

Agenda Item 6.0 Reports	Action Items
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6.1 Chair's Report	
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<p>NOTE: Scott C. arrived at 1:45PM, at which time he provided the Chair's report.</p> <p>Good progress has been made over the past year, as his report noted the Commission's following accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • met its obligation for fiscal management of public funds; • stayed on time and on budget; • established an office in Dawson City; • developed a website for communication with the public; • adopted a logo that reflects a shared vision for the region; • held three community meetings to raise awareness of the Commission workplan; • hired two staff members to help the Commission prepare the Plan. <p>The Chair was encouraged that the "real" work of considering the current and future issues within the region was about to start.</p>	
6.2 Senior Planner's Report	
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<p>The Senior Planner provided a review of his activities since the Commission's last regular meeting. A written report was distributed with the Agenda Package. During this period, the Senior Planner relocated to Dawson City, established an office, and commenced the work of collecting issue and interest statements from the Plan Partners. A Planner and Office Administrator will be hired in October. A Fall workshop and Planning Conference is being planned with YLUPC. The Senior Planner requested direction from the Commission on Policies and Procedures, Issue Statements and Workplan priorities for the remainder of the year. This direction would be forthcoming as these items were addressed later on the Agenda.</p>	
6.3 Hiring Committee Report	
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<p>A Hiring Committee was established for the selection of an Office Administrator and Land Use Planner. The Committee comprised the Senior Planner and one Commission Member. Advertisements for both positions were placed with local media and an additional posting of the Planner position was placed on the PIBC website. The Committee short-listed candidates for follow-up interview and testing. Interviews have been completed, and following reference checks offers will be made to the successful candidates. It is expected that the Office Administrator will start work late October, while the Planner will commence in late November.</p> <p>NOTE: The preferred candidate for the Land Use Planner position was invited to the meeting. Following the lunch break, Jeff H. introduced Monica Krieger to the Commission as the 'unofficial' planner, pending completion of contract negotiations. Monica K. thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend and become familiar with the Commission's objectives.</p>	

6.4 Peel Watershed Plan Update	
Comment	
<p>Ron C. provided an update on the Peel Plan. The Commission has submitted its Final Recommended Plan, and a plain language Plan Summary document is being prepared at the request of the Parties. The Commission’s operations are being wound down; it has no staff or financial resources so the Council is doing the remaining work on its behalf.</p> <p>Further public consultation is to be conducted by Yukon Government, although no schedule for this has been released, in part as a consequence of the recent election. The Government and First Nation have three options in considering Plan Approval: accept, reject, or accept with modification. YG have demonstrated a go-slow approach to Plan adoption, preferring to withhold comment until further public and First Nation consultations are completed. The existing moratorium on staking will remain in place until February, 2012.</p> <p>Ron observed several lessons from the Peel Commission’s work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An early statement of policy from the Plan Partners would allow the Plan process to work through resolving the conflicts. • A Commission member should be designated as spokesperson after the Final recommendation has been delivered and the Commission has been wound down. There will be an on-going need to make public comment about the process and outcomes of regional planning. • A summary document is necessary to distill the Plan down to plain language. • An Exit Survey should be conducted to facilitate improvement of Commission and Council operations. • Plan Partners must be prepared for consultation once the Commission has submitted its Final Recommendation. <p>Commission members pondered whether the Peel Plan might already have been shelved or rejected outright, as consensus on the other options seemed unlikely to occur (approval or modification). There is a lack of clarity around the decision process for the Plan, which may become a disincentive for finishing the task in the Dawson region. There was concern expressed that economic consideration being given to newly staked mineral claims might outweigh the Peel Commission’s conservative recommendations.</p> <p>Commission members reiterated the importance of engaging all parties as early in the process as possible, so significant conflicts could be addressed by the Commission. It was also noted that due to the overwhelming staking activity within the Dawson region, considerable goodwill needs to be demonstrated on the part of mineral exploration companies to ensure that best practices are followed in their timely evaluation of mineral resource development potential.</p> <p>Several elements of the Peel Plan were identified as having relevance in the Dawson region, including thresholds, limits, phasing of development, access control and adaptive management. The Final Plan should be “implementable” so that it has a reasonable chance of receiving timely approval by the Parties.</p> <p>NOTE: Ella L. provided some further explanation of the YG approval process later in the meeting, confirming the intention to follow the process outlined in the Letter of Agreement.</p>	<p>Senior Planner to obtain and distribute a summary of the Peel Commission Exit Survey.</p>

