



# Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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Dawson Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting #5 Minutes

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall, Dawson City

In Attendance			
<p><b>DRPC</b></p> <p>Debbie Nagano – Chair            Art Webster – Vice Chair            Alice McCulley - Member            Angie Joseph-Rear - Member            Dan Reynolds – Member            John Flynn – Member</p>	<p><b>DRPC Staff</b></p> <p>Tim Van Hinte - Senior Land Use Planner            Katie Fraser – Land Use Planner (online)            Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner</p> <p><b>Technical Working Group (TWG)</b></p> <p>Kyle Russell – YG            Lee Whalen – TH            Larissa Lychenko – YG (online)</p>	<p><b>Delegate/Guests:</b></p> <p>Sebastian Jones: KATTS            Michael Pealow: Yukon Mineral Development Strategy (online)            Ron Cruikshank, YLUPC Director (online)            Copper Joe, YLUPC (online)            Heidi Hansen YLUPC (online)</p>	<p><b>Public / Audience:</b></p> <p>Al Doherty, Yukon Chamber of Mines            Dan Davidson</p> <p>*Limited public attendance in person due to COVID 19 restrictions. Online public participation through Zoom Webinar.</p>

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

**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

Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
<b>Comments</b>	
<p><u>Opening Prayer – Angie Joseph-Rear</u></p> <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p><b>Motion #1: To accept the agenda</b></p> <p><b>Moved Art Webster            2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Joseph-Rear            Passed by consensus</b></p>	
Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Review of Commission Action Items	Action Items
<b>Comments</b>	
<p><u>Minutes Commission Meeting #4 December 4 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission had no amendments to the minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #2: To approve the minutes of Commission Meeting #4 December 4, 2019</b></p> <p><b>Moved Art Webster            2<sup>nd</sup> Alice McCulley            Passed by consensus</b></p> <p><u>Minutes Emergency Commission Meeting #1 February 19 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission had no amendments to minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #3: To approve the minutes of Emergency Commission Meeting #1 February 19, 2020</b></p> <p><b>Moved Dan Reynolds            2<sup>nd</sup> Art Webster            Passed by consensus</b></p> <p><u>Review of DRPC Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Planner reviewed completed and ongoing action items.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Chair requested an update on the Northern Access Route action item. Senior Planner stated that the action item was still in progress and that issues related to access can be discussed at a future Commission meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item 3: Delegations</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sebastian Jones spoke to the Commission on behalf of KATTS (Klondike Active Transport and Trails Society) highlighting the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The importance of recreational and transport trails, the success of KATTS initiatives to date and future aspirations for the trail system in the Dawson Region.</li> <li>Potential trails that KATTS would like to see developed in the future including, but not limited to, the Percy de Wolfe trail and Trans Canada trail.</li> <li>Trails should be protected from industrial and non-motorized access is considered and planned for in future developments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Michael Pealow Yukon Mineral Development Strategy (MDS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michael Pealow presented on the objectives and status of the ongoing MDS process. They are currently still in an engagement phase until the end of the August, and will be hosting several online open houses over the next few weeks. Following public engagement, the panel will develop draft recommendations for public comment.</li> <li>Vice Chair asked if the MDS will be considering recommendations with respect to interim mineral staking withdrawal areas during land use planning processes. Mr. Pealow responded that the MDS Panel has been hearing a lot about this topic from the public.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Action</b> – Staff to circulate YLUPC draft submission to the Yukon MDS to Commission members for consideration
<b>Agenda Item 4: Report from the Senior Planner</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Planner presented the report and summarized work that the Commission and staff have accomplished to date. Key highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19 restrictions have posed many challenges for the Commission and staff that are being worked through as everyone becomes accustomed to new ways of communicating and working.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Action</b> – Senior Planner to make amendment to report and post on website

