



Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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December 2 and 3, 2021

Dawson Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting #13 Minutes

Dawson City and Videoconference (Zoom)

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC</p> <p>Debbie Nagano – Chair Alice McCulley – Member Dan Reynolds – Member Jesse Cooke – Member Angie Joseph-Rear – Member John Flynn - Member</p>	<p>DRPC Staff</p> <p>Tim Sellars - Senior Land Use Planner Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner Charlotte Luscombe – Land Use Planner</p> <p>Technical Working Group (TWG) Sam Skinner - YLUPC Natasha Ayoub – TH Lee Whelan - TH Larissa Lychenko – YG Amber Church - YG</p>	<p>Delegates/Guests: Karen Clyde - YG Krysti Horton - YG Katie Fraser - TH Tim Gerberding - TH Paul Kishchuk - Vector Research</p>	<p>Public / Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online public participation through Zoom Webinar. • Radio broadcast on CFYT of YG and TH presentations

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 9:02

Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
<p><u>Opening Prayer</u> Opening Prayer by Angie Joseph-Rear.</p> <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u> Tim Sellars gave brief introduction and welcomed participants and observers.</p> <p><u>Agenda Review</u></p> <p>Motion #1: To accept Commission Meeting #13 agenda as presented. Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Jesse Cooke Passed by consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Delegations (Tab 2)	Action Items
<p><u>Commission Meeting #12 Minutes (Oct 26, 2021)</u></p> <p>Motion #2: To approve the Minutes of Commission Meeting #12 Oct 26, 2021, with two amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delete “to” under agenda item 6 on page 5, 3rd bullet • Delete empty bullets on page 7 under action item 11 <p>Moved: Debbie Nagano 2nd Dan Reynolds Passed by consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 3: Delegations	Action Items
<p>TH Presentation: Katie Fraser - TH Tim Gerberding – TH</p> <p>YG Presentation: Karen Clyde - YG Krysti Horton – YG</p> <p>Vector Research Presentation: Paul Kishchuk</p>	

Draft Plan Engagement Update

- Public engagement and survey uptake was very successful.
- Input has been logged, and unique identifiers have been attributed.
- Results are available through the website, and binders containing feedback have been provided to Commission.
- Staff are completing survey data compilation and will provide that shortly.

Agenda Item 7: Presentation - Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Draft Plan Feedback (Tab 6)