Agenda Item 7.0 New & Unfinished business	
7.1 Issues and Interest Submissions from Parties	
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<p>NOTE: The Commission delayed discussion on this Agenda item until arrival of attendees from Whitehorse.</p> <p>Bill K. distributed a document outlining issues and interests from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. It was noted that the list was not exhaustive, with further feedback coming from planning sessions with TH Citizens and Elders. As an example, Bill K. noted that Tourism was not specifically mentioned in the report, but is an interest of TH.</p> <p>Jeff H. suggested that TH planning workshops might be coordinated with DRPC's workshops to avoid duplication of effort.</p> <p>Ella L. indicated that the YG submission was a consolidated departmental response, not a YG position. The report did not hide or suppress competing resource interests, nor did it pass judgment about appropriate use. Ella suggested that identifying the "highest and best use" is the Commission's job.</p> <p>The Commission noted that certain UFA Boards and Committees have "standing" before the Commission and as such have an unencumbered right to make representation to the Commission at any time (e.g. Porcupine Caribou Management Board).</p>	<p>Senior Planner to identify UFA boards and committees with "standing" before the Commission.</p>
7.2 Issues and Interest Submissions from Public	
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<p>The Commission acknowledged the input received from groups and individuals that expressed interests or identified issues in the region.</p> <p>The Commission observed that there is a hierarchy to submissions, with the interests of the Parties being paramount.</p>	
7.3 Issues and Interest Statements	
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<p>The Senior Planner reviewed a compilation of the issues and interests expressed in the submission's received by the Commission.</p> <p>Discussion around the necessary scope of the Plan questioned whether 50 years was an appropriate planning horizon. Within that timeframe, the Plan should be able to adapt to changes in technology, such as considering the viability of dirigibles as an alternative to surface access. Embedded assumptions about economic development that suggest the requirement for surface access or increased energy production should be carefully reviewed. Three pillars of the economy were identified, namely Energy Production and Distribution, Transportation and Communication.</p> <p>Given that the TH submission had only just been distributed, it was agreed that the Senior Planner should incorporate their input into the Commission's draft report, and circulate to the Commission and Technical Working Group for feedback.</p>	<p>Senior Planner to incorporate TH submission into draft report and circulate for comment.</p>

Agenda Item 8.0 Workshop Planning	Action Items
8.1 YLUPC Fall Planning Conference	
Comment	
<p>Ron C. outlined three conferences being planned by YLUPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlin-Taku Plan (one-day workshop in Whitehorse in early November) • First Nations and land use planning in Southern Yukon (in Whitehorse, probable theme of Integrated Resource Management) • Workshop on Dawson Planning Region (in Dawson) <p>The Council and Commission will co-host an event in the last week of November. Possible topics identified were:</p> <p>Role of Regional Plans Future visioning (+50 years) Cumulative effects management, thresholds and limits Access management and multi-use corridors Integrated resource management (including multiple use, staging or phasing of activities) Hard rock mining</p> <p>Ron observed that YESA's initiative for "Strategic Environmental Assessment" had much in common with regional land use planning, and YLUPC will be following up with them re: interest and opportunity for collaboration.</p>	<p>Senior Planner to follow-up with YLUPC to jointly organize a workshop in Dawson, Nov 28-30, 2011</p>
Adjournment	
Proceedings were adjourned for the day at 4:30 PM.	

Agenda Item 11.0 Workplan Review	Action Items
11.1 Workplan Review – October – March, 2011	
Comment	
The Senior Planner briefly outlined the workplan for the balance of the current fiscal year. Following completion of the Interest and Issues Report, work will commence on a Resource Assessment Report, including mapping of resource values.	

Agenda Item 12.0: Next Meeting	
Comment:	
<p>Next Meeting: A special meeting, conducted by telephone conference call, will be held on November 15, 2011 to review the Draft Budget and Workplan in advance of the December 1 deadline.</p> <p>The next regular meeting of the Dawson Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for February 15 & 16, 2012 in Whitehorse.</p>	
Adjournment	
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM to allow visitors to enjoy the lunch provided by the Commission.	

<p>Approval of Regular Board Meeting #03 Minutes 2011-12- Oct 12 & 13, 2011 By Motion #2, at Regular Board Meeting #04 - Feb 15 & 16, 2012</p>		
		<p>February 15, 2012</p>
<p>Chair</p>	<p>Senior Planner</p>	<p>Date:</p>