

TAGISH LOCAL AREA PLAN



Vision, Values, and Guiding Principles

The following draft vision, values, and guiding principles were developed based on input from the public and the Planning Committee.

Vision

In 2035, Tagish is a vibrant rural community with clean water and healthy wildlife and fish populations. First Nations and non-First Nations people continue to work together to rekindle the connection to the past and build a strong sense of community.

Values

Tagish residents value:

- A pristine natural environment with thriving fish, bird, and wildlife populations;
- Clean water and healthy watersheds both in the community and across the broader Southern Lakes region;
- The rich Carcross/Tagish First Nation culture;
- The colourful local history dating back to the gold rush;
- A quiet, peaceful, and rural way of life;
- A strong social fabric where volunteerism thrives and neighbours help and respect each other;
- Personal independence and the ability to pursue diverse lifestyles;
- The ability to make a living locally;
- Partnerships that result in local solutions to community challenges; and
- Community services, small businesses, recreation opportunities, programming, and infrastructure that meet the needs of community members of all ages.

The **Vision** is one statement that summarizes the kind of future the community wants.

Values are common, fundamental beliefs that bind community members together.

Guiding Principles outline how land use decisions will be made.

Guiding Principles

1. Community growth and economic development is gradual and carefully managed to maintain quality of life for existing and future residents.
2. Decision-making is transparent and involves collaboration, partnerships and open dialogue between governments, residents, community groups and other stakeholders.
3. Infrastructure and services are developed at a scale equivalent to community capacity and in a manner that maximizes local benefits.
4. Land use decisions take a precautionary approach with respect to the environment and protection of ecosystem health both in Tagish and in the broader Southern Lakes region as the headwaters of the Yukon River.
5. The provisions of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreements are respected.