



Dawson Regional Planning Commission

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February 9, 2022

Dawson Regional Planning Commission Commission Meeting #14 Minutes Dawson City and Videoconference

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC Debbie Nagano – Chair Alice McCulley - Member Dan Reynolds – Member John Flynn – Member Jesse Cooke – Member Angie Joseph-Rear - Member</p>	<p>DRPC Staff Tim Sellars - Senior Land Use Planner Charlotte Luscombe – Land Use Planner Nicole Percival – Land Use Planner YLUPC Staff Eric DeLong – Cartographer Michelle Christensen – YLUPC, Administrator (note taker)</p>	<p>Delegate/Guests: John Glynn-Morris – Facilitator Agnico Eagle – Jamie Quesnel, Greg Sharam</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 Nyäk Dun
TH – Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in
VGFN – Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
WRFN – White River First Nation

Planning: DRPC – Dawson Regional Planning Commission
THFA - Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Final Agreement

Action Items: Status indicated is as of next meeting date

Senior Planner’s Report

- Continuing to review a lot of feedback received on the Draft Plan between June and November.
- Working with CEWG towards development of CE Framework. The Working Group is a subgroup of SLC.
- Commission held two planning sessions in January to work through ideas and approaches for decision making and talking about SMAs and WAs. Continuing this conversation in camera Feb 10 & 11.
- Workshop between YESAB and YLUPC on YESAA and UFA and relationship between YESAA and RLUPs in the Yukon.
 - Opportunities to work together.
 - Better understand each other’s work.
 - New ideas/things to consider for future.
- Met with DFO & Compliance Monitoring to better understand license authorizations and placer operations.
- Workplan & budget was submitted to the Parties and Affected First Nations.
- Looking forward to next activities:
 - Finishing coding of feedback.
 - Continuing to engage Parties through TWG & SLC on various technical issues and topics.
 - Looking at broader changes, such as how to incorporate climate change and Traditional Knowledge.
 - Continuing to develop options around the major topics.
 - What We Heard Report after coding on feedback from Draft Plan.

Motion #3: To approve the Chair and Senior Planner’s Report.

Moved: Dan Reynolds

2nd Debbie Nagano

Passed by consensus

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)

Action Items

Media

- Media coverage on land related topics such as wetlands.
- YLUPC land relationship model of TK.

- Coffee Goldmine in the news as it went back to the federal government for assessment and came to understanding with WRFN.
- Results came out relating to Brewery Creek - Sabre Gold released economic viability of the Brewery Creek operations.
- News out of the Peel: surrender and release of mineral claims in SMAs.

Correspondence

- Correspondence regarding budget from Parties including feedback.
- Feedback was submitted by Commission regarding YG's Draft Wetlands Policy.
- Received approval of extension of DRPC Recommended Plan timeline to June 1, 2022.



Agenda Item 5: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)	Action Items
<p><u>Financial Statement to December 31, 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income statement shows over expenditure of budget to date but doesn't reflect the addition of \$60,000 from the supplementary budget. The new transfer payment has been approved in principle. <p>Motion #4: To accept the December 31, 2021, Financial Statements.</p> <p>Moved: Alice McCulley 2nd Dan Reynolds Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>2021-22 Supplementary Work Plan and Budget approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2021-22 Supplementary Work Plan and Budget had received email approval in December from the Commission. A motion was brought forward to formalize the approval. <p>Motion #5: To approve the DRPC 2021-22 Supplementary Work Plan and Budget.</p> <p>Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd Jesse Cooke Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>2022-23 Final Work Plan and Budget approval</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed reference to wetlands policy as one of the things that impacts timelines, based on feedback from YG and TH. A portion of funding that was allocated to regional planning commissions has been reallocated to the DRPC: an additional \$125,000 that is not expected to be spent this year will go toward a surplus that will reduce the amount requested for next year. Next year \$238,000 will be requested and there will be an estimated \$125,000 surplus. Total budget is \$363,874 which includes a funding request of \$238,874 and a \$125,000 estimated surplus. <p>Motion #6: To approve the DRPC 2022-23 Final Work Plan and Budget.</p> <p>Motion: John Flynn 2nd Dan Reynolds Passed by consensus</p>	

