



Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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March 29, 2021

Dawson Regional Planning Commission
 Commission Meeting #9 Minutes
 Dawson City and Videoconference

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC Debbie Nagano – Chair Alice McCulley - Member Angie Joseph-Rear - Member Dan Reynolds – Member John Flynn – Member Jesse Cooke - Member</p>	<p>DRPC Staff Tim Van Hinte - Senior Land Use Planner Katie Fraser – Land Use Planner Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner Technical Working Group (TWG) Sam Skinner – YLUPC Natasha Ayoub – TH Lee Whalen – TH</p>	<p>Delegate/Guests: John Glynn-Morris – <i>Facilitator</i> Ron Cruickshank – <i>YLUPC</i> Diane Wilson, <i>Parks Canada</i> (online) Kevin McNamee, <i>Parks Canada</i> (online) Jamie Kenyon, <i>Ducks Unlimited Canada</i> (online)</p>	<p>Public / Audience: *No in-person public attendance in person due to COVID 19 restrictions. Online public participation through Zoom Webinar and radio broadcast.</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 Nyāk 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 9:30

Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Opening Prayer</u></p> <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p><u>Agenda Review</u> One amendment – Since agenda was written Sr Planner was informed that TH delegates will not be presenting on the quartz mineral report. No other changes from staff on agenda.</p> <p>Motion #1: To accept Commission Meeting #9 agenda with omission of Item 8: <i>Presentation by TH Implementation representative.</i> Moved Dan Reynolds 2nd Debbie Nagano- Passed by consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Delegations (Tab 2)	
Comments	
<p><u>Minutes Commission Meeting #8 (January 25, 2020)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission had no amendments to the minutes. <p>Motion: To approve the minutes of Commission Meeting #8 January 25 2021 with no amendments Moved Alice McCulley 2nd John Flynn. Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>Review of DRPC Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Planner reviewed the DRPC action item list and the Commission did not require any revisions. 	

Agenda Item 3: Delegations	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator welcomed the delegates making presentations at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Wilson and Kevin Mcnamee, Parks Canada • Jamie Kenyon, Ducks Unlimited Canada 	
Agenda Item 4: Report from the Chair and Senior Planner (Tab 3)	
Comments	
<p><u>Senior Planner's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced new Sr Planner Tim Sellars for the DRPC who will be starting this week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sellars has been involved in Regional planning for many years in the Yukon ○ Looking forward to working with the Commission in this next phase of the planning process. • Workplan and budget was submitted to the Parties • Katie Fraser is leaving the position of planner for DRPC and her job will be posted in April. <p><u>Communication and Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Meeting activity</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff continues to work with Cumulative Effects working group (TH and YG) ○ AZA introduction to project (Alberta to Alaska Rail link) ○ Technical working group meeting in March and SLC in February • Staff working diligently on Draft Plan for spring release 	

Agenda Item 5: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Parties officially appointing Jesse to DRPC • AZA (Alaska to Alberta Rail) – introductory letter • Media articles have been largely related to land withdrawal from mineral staking 	
Agenda Item 6: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Financial Statement for February 2021</u></p> <p>Motion: Effective April 1 2021 add Nicole Percival as a signatory for amounts \$5,000 and under Moved by Jesse Cooke 2nd Debbie Nagano – Consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRPC continues to be about 10% under budget and we are likely going to be running a little surplus this year. This is beneficial due to the stage in planning we are moving into tends to be a busy/expensive time in the process. • Funds not used in the fiscal year can be rolled into the next year for the Commission to utilize. 	Action:
Agenda Item 7: Presentation – Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Implementation – withdrawn	Action Items
Comments	
Withdrawn	
Agenda Item 7: National Park Establishment – Parks Canada Presentation	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Wilson and Kevin Mcnamee, Parks Canada • Thanked the commission for the opportunity to speak to them. 	Action: Post presentation on DRPC website.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Historic Sites – are administered by Parks Canada – often chosen to commemorate a historic event. • Region 7 is underrepresented in the national park system and includes Dawson Region • Legislative mandate – park system should benefit the people of Canada. ‘benefit’ – is a term that has held different meaning over the past decades • Mandate for system expansion – PM directed to conserve 25% of Canada’s land by 2025 working towards 30% by 2030 “grounded in science, indigenous knowledge and local perspectives”. • Emphasized that the objective is to collaboratively work with indigenous, territorial, provincial governments to work together to make selections for area. • The Commission can recommend areas that could go through the feasibility assessment process in the region if they so choose. • Traditional use (hunting) by local non-indigenous residents in National Parks was addressed and there is precedent in the Nat Park system. • 11.2.1.12 – there is a provision in the UFA pertaining to National Park establishment or extension – that has never been used in a Yukon regional planning process to date. 	
Action Items	
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamie Kenyon, Ducks unlimited • Introduced the new mapping that was conducted in 2019 (satellite and on the ground data collection) • Phase 1 mapping found about 11% of the region to be wetland. • Phase 2 mapping – sorted the wetlands into different ‘classes’. • Swamp and fen are by far the 2 most common wetland types, bogs and marshes are very rare in the region. • He presented some analysis on wetlands in relation to the recent land withdrawal. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission inquired about details of the mapping regarding burns and their likelihood of being wetlands, the reclamation of mining areas and the conversion into wetlands post mining, and conversion of peatland wetland to open water. 	
Agenda Item 9: Draft Plan Public Engagement Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Glynn-Morris led discussion with Commission Commitment to the public about the engagement process that we are going to embark on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work hard to consider and understand the feedback that we are given. Feedback Loop (this is what we heard and how it was used in Recommended Plan development) Introduced the communication and engagement strategy. Draft plan release: The Parties will receive it 1 – 2 weeks earlier than the public as a courtesy, not with the intention to receive comments before public release. Dawson’s annual Gold Show is not happening this year due to COVID. 	
Agenda Item 10: Questions from Public	
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There wasn’t opportunity to answer questions from public due to time, but public are always encouraged to follow up with Sr Planner or Commission at any time. 	
Agenda Item 11: Next Commission Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd week of May week of May 10th <p>Motion: To adjourn regular Commission Meeting #9.</p> <p>Moved Alice McCulley 2nd John Flynn - Passed by Consensus</p>	Action Items

Approval at Regular Board Meeting #10 – 20/21
By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #10 – 20/21

Chair

_____ DRPC Secretariat

Date

