

October 6, 2020

Dawson Regional Planning Commission

Commission Meeting #6 Minutes

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall, Dawson City

In Attendance			
<p>DRPC</p> <p>Debbie Nagano – 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)</p> <p>Natasha Ayoub – TH Sam Skinner - YLUPC Lee Whalen – TH Larissa Lychenko – YG EMR</p>	<p>Delegate/Guests:</p> <p>Laura Cabott - YESAB Lawrence Joe - YESAB Bryony McIntyre- YESAB Kim Winnicky – YESAB Ron Cruikshank, YLUPC Director John Glynn Morris - Facilitator</p>	<p>Public / Audience:</p> <p>Grant Allan Sebastian Jones Brooke Rudolph Randi Newton</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 10:00

Agenda Item 1: Review Agenda (Tab 1)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Opening Prayer</u></p> <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitator welcomed Commission members, staff and public to the meeting and outlined his role as a contracted facilitator. Minimal public attended in person due to COVID restrictions and additional members of the public were welcomed online and intermittently via radio broadcast on local radio station CYFT 106.9. <p><u>Agenda Review</u></p> <p>Motion #1: To accept Commission Meeting #6 agenda with no amendments.</p> <p>Moved Dan Reynolds 2nd Angie Joseph-Rear - Passed by consensus</p>	
Agenda Item 2: Minutes and Review of Commission Action Items (Tab 2)	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Minutes Commission Meeting #5 August 3 2020</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission had no amendments to the minutes. <p>Motion #2: To approve the minutes of Commission Meeting #5 August 3, 2020</p> <p>Moved Alice McCulley 2nd John Flynn - Passed by consensus</p> <p><u>Review of DRPC Action Items</u></p> <p>Senior Planner reviewed the DRPC action item list. Some items of note included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting the Commission’s Annual Report 2019-2020 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff made changes to the Draft Plan goals as per Commission direction at Commission Meeting #5 and subsequent email correspondence. ○ Staff participated in three TWG meetings. ○ Reports (Issues and Interests Report and Resource Assessment Report – are all up on the website) ○ Website – was experiencing problems which now seem to be resolved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commission had no comments on DRPC action items 	
Agenda Item 3: Delegations	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delegation from YESAB (Yukon Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment Board) to present under Agenda Item 7. They joined the Commission online via Zoom from Whitehorse. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YESAB delegates included: Laura Cabott (executive committee member & Chair of Board), Lawrence Joe (member of Board & former executive committee member), Bryony McIntyre (Board member & executive committee member), Kim Winnicky (senior assessment officer at YESAB leading Coffee project screening process) 	
Agenda Item 4: Report from the Senior Planner and Chair	Action Items
Comments	
<u>Report from Chair</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair announced resignation of Vice Chair Art Webster. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acknowledged his commitment and contribution to the DRPC and wished him well ○ Questions about his resignation can be directed to Art Webster or Minister of EMR. 	Action – Post Senior Planner Report on DRPC website

<p><u>Senior Planner Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Senior Planner updated the Commission on what staff have been working on since the last Commission Meeting (see DRPC action items above). The report will be available on the DRPC website. ○ Commission had no comments on the report. 	
<p>Agenda Item 5: Correspondence and Relevant Media (Tab 4)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>Comments</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission were provided with all correspondence and relevant media since the last Commission meeting. Many of the items of correspondence will be discussed In Camera and all of them have been sent to the Commission prior to this meeting. 	
<p>Agenda Item 6: Finance and Administration (Tab 5)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>Comments</p>	

Financial Statements August 2020

- DRPC is still under budget – Senior Planner does not feel that there is anything of concern to highlight to Commission in the August financial statement.
- Senior Planner provided clarification on accounts payable line. This line indicates the amount that is payable to YLUPC from DRPC due to expenses owing (for example DRPC staff salaries)

DRPC Interim Report 2020-2021

- Senior Planner presented the Interim Report to Commission and provided high level summary of contents in report.
- The Interim Report provides an update to the Parties and YLUPC on the Commission's work plan and budget. This report is a requirement of the Commission's financial agreement with YG.
- Due to the COVID pandemic, there have been changes to the workplan to adjust to new working conditions. There have been delays and adjustments due to COVID restrictions.
- The workplan that was envisioned earlier this year has changed significantly.
- **Draft Plan Submission Changes**
 - Original timing for Draft Plan submission to the Parties was October 2020. This has now been changed in the interim report to March 2021 submission.
 - Senior Planner explained the modular or building block approach to Draft Plan submission. The plan will be submitted to the Parties in two main parts. The first module or section to be completed will include the Commission's recommendations for candidate conservation areas. This first part of the Draft Plan will be submitted no later than January 2021 to the Parties and the remainder of the Draft Plan to be submitted in March 2021.
- Commission members expressed approval of the modular approach to Draft Plan submission.

Cost of Living Increase (COLA)

- COLA consist of a 2% increase in staff salaries effective April 1, 2021.



Action: Staff to submit Interim Report to YG, TH and YLUPC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLUPC Executive Director offered to provide YLUPC supporting policy to accompany COLA request to Commission if necessary. Commission did not require the policy to pass motion. <p><i>*At this point in the meeting the facilitator requested the Commission adjust the agenda to account for being ahead of schedule with items and to accommodate YESAB delegates. See motion to amend agenda below.</i></p> <p>Motion: To amend Commission Meeting #6 agenda to move Item 8 to Item 7</p> <p>Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd : Angie Joseph-Rear – Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion: To approve DRPC Interim Report 2020-2021 for submission to Parties</p> <p>Moved: Dan Reynolds 2nd : Debbie Nagano - Passed by Consensus</p> <p>Motion: To approve 2% COLA (Cost of Living Increase) for staff salaries effective April 2021.</p> <p>Moved: Angie Joseph-Rear 2nd : John Flynn - Passed by Consensus</p>	
<p>Agenda Item 7: YESAB Screening – Newmont Coffee Gold Mine Project and NAR (Northern Access Route)</p>	<p>Action Items</p>
<p>Comments</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: To receive an update from the project team working on the Executive Committee Screening of the project at YESAB. To understand the process and timing of the screening in relation to the DRPC process. The Commission was encouraged to ask questions about the process. General information about the process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been several opportunities for public comments. There have been 7 information requests prior to the commencement of the screening report. Ex Committee are now in a period of 120 days to complete the draft screening report (DSR). (January 2021) 	<p>Action – Send hard copy of YESAB screening process to Commission for reference</p> <p>Action – Send YESAB Bulletin on cumulative effects to Commission</p> <p>Action – Commission staff to meet with YESAB staff on cumulative effects</p>

- DSR will go out for a 60-day public comment period after which writing of the final screening report will commence.
- Final screening report will be complete at roughly the same time as the DRPC Draft Plan (March 2021).
- 38 comments were received in total and are available on the YOR registry. Key values/issues that were raised during the public comment period for the Coffee Project screening include:
 - **Issues:** