

DRAFT Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Takhini Neighbourhood Association (TNA)

February 12, 2025

Call to Order by Jennifer Dagg, 5:30 p.m. Quorum present. Names on sign in sheet.

Agenda – motion to approve agenda by Tom Lips/Rachel Westfall. Carried

Financial Statement – Zero. Motion to approve by Linea/Meaghan. Carried

Activities during last year, since formation in Fall 2023. Current membership approximately 200. Initially, survey of membership conducted by email and in-person meeting. Two main priorities identified: 1) traffic on Range Road and 2) protection of green space. Activities have focused on these two priorities

1. Proposed Relocation of Whitehorse Elementary School

Relocation of school is proposed within the education reserve on which Takhini School is located. Neighbourhood was not consulted prior to decision being made by current territorial government. TNA survey indicated some support for school location and a great deal of concern about impact on Range Road traffic, neighbourhood green space and location close to jail.

At meeting between TNA executive and Ministers and staff of Education, Community Services and Highways and Public Works, TNA requested that any reference to support from TNA be removed from the draft planning report. This request granted. More importantly, TNA asked that no final decision about location of the proposed school be made until a traffic study had been completed. Request not granted.

At this time:

- YG officials have stated there will be a public meeting re: traffic study report by the end of February.
- Change to the Official Community Plan for City of Whitehorse will be required before school proceeds.
- TNA is scheduled to speak to City Council on March 17
- Takhini MLA, Kate White, noted that location of new school is 100% not finalized

2. Proposed McIntyre Creek Park

TNA participated in broad public consultation on proposed park and on focused consultation with other Neighbourhood Associations (Hillcrest and ?). Main request from TNA was that park boundary be made adjacent to Takhini neighbourhood to protect area between north end of neighbourhood and creek. Part of this area is in Yukon University Endowment Lands, a small portion is FN land claim. Planning committee includes City of Whitehorse, Ta'an Kwachan Council, Kwanlin Dun First Nation, Government of Yukon and Parks Canada. No decision has been made yet on level of protection, boundaries or which government responsible for all or part of the proposed park.

At this time:

- Awaiting “What we heard” report from planning committee. Likely to be available within the next month or two.

3. Range Road/HART intersection

TNA participated in consultation on draft designs for HART intersection. Concerns identified by TNA were lack of consideration for managing Range Road traffic access to Two Mile Hill, lack of consideration for safe active transportation and potential for Emergency vehicles (Fire/Ambulance) to be delayed in accessing the neighbourhood. Two new pedestrian crossings on Range Road have been created but are not safe for users.

At this time:

- Awaiting redesign proposals

Elections

The following people were elected by acclamation to the TNA Board of Directors:

- Jennifer Dagg
- Meaghan Griffin
- Jan Horton
- Andrew Robulack
- Rachel Westfall
- Tom Lips

New Business:

- Jennifer Dagg advised that survey of members will be redone and new priorities established accordingly.
- Interest in a community garden was discussed. Two members (Peg and Linea) will follow up together. TNA supportive.
- Video library idea discussed. Will be pursued by interested individual.
- Concern about timing of construction in the neighbourhood discussed. Issues in the past have been excessive and early morning noise and vibration. Not an issue at this time so no action to be undertaken by TNA.

Adjournment moved by Darryl Bray at 6:30.

Minute taker: Jan Horton