

# TAGISH Community Recreation Plan 2008-2013



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## **Introduction:**

Under the Yukon Recreation Act and Regulations, the Tagish Community Association (TCA) is the designated "Local Authority for Recreation"; the Body responsible for the delivery of recreation for the Community of Tagish. The Association is a registered Society with YTG Corporate Affairs, under the Yukon Societies Act. The TCA felt it prudent to develop a 5 year Community Recreation Plan that would provide an overview of goals and objectives for planning purposes, and to provide information in a way that is both succinct and presentable to community members. The Tagish Community Association regards "*recreation as an essential community service*". The Tagish Community Recreation Plan is based on 7 key areas of focus:

1. Human and Financial Resources
2. Partnerships
3. Communication
4. Programs and Services
5. Special Events
6. Parks, Playgrounds and Trails
7. Recreation Facilities

## **Vision:**

*"Tagish is a vibrant, active, healthy and growing community."*

## **Mission:**

The Tagish Community Association strives to foster a "sense of community" and enhanced quality of life for individuals through the delivery of recreation.

## **Mandate:**

- a) *to promote the benefits of recreation and to encourage community individuals to adopt active, healthy lifestyles;*
- b) *to stimulate the creation and development of community recreation opportunities for all ages and taking into account the community population demographics;*
- c) *to deliver programs that support recreation, active living and healthy lifestyles;*
- d) *to provide information and where possible to be a resource for community members;*
- e) *to provide leadership development opportunities for recreation volunteers and staff.*

## **Guiding Principles (Values):**

The Tagish Community Association's *Guiding Principles* which impact the Community Recreation Plan include:

- *bringing the community together through recreation enhances a "sense of community";*
- *community recreation is an essential component of healthy well-being and enhanced quality of life of all community members;*
- *community recreation provides a physical, social and potentially spiritual outlet for community members;*
- *education & awareness, including capacity building and leadership training is important for developing community recreation opportunities;*
- *value and respect for traditional values and cultures;*
- *access and equity for all community members;*
- *safety of recreational activities and facilities;*

## **Challenges and Limitations:**

The Tagish Community Association recognizes that in developing a Community Recreation Plan, there are challenges and limitations that will affect certain components of the Plan. These include:

- There are several entities in Tagish with their own mandates which can potentially create competing interests. The TCA would like to enhance partnerships and working relationships with these entities in an effort to keep the community working together.
- In terms of park or trail development, there is currently no land available within the Tagish Community boundary for such development.
- The costs of repairs and operating the Community Hall are rising, and funding is limited. As such, the TCA has to develop priorities for repairs and operations.
- The O&M costs of the library, in particular, heating, are increasing and funding for this comes from the TCA budget. Steps are currently being attempted to improve this situation, as the library is viewed as an essential resource to community members.

## Community Recreation Plan

KEY AREA	Goals	Actions/Strategies
<b>1. HUMAN AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES</b>	1. (a) Human Resources: Increase the effectiveness of the TCA Board of Directors	Provide Leadership Development Training for Board Members. Board Development Training is available through the YTG Sport & Recreation Branch via workshops and the annual Recreation and Sport Community Active Living (RASCAL) Workshop.
		Review and update the TCA Bylaws to reflect current & future practices of the TCA.
		Board of Directors to get a better understanding of YTG processes and funding opportunities for recreation.
	1. (b) Human Resources: Increase the effectiveness of the TCA Staff (Part-time Recreation Director)	Provide training opportunities for the Recreation Director to increase effectiveness and potentially reduce staff burnout. Examples include: Grant Proposal Writing; Understanding Funding Opportunities; Website Development and Maintenance (Dream Weaver).
	1. (c) Human Resources: Increase the volunteer base in the Community	Research how other small communities engage more volunteers to reduce Board of Director and Staff burnout. Continue with volunteer recognition.
	1. (d) Financial Resources: Regular YTG Grants, Special Project Grants, Fundraising, Donations	Review current regular grants; make a plan for special project grants in terms of next three years priorities for facilities & programs; continue fundraising via Thrift Store, Memberships, Facility Rental, Ads in Newsletters, Craft Sales. Donations include in-kind, coffee & chat and non-cash (ie. equipment).
		Work with YTG staff regarding O&M funding to heat Library. Current O&M (except phone & wages) costs for Library come from TCA budget. Work with YTG to attempt a long term solution.