<p>The top priority for the Commission was to ensure that the process continue in an open and transparent manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Commission came together for five short working sessions during the initial months of the pandemic.</li> <li>○ In Your Words Summary Report on Public Engagement has been finalized by staff after completing additional outreach and synopsis on identified gaps in respondents (Youth, Tourism, TH Citizens).</li> <li>○ Communication with public has been focused on more frequent social media posts and newspaper articles.</li> <li>○ Staff have updated and finalized Resource Assessment Report and Issues and Interests Report. Reports will be put on the website in the coming weeks.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice Chair noted that the word “preliminary” should be removed from p. 2.</li> </ul>	
<b>Agenda Item 5: Correspondence and Relevant Media</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Senior Planner and the Commission reviewed relevant media and correspondence from the last six months. Most of the correspondence and media had been presented to the Commission during working sessions in the spring. No comments at this time.</li> </ul>	



Agenda Item 6: Finance and Administration	Action Items
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Planner reviewed the financial statements and annual report with the Commission and highlighted that these documents need to be approved and submitted to YG in accordance with the financial agreement.</li> <li>• Heidi Hansen (YLUPC) was available online for questions and additional explanation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Financial Statements June 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice Chair sought clarification on liabilities section to which Heidi Hansen addressed, and requested that statements include a note to clarify this section in the future.</li> <li>• No further questions from Commission members.</li> </ul> <p><u>Audited Financial Statements 2019-2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DRPC annual financial audit was performed by Crowe MacKay and was satisfactory with no management letters issued.</li> <li>• No further questions from Commission members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #4: To approve June 2020 Financial Statements and Audited Financial Statements 2019-2020 and to submit to Yukon Government.</b></p> <p><b>Moved Dan Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup> John Flynn Passed by consensus</b></p> <p><u>DRPC Draft Annual Report 2019-2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Planner presented the annual report to members and highlighted key work that Commission and staff accomplished in their first year of operation.</li> <li>• Senior Planner noted that he does not anticipate a formal response from Parties regarding Commission's request for a six-month timeline extension for Draft Plan submission until the DRPC's Interim Report is submitted in September.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #5: To accept the Annual Report as written for submission to Yukon Government.</b></p> <p><b>Moved Dan Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice McCulley Passed by consensus</b></p>	<p><b>Action</b> - Provide note in future financial statements with further explanation for 'liabilities' section of statement for clarity.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - Obtain signatures on Financial Statements and submit to Yukon Government in addition to Annual Report.</p>

Agenda Item 7: Unfinished Business	
Agenda Item 7.1: Revisions to In Your Words Report	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land Use Planner (NP) presented final draft of the In Your Words Summary Report of Public Engagement Nov 2019- June 2020 to Commission for approval.</li> <li>The report was updated since the last Commission meeting to incorporate input that was collected in Spring 2020 to address gaps in respondent input (Youth, TH Citizens, Tourism Sector).</li> <li>YG TWG member asked how White River FN has been included in the report. Staff indicated that the submission from WRFN has been summarized in the report with the full submission included in the appendix.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #6: To approve In Your Words Report with revisions as indicated and post final version on DRPC website.</b></p> <p><b>Moved Dan Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup> Angie Joseph-Rear Passed by consensus</b></p>	<p><b>Action –</b> Staff to put report on Commission website and notify plan partners</p>
Agenda Item 7.2: Revisions to Issues and Interests Report	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff presented final draft Issues and Interest Report to Commission for approval.</li> <li>The report was updated since the last Commission meeting to incorporate changes to public feedback on issues and interests from the “In your words report” including the addition of agriculture, tourism, and recreation as key issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #7: To approve Issues and Interests Report and post final version on DRPC website.</b></p> <p><b>Moved Art Webster 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Reynolds Passed by consensus</b></p>	<p><b>Action -</b> Staff to put report on Commission website and notify plan partners</p>

