



ARRC Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: June 1, 2026 @ 6:00 pm

Location: Alsek RRC Office, 180 Alaska Highway

Attendance: Leslie Cromwell, Mark Nassiopoulos, Dave Leegstra, Will Jones, Amy Jacobsen, Shawn Taylor

Co-Chairs: Mark Nassiopoulos, Larry Joe

Item #	Topic	
1.0	Call to Order	6:08 PM
2.0	Review and approval of the agenda	Motion to approve: Dave Second: Larry
3.0	Minutes	
3.1	Review and approval of minutes from February 18, 2026	Motion to approve: Larry Second: Dave
3.2	Review and approval of minutes from March 24, 2026	Motion to approve: Larry Second: Dave
4.0	Inter-governmental / Inter-Agency	
		Council has concerns about the Auriol AMP based on what happened at Quill Creek.
		Council is happy to see this AMP utilizes a lot of existing trails and promotes fuel abatement in a high-risk area. It also potentially increases access to a trapline in this area.
4.2	Council Discussion on Auriol AMP Review the Auriol AMP and provide feedback where necessary	Council has concerns about a permanent closure, because this isn't good for recreation. This area is also prime moose habitat. This seems like a large area, and more than can be monitored closely, especially given CMI's enforcement of Quill Creek. Council suggests increased public consultation, harvesting in a way that supports recreation and other uses, strict adherence to compliance standards, and limiting decking up.
4.3	Council Discussion on THP Review the May 7 th meeting and make a	ARRC recommends updating the ILP and SFMP, as there is significant cultural value associated with many of the remaining high-priority areas.

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	recommendation to the FMB	ARRC emphasized that current values and priorities have evolved and recommended considering areas with lower cultural significance and fewer impacts on culturally important sites. The Granite Lake option was not supported by RRC. Of the options presented, Christmas Creek was identified as a potential area for further consideration, with attention to: - Existing trapline concessions; - First Nations use of the area; and - Local harvesting activities. RRC expressed interest in exploring the Kluane Wildlife Sanctuary as an alternative option for consideration.
4.4	Bison Harvest Season Extension Recommendation	Government has indicated its intent to return the hunting season to the previous end date and is seeking feedback on the proposed change. The technical team had previously recommended an earlier season closure based on evidence indicating that some birthing activity may occur near the end of the hunting season. It was observed that considerable effort and discussion had been required to shorten the season, while the proposed reversal appears to be occurring quickly. Members expressed concern that there has been insufficient information provided to explain the rationale for the change. It was noted that frustration from some hunters regarding the shortened season had been communicated; however, members were not aware of a biological justification for extending the season. One suggestion was to maintain the current season length while shifting the opening date earlier into August, thereby increasing hunting opportunity without extending harvest later into the spring. Concerns were raised, including by CAFN representatives, regarding bison movement on snow-free ground later in the season. Members noted that the current season is already longer than many other ungulate harvest seasons. It was also acknowledged that some First Nations have expressed a desire to reduce bison numbers. Council decides to send letter looking for clarity on the reason to switch back to previous end date.

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		Council Contributions to the Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan
4.5	Grizzly Bear Conservation Plan 5-year Implementation Plan– Update Due June 6	ARRC Grizzly Bear Actions Supported: • Installed and promoted trail signage in collaboration with Conservation Officers. • Engaged with the Village on grizzly bear management and public safety concerns. • Participated in a community meeting with stakeholders regarding a mowing schedule to remove oxytropis and improve sightlines. • Contributed information and local knowledge to the bear hotspot mapping initiative. • Supported CAFN Elders in sharing teachings about the importance of grizzly bears and the need to show them respect. ARRC Actions That Did Not Receive Support: • Proposal to install a camera on the Pine Lake Trail was not supported. • De-shrubbing and vegetation management proposals did not gain traction with the Village until after a bear-related incident occurred. At that time, the Village started doing more mowing.
4.6	SMWG Extension Decision	Council agrees to support the extension of the MOU so there remains a framework to work together.
4.7	Cariboo Steering Committee Annual Gathering	Council will get back to ED on ability to attend the Steering Committee Annual Gathering by Wednesday, June 3.
4.8	Meeting with YFWMB, RRC Chairs, and Minister	YFWMB, RRC Chairs, and the minister are planning a meeting to discuss how we can all work together more effectively. Alsek RRC dates for this meeting are limited between June 19 th -30 th because Larry's extension currently expires on June 30.
5.0	Finance/Admin	
5.1	Finance update	Leslie provides a finance update, including: • CRA arrears have been paid. • YG has granted funding for 2025-26 and 2026-27 FY in the current FY • Budget has been adjusted to reflect this, and projects for website revamp and records management have been added

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		• Council suggests adding swag to the budget under Community Engagement • Council also suggests a dinner and gift for Angie to thank her for her efforts Motion to approve the updated budget by Dave. Seconded by Larry Motion to purchase locking filing cabinets for the basement up to \$1200 by Dave. Seconded by Larry Motion to purchase a 5'x3' locking shed for basement by Dave. Seconded by Larry. Motion to proceed with a website revamp not exceeding \$8000 by Will. Seconded by Dave. Motion to redo swag by Mark, seconded by Dave. Motion to get Eclipse Hot Springs Gift and take Angie to dinner by Dave. All in Favor.
5.2	Signing Authority Update	ED explains that all council members who are getting signing authority will have a one-on-one phone call with CIBC.
5.3	Insurance update	ED explains that we haven't qualified for insurance with outstanding arrears, and now that they have been paid staff will look into it.
6.0	Council Business	
6.1	June BBQ	The BBQ is June 4th. Kusuwa Outfitters has donated 60 lbs of meat for the event. Motion to approve up to \$500 in funds for the annual BBQ by Will, Larry seconds.
6.2	Executive Office Summer Planning	ED explains limited summer hours due to lack of childcare, with a maximum of 5 hours per week. Summer priorities will be processing payments, ensuring bills are paid on time, and meeting funding requirements. Motion to not have regular monthly meetings over summer, and instead do "as needed" meetings by Larry. Will seconds.
6.3	Co-chair election	Motion to elect Mark as Co-Chair by Will. All in favor.
7.0	In Camera	Motion to move in camera by Dave, Larry seconds Motion to come out of camera by Dave, seconded by Larry

Motion to adjourn by Dave. Seconded by Larry. Adjourned at 9:06