish "the same" while allowing it to grow
- Conflict of secondary accesses with caribou habitat
- Shoreline erosion
- Lack of jobs/opportunities and family/youth services/activities
- Docks – cut off public access and habitat

Vision 2035

When participants were asked to share their vision for an ideal Tagish of the future, some common themes emerged. These include:

- Protected and preserved environment and wildlife
- Maintenance of quiet, rural, wilderness character
- Central, multi-purpose community hub – office space, medical services, small businesses, etc.
- Support/services for seniors/Elders to age-in-place
- A united and diverse community
 - Protected and preserved history and heritage
 - More sustainable food and transportation solutions and ability to meet basic needs i.e. organized transportation, community gardens, etc.
- Venue for C/TFN culture – potential tourism linkages, help to revive Tagish culture and reconnect to Carcross