Agenda Item 7.3: Resource Assessment Report 2020 – Staff Update	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resource Assessment Report was approved during Commission working session in Spring 2020. RAR and executive summary has been posted to DRPC website. Staff seeking to formalize approval at this Commission Meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion #8: To approve the Resource Assessment Report.</b></p> <p><b>Moved Art Webster 2<sup>nd</sup> John Flynn Passed by consensus</b></p>	
Agenda Item 8: Summary of YESAB Projects	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>YESAB Dawson Designated Office Project Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff summarized select activity in the region and noted that there is currently a high volume of applications being assessed in the quartz exploration sector and many public comments have noted concerns for cumulative effects on the Fortymile caribou herd.</li> <li>Staff continue to monitor applications. Commission requested that staff update YESAB application chart every 3 months and include the proponent name.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion of Commission Comments on Future Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the high volume of applications, staff advised against commenting on all YESAB applications.</li> <li>Given the stage that the Commission is at in the process, it would be difficult to provide meaningful comments on applications, as the Commission does not have set management directions for the region at this time. Staff will notify Commission when projects of significant note, such as permanent dispositions, arise and the Commission can discuss commenting at that time.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b> - Update YESAB chart every three months and include proponent name in column.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - Send email to Commission when staff receive conformity check from YESAB in the region.</p> <p><b>Action</b> - Monitor for applications of significant note, such as for permanent dispositions, and notify the Commission</p>

<b>Agenda Item 9: New Business</b>	
<b>Agenda Item 9.1: Cumulative Effects – Considerations and Management Tools</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An update on the Cumulative Disturbance report and Cumulative Effects Working Group (CEWG) was provided to the Commission by Sam Skinner (YLUPC) and Megan Hornseth (YG ENV)</li> <li>The Commission was presented with the option of using the software ALCES to analyze ecological data and values as identified by the Commission to aid in plan creation.</li> </ul>	<b>Action –</b> Staff to revise Cumulative Disturbance Report for October meeting.
<b>Agenda Item 9.2: Draft Plan Goals</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<p><b><u>Draft Plan Goals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff shared the latest version of Draft Plan Goals (Draft) to Commission for approval. The Commission offered some suggestions for revisions and agreed to approve them in draft form barring any major changes. Commission members will review goals after Commission meeting for additional revisions if needed.</li> <li>Draft Plan Goals (Draft) will be posted on Dawson website for public viewing, but Commission will not formally seek feedback from public at this time. Public are always welcome to submit comments and questions to the Commission at any time.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Conservation Priorities Staff Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Planner provided background information on obtaining conservation priorities from the Parties. Both Parties are working on submissions for the Commission.</li> <li>Staff prepared a draft letter to the Parties confirming timeline for submission of conservation priorities to the Commission. It is expected that the conservation priorities will be submitted to the Commission in time for the October meeting.</li> <li>Senior Planner would like to request the Parties assess any opportunities for joint conservation priorities.</li> <li>The Commission approved the letter (with revisions) to be sent to Parties at the staff level.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action -</b> Revise and post Draft Plan Goals to website.</p> <p><b>Action -</b> Revise and send Conservation Priorities Letter to Parties.</p> <p><b>Action –</b> Include Draft Goals in future Commission packages for reference.</p>



<b>Agenda Item 9.3: Next Commission Meeting Date</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions for the next two Commission meeting dates included October 6-7, 2020 and December 1-3, 2020.</li> </ul>	<b>Action</b> – Staff to look at availability of TH Hall for the proposed dates and report back to Commission.
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
<b>Comments</b>	
<p><b>Motion #9: To adjourn regular Commission Meeting #5 and move to in camera session.</b>  <b>Moved Dan Reynolds 2<sup>nd</sup> Art Webster Passed by Consensus</b></p>	
<p><b>Approval at Regular Board Meeting #06 – 20\21</b>  By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #06 – 20/21</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   _____  Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   _____  DRPC Secretariat </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>October 6, 2020</p> _____  Date </div> </div>	