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<b>2. PARTNERSHIPS</b>	2. (a) Enhance working relationships & partnerships with all local Boards in Tagish	Work with partners to enhance relationships via open communication and potentially shared resources with other Boards in the Community: Tagish Advisory Council, Library, Fire Dept., EMS (Ambulance), Cemetery.
	2. (b) Enhance working relationships & partnerships with entities outside of Tagish	These include: Carcross Tagish First Nation (CTFN), Carcross Health Centre, Recreation & Parks Association of Yukon (RPAY), ElderActive Recreation Association (ERA), Crime Prevention Yukon (CPY), YTG Education and other rural communities.
<b>3. COMMUNICATION</b>	3. (a) Continue current communication strategies to local community members and other communities	Continue Communication via: Monthly Newsletter/Calendar of Events (by mail); Bill Board Announcements (at Post Office, Outside Community Hall, on Community Hall Road, at Community Well location); TCA Website (to be updated); Yukon newspapers and radio; by mail, word of mouth via TCA Board, Staff and Members.
<b>4. RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b>	4. (a) Continue to offer current Programs to Community	Offer Programs: Seniors Fitness; Fitness for All; Coffee & Chat; Carpet Bowling; Horseshoes; Various Courses & Workshops (ie. Computer Skills, Boat Safety, Firearms Safety, etc.).
	4. (b) Continue to offer current Services to Community	Offer Services: Seniors Wellness & Foot Clinic; Public Computer Access; Home School Tuesdays; Social Drop in Centre; Library News.
	4. (c) Develop new Programs and/or Services for Community, where interest & resources permit	Ideas for potential workshops (to be reviewed and confirmed by TCA Board of Directors and Staff) include: Agricultural Courses in spring/fall (greenhouses, gardens); Plant Medicine Walk/Hike; Belly Dancing; Community Garden if enough interest.
<b>5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS</b>	5. (a) Continue with full range of Community Events where resources permit	Continue Special Events: Valentine's Day; Easter; Mothers Day; Fathers Day; Canada Day; Halloween; Family Christmas; Seniors Christmas.
	5. (b) Introduce New Special Events as interest and resources permit	Ideas for potential special events (to be reviewed and confirmed by TCA Board of Directors and Staff) include: International Dinner once/month (as a potential fundraiser); Occasional Pot-Luck dinners.

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<b>6. PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS &amp; TRAILS</b>	6. (a) Review and plan for maintenance required for Playground and Ball Field	Board to identify priorities regarding Playground (cleanup and general maintenance) and Ball Field (fill holes & general maintenance).
	6. (b) Identify potential use of Ski Trails on CTFN Land.	Approach CTFN regarding potential for community member use of trails.
<b>7. RECREATION FACILITIES</b>	7. (a) TCA Board/Staff identify current facility issues & needs	<p>Current Facility Issues/Needs &amp; potential upgrades Include: Annual spring plants clean up bee; new picnic tables; long step ladder; BBQ Pit; Paint the Community Hall; Storage; more/updated fitness equipment; Community Hall tables; Windows in Community Hall; Generator; Well (water issues); upgraded wheelchair access for Library; old rink developed into multi-use surface for year round use (ie. summer = basketball hoops, roller skating, special events, outdoor carpet bowling, etc.)</p> <p>Also identify, in consultation with the Tagish Local Advisory Council any upgrades necessary if/when Community Hall becomes gathering location in case of community emergency (as identified in the future Local Advisory Emergency Plan)</p>
	7. (b) TCA Board/Staff create a facility upgrade & development priority plan with community input & support	Potential Action for facility upgrades/development: With community consultation & demonstrated support, potential funding may be available for upgrades. TCA Board may develop short survey to community membership to garner input and support
	7. (c) TCA Board/Staff implement plan for recreation facilities upgrades & development	Review various funding sources after priorities are established and plan developed. Once funding is confirmed begin upgrades/development.