Presentation provided by: Katie Fraser

- TH is culturally distinct and has a unique set of values.
- Engagement included TH citizen input and technical input.
- TH Council has approved this feedback on the Draft Plan.
- The Plan needs to reflect the intent and objectives of the Final Agreement, and Chapter 11.
- TH has provided a lot of feedback in the past to articulate their values (April 2019, December 2020).
- Review Appendix B of TH's recommendation (*Review of Inclusion and Consideration of TH Values, Way of Life, and Traditional Knowledge*).
 - TH wants to protect their way of life: the language that is used to describe TH in the Draft Plan needs to be stronger.
 - Acknowledge traditional economy.
 - Increase reference to Traditional Knowledge and language that highlights culture and history.
 - Conduct a Traditional Knowledge (TK) workshop and use the data in the recommended Plan. TK workshop details need to be worked out: it will focus not on gathering additional information, but rather how TK can be better reflected in the plan.
- Want joint implementation of the Plan.
- The Plan needs to clarify how settlement land should be managed. Provide more focus on settlement land e.g. LMU 15 FortyMile River.
- There is a discrepancy between designations SMA1 and 2.
- There needs to be a network of connected areas that ensures connectivity of corridors.
- Establish major river corridors that include the Klondike and Stuart.
- Protect caribou and their habitat.
- Protect wetlands with a maximum of 25% disturbance threshold and extend the boundary for LMU 19 (Upper Indian River Wetlands). Make LMU 11 (Flat Creek Wetlands) a special management area.
- Provide certainty for high value agriculture areas such as the Klondike Valley.
- Cumulative effects need to identify social and cultural values. Consider a full range of costs and benefits which include ecological, social and community.
- TH pleased with first draft and thankful to the Commission for all their hard work.
- TH clarified a question about the wetland boundary: that it would be aligned with the conservation priority assessment. The boundary would be the Indian River itself.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If legislation changes are needed, likely the same process would ensue as it has for the Peel, where recommendations are made which would require regulatory change. Specific examples from the Peel were discussed: to date there has been a goodwill effort among the Parties to implement recommendations. • What TH is asking for is not above and beyond precedent. • Provisions should be in place for climate change as a trigger for plan review outside of the schedule that is currently laid out: land uses and activities will change over time depending on how climate change moves forward. 	
Agenda Item 9: Presentation - Yukon Government feedback Draft Plan (Tab 6)	
<p>Presentation provided by: Karen Clyde and Krysti Horton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission is encouraged to continue to reach out to White River, and other affected First Nations. • The Commission has done a great job with the first draft. • Portion of LMU 22 (Scottie Creek Wetlands) should be moved into LMU 21 (White). • Access should be granted to claims used for the renewable resource economy (e.g. Cobalt in LMU 1: North) • The Yukon River Corridor should have ISA designation so there is limited development and tourism. • Expand the LMU 18 (Matson Uplands) to cover the 40 mile caribou herd’s core summer range. • Commission members expressed concern around how to protect areas and still honour some of the claims given the response to the SMA2 designations. • The Tombstones need to be considered. • Boundaries can be pushed somewhat when implementation doesn’t fit legislation. • Would like to link linear density and surface disturbance thresholds to values and develop social economic indicators. • New surface disturbance data will be ready in the spring. • Wetlands are of special importance and thresholds need to better reflect that. • What is “reasonably implementable” needs to be worked out. • There is good alignment on joint management as seen through the implementation committee, joint SMA planning etc. • Application of thresholds only apply in LMU 11, 12, 19, and 21. 	
Agenda Item 10: Presentation - Cumulative Effects Report (Tab 6)	
<p>PowerPoint Provided by: Sam Skinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Cumulative Effects report as a requirement of the Terms of Reference. This is an update to the 2014 report, which focused on cumulative disturbance not cumulative effects. • Cumulative effects report will be reviewed by the Parties prior to being considered by the Commission. • There is a focus on human activities past, present, and future. • Disturbance caused by forestry small when compared to that of the mining industry. • The definition of when something is considered recovered is problematic, which needs to be considered. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commission needs to have a better description of what it means when thresholds are crossed. • With regard to climate change, the impacts need to be considered: may be great for tourism but hasn't benefited the placer industry. • Animations were presented to demonstrate aspects of ALCES. • ALCES model – Sam will inquire into confidence of model/proof of concept. • Updated mapping of surface disturbance and linear density is being done by YG. Maps derived from SPOT satellite imagery are limited due to pixel size. May need ground truthing, or drone imagery for finer details. • The difference between recovery and reclamation is hard to define. Hopefully the cumulative effects working group can work on this. 	
Agenda Item 12: Presentation - Decision Support Tools (Tab 7)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AtlasTI is being used to compile, organize and analyse feedback on the Draft Plan; staff have identified key words around climate change, wetlands, etc., will make it easier to identify feedback patterns and suggestions for recommendations throughout the Plan. • The computer program works as a highlighter for the key words, and will help with the option papers, and commonly used words, etc. The program has many uses and may help with new ideas. 	
Agenda Item 13: Presentation (Tab 6) Decision Making Approach	
<p>Presentation Provided by: Paul Kishchuk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured Assessment - proposed a way to take formats and analyze, to make it more structured. • Evolution of Research approaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A: Quantitative Data, <i>if you can't measure it, it doesn't count</i> B: Qualitative Adaptation, <i>measuring qualitative input to make it count</i> C: Qualitative Relational, <i>understanding connections between people and land</i> <p>Step 1- Log all input received during the June to November 2021 feedback period (done) Step 2- Post submissions to the Dawson Regional Planning Commission website (done) Step 3- Assemble the input received into formats suitable for analysis (done) Step 4- Undertake analysis of quantitative aspects of survey input with descriptive statistics Step 5- Undertake thematic analysis of qualitative input according to various lenses Step 6- Integrate the result of the analysis in steps 4 and 5 into the Recommended Dawson Regional Land Use Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 lenses comprehensive of: respondent voices, rationality, generational time horizon. • Research on qualitative, reading on indigenous knowledge, textbooks written by indigenous scholars. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tourism Development Strategy also contains a lot of guidance related to Yukon tourism. 	
Agenda Item 16: Next Commission Meeting	Action Items
<p>Next Commission meetings:</p> <p>January 21, 2022 – Working Session</p> <p>February 10-11, 2022 – Commission Meeting #14 plus Working Session</p>	
<p>Approval of Minutes for Regular Commission Meeting #13: Approval at Regular Commission Meeting #14 (February 2022)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>Chair</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>DRPC Secretariat</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>February 12 2022</p> <hr style="width: 100px; margin: 5px auto;"/> <p>Date</p> </div> </div>	