Agenda Item 6: Agnico Eagle “Caribou Management Experience in Nunavut”	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnico Eagle (AE) operates several mines in the Canadian Arctic • AE works with Inuit, identifies environmental and social risk, designs effective mitigation, and monitors to test predictions. • 15 years of operation as the largest gold mining company in Nunavut. • 3 operations in Hope Bay, Meadowbank Complex and Meliadine, all of which occur in caribou habitat. • Inuit Qaujimagatugangit (IQ) encompasses Inuit TK, local and community-based knowledge, and Inuit epistemology as it relates to Inuit societal values and Inuit knowledge. • Government of Nunavut has adopted IQ principles. • AE follows principles of IQ and the guidance of the Nunavut Impact Review Board. • Traditional Knowledge Coordinators gather, compile, and coordinate IQ and TK for Meadowbank and Meliadine mines: they cast a broader net pulling in TK from other community members. • Satellite collars and TK used together to determine caribou road crossing. • Mitigation for water quality, dust control etc. – specific to caribou • Protection from habitat loss and disturbance – small footprint, avoid sensitive features, dust control, noise mitigation, manage blasts and quarrying, aircraft management, vehicle management. • This company builds a lot of roads and come up with many different kinds of mitigations. • Multi-scale responses in place when caribou are on-site, and adaptive mitigation if calving areas change. • Examples of monitoring: onsite monitoring, original research, partnership with Government of Nunavut. 	

- Camera monitoring and behaviour surveys: this type of work has never been done in industrial sites before – dispelling concerns in terms of caribou response. Vehicles driving by not as disruptive as expected.
- AE conducts wildlife management in consultation with Inuit and other stakeholders; IQ is included in environmental assessments, management and monitoring programs; mitigation keeps caribou safe.
- Monitoring of project effects indicates realized effects are smaller than predicted effects.

Questions

- Is there a trend that shows that caribou are habituating to the mines?
 - Every mine has a few caribou who are habituated.
 - One of monitoring objectives is to track habituated caribou.
 - Barren ground caribou are constantly moving – behaviour programs aim to ensure there are minimal impacts to caribou when they encounter a mine.
 - Behaviour program is in its 2nd year – finding less of a negative effect on caribou than expected.
 - Traditional activities can be conducted from mining roads: caribou react differently to these activities than to mining activities.
- How do communities feel about increased road use by hunters? How does road use impact overall herd health?
 - When looking at the effect of roads on harvest rate, it was felt that likely the same number of animals would be harvested by the community, but that roads would be used because they provide easy access.
 - Caribou response to vehicles is monitored – they seem to respond differently to hunting vehicles than to mining traffic.
 - Data needs to be easily accessible and shared.
- Are studies published?
 - All studies are appended to company annual reports and some of the larger more original studies are published because it's important to get that information out more broadly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the company's road crossing studies that found no impacts was disputed – have you worked to address these issues? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Though the analysis conducted for this study was valid, the company is aware of concerns about some of the information associated with this study and is looking at ways to improve. 	
Agenda Item 7: YLUPC/DRPC Meeting – IN CAMERA	Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In camera discussion (see in camera minutes document) 	
Agenda Item 8: Preparations for Working Session February 10-11	Action Items
Reconvening at 9:00am on February 10 at Yukon University.	
<p>Approval at Regular Board Meeting #16 21/22 – March 28 2022 By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #16 – 21/22 – March 28 2022</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>Chair</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>DRPC Secretariat</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>March 28 2021</p> <p>Date</p> </div> </div>	<p>*Meeting #15 scheduled on March 21 2021 did not meet quorum and therefore no official Commission business was conducted. Hence the Meeting #14 minutes were approved at meeting #16 (March 28) when quorum was met.</p>