



Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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December 4, 2019

Dawson Regional Planning Commission

Regular Board Meeting #4

Downtown Hotel Conference Room, Dawson City, YT

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC</p> <p>Debbie Nagano – Chair Art Webster – Vice Chair Alice McCulley - Member Angie Joseph-Rear - Member Dan Reynolds – Member John Flynn - Member</p>	<p>DRPC Staff</p> <p>Tim Van Hinte - Senior Land Use Planner Katie Fraser – Land Use Planner Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner</p> <p>Technical Working Group (TWG) / Senior Liaison Committee (SLC)</p> <p>Natasha Ayoub – TH Larissa Lychenko – YG Tess McLeod - YG</p>	<p>Delegate/Guests:</p> <p>Ron Cruikshank – Director, YLUPC Kiri Staples – Independent Researcher Warwick Bullen – YGS Brooke Rudolph – KPMA Grant Allan – YPA Myles Thorp – YWPA Megan Waterman – KFA Randi Newton – CPAWS Sebastian Jones – YCS Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle -WCSC Trish Hume -YCM Megan Hornseth - YG</p>	<p>Public / Audience:</p> <p>Cathie Findlay-Brook (KATTS) Peter Tallman (Klondike Goldcorp) Lisa Favron (KPMA) Pascal McBurney (KPMA) Christine Fraser (TH) Unreadable name (TH) A. Bordeleau (Reliance Remote logistics) Phyllis Vittnekua (TH) Tom Morgan (Placer Miner) Isaal Fage (Ground Truth Exploration)</p>

Acronyms: TWG – Technical Working Group
 SLC – Senior Liaison Committee
 YG – Yukon Government
 EMR – Energy, Mines and Resources
 ENV – Environment & Parks
 CE – Cumulative Effects

First Nations: FNNND – First Nation of Na- Cho Nyäk Dun
 TH – Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
 VGFN – Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation

Planning: DRPC – Dawson Regional Planning Commission
 CLUPP – Common Land Use Planning Process
 THFA - Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement

Action Items: Status indicated is as of next meeting date

Meeting called to order at 9:00

Welcoming remarks from the Commission, acknowledgment of those in attendance in the audience.	
Agenda Item 1.0: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Amendments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair to chair meeting in lieu of Chair • Item 8 – add Megan Hornseth, YG Cumulative Effects Biologist • Item 9 – Trish Hume to present for Samson Hartland 	
<p>Motion #1</p> <p>To accept the Agenda as amended.</p> <p>Moved: John Flynn 2nd Dan Reynolds - Passed by Consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 2.0: Delegations	Action Items
Comments	
<p>Independent Researcher - Kiri Staples, Yukon Geological Survey – Warwick Bullen Klondike Placer Miners Association – Brooke Rudolph Yukon Chamber of Mines – Trish Hume Yukon Prospectors Association – Grant Allan Yukon Wood Products Association - Myles Thorp Klondike Farmers Association – Megan Waterman Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society – Randi Newton Yukon Conservation Society – Sebastian Jones Wildlife Conservation Society Canada - Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle YG Department of Environment – Megan Hornseth</p>	

Agenda Item 3.0: Minutes (Tab 2)	Action Items
Comments	
No Amendments to Meeting #3 Minutes	
<p>Motion # 2</p> <p>To approve minutes of Meeting #3 September 24, 2019.</p> <p>Moved: Angie Joseph-Rear 2nd John Flynn Passed by Consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 4.0: Report from Chair & Senior Planner (Tab 3)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Report from the Senior Planner</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Planner presented the report and highlighted key work that the Commission and staff have accomplished to date. <p>Amendment to Senior Planner Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the <i>public engagement and communication</i> item change to 'Commission and staff' 	<p>A) Senior Planner to make amendments and post report on website</p>
<p>Motion # 3</p> <p>To approve the Senior Planner Report and make publically available.</p> <p>Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Angie Joseph-Rear Passed by consensus</p>	

Agenda Item 5.0: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Incoming Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission acknowledged letters from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City of Dawson Mayor Wayne Potoroka regarding overlapping/abutting planning issues; ○ KPMA Brooke Rudolph – related to placer mining in the planning region and; ○ KATTS Cathie Findlay-Brook’s letter regarding work undertaken by KATTS and planning concerns. • No DRPC response is required at this time. <p><u>Outgoing Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRPC Letter to YG ECO regarding 2020-2021 additional funding request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vice Chair suggested discussing further in Item 6.0 • No comments on media and correspondence from Commission 	
Agenda Item 6.0: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Financial Statements (up to Oct 2019)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Planner and Commission reviewed the financial statements up to October 2019. Senior Planner stated that we are on track with a small surplus. • At this time the Commission is not over on any spending areas however, the higher than normal spending due to the public engagement activities in November should be noted and details will be reported on in the next financial statement. • Commission had no questions on Financial statements at this time 	<p>A) Senior Planner to forward Draft Preliminary Work Plan and Budget to YLUPC for review</p>

Draft Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2020-2021

- Senior Planner presented the **Draft Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2020-2021** to the Commission and reviewed the Commission's obligations under the Transfer Payment Funding Agreement (TPFA) with YLUPC and YG.
- Highlights from the Draft Work Plan include:
 - Additional public engagement in Spring 2020 was added to reinforce values of transparency and open communication as per what has been expressed by the public during Fall 2019 engagement sessions.
 - Suggestion to shift the timeline for Draft Plan completion to Fall 2020 but to keep the Recommended Plan completion date of March 2021.
 - Personnel listed in the Work Plan to include one Senior Planner, YLUPC administrative assistance and two Land Use Planners (one full-time and one part-time)
- As per the letter in *Item 5* of this meeting, the Commission is requesting an additional \$195,000 from YG to support the planning process.
- The Commission sought clarification from the Senior Planner on matters such as:
 - Meeting expectations and time commitments of the Commission in the Work Plan
 - Cost of TWG and SLC meetings and participation
- Senior Planner noted that in order for this Work Plan to be successful, the communication, guidance and direction between the Commission and Parties must be done in a clear, effective and timely fashion. For example, providing guidance and feedback on key plan directions and planning products.

Motion #4

To endorse the Draft Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2020-2021.

Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Angie Joseph-Rear Passed by Consensus

Agenda Item 7.0: Engagement and Communication (Tab 6)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Update on Public Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Planner updated the Commission on engagement activities that took place in November 2019. • Overall there has been very positive feedback on the process. • Statistics on the website engagement activity were shared and considered quite low by Commission members. It was noted that more effort needs to be made to increase survey traffic. • Commission agreed to extend the engagement period from December 6 to January 6 2020. • There was discussion about how to better engage more TH citizens in the process. 	<p>A) Print and distribute engagement flyers in Dawson mailboxes before Christmas break.</p> <p>A) Extend the engagement period to Jan 6, 2020</p> <p>A) Discuss with TH ways to increase TH citizen engagement</p>
Agenda Item 8.0 Delegate Presentations: (Tab 7)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Kiri Staples, Independent Researcher - Cumulative Effects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the perspective of an independent social science researcher, Kiri Staples shared her research on perspectives of CE in the Yukon and specifically in the Dawson Region through the lens of professionals and regulators involved in CE. Key points included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When thinking about CE, it should include both negative and positive CE outcomes 2. Our understanding of CE is not just determined by science: it is social and cultural as well 3. Many effects are not easily quantifiable 4. Consider past, present and future activities on the land 5. Consider CE from both natural and human caused disturbances <p><u>Megan Hornseth, CE Biologist Yukon Government</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan provided a high-level description of Cumulative Effects – definition, management, assessment and monitoring • Some methods of measuring CE that have been used in regional plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Linear feature density (roads, seismic lines etc.) 	<p>A) Distribute YG CE presentation to Commission</p> <p>A) Follow up with YGS to obtain confidence / prospectively high-resolution maps</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct surface disturbance (natural and human caused) - Indicators (valued ecosystem components) such as intact forest, caribou habitat, etc. • There is some work in Alberta and NWT that can be used as examples for this process <p><u>Warwick Bullen. YGS – Mineral Potential Mapping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented a new map product from YGS that incorporates information that was previously included in many separate maps • Potential/Confidence mineral mapping – dynamic mapping that can be changed easily as new information is obtained from exploration or other activities. 	
<p>Agenda Item 9.0: Presentations (Tab 8, 9, 10)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>Comments</p>	
<p><u>Brooke Rudolph. KPMA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director for KPMA presented on the role of KPMA and the importance of placer mining in the region from an economic and social perspective. • Highlighted the low impact nature of placer mining and as such KPMA would not support a temporary moratorium on staking in the region during the planning process. <p><u>Trish Hume. Yukon Chamber of Mines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main focus of presentation was to highlight the existing land that is already withdrawn from staking in the Yukon and the socio-economic impacts of the land withdrawals. • YCM is advocating for an adaptive and flexible land use plan. <p><u>Grant Allan. Yukon Prospectors Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocated for an open and transparent planning process whereby consensus is reached • Responsible mineral exploration should be encouraged across the region for the economic and social benefits it provides. <p><u>Myles Thorp. Yukon Wood Products Association</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YWPA membership represents a broad range of industries (e.g. FN, firewood, biofuel companies) • Maintaining access to the land for forestry is of concern to YWPA • Suggested that the true value of wood in the Yukon is for energy production 	<p>A) Follow up on YWPA suggested corrections to Chapter 10 of the RAR</p> <p>A) Source suitable agricultural mapping data</p>

Megan Waterman. Klondike Farmer’s Association

- New association that works to support north Yukon farmers (20+ farms and 40+ active farmers).
- Main concerns include protection of agricultural land for future use, encroachment of country residential land and available land for infrastructure.

Randi Newton. Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

- CPAWS has three main recommendations for the Commission to consider:
 1. Make space for all visions – temporary land withdrawal for mineral staking/other land applications in some areas while the plan is being developed.
 2. Maintain a functioning landscape – manage cumulative impacts.
 3. Protect ecosystem diversity – the Klondike Plateau is primarily located in the planning region and none of it is protected in the territory.

Sebastian Jones. Yukon Conservation Society

- Presented on the impacts of access and roads and highlighted that impacts reach beyond the physical infrastructure – there are many indirect effects to consider.
- Vice Chair inquired about the Gateway Project and SJ gave the opinion that a comprehensive CE study must be done - the road will have impacts for the planning region and the territory.

Chrystal Mantyka-Pringle. Wildlife Conservation Society

- Presented two concepts for consideration by the Commission:
 1. Climate shifting
 - Described predictions for the region in regard to changes in land cover over time
 - Highlighted areas in the region that will be more resistant to change (Ogilvie Mountains)
 2. Large River Corridors
 - Create river corridors in the plan and use tools such as Special Management Areas.
- Think strategically – choosing a value such as connectivity would be a good strategy in the regional planning process.

Motion #5 To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: John Flynn 2nd Angie Joseph-Rear Passed by Consensus

Approval at Regular Board Meeting #05 – 20\21

By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #05 – 20/21



August 3 2020

Chair

DRPC Secretariat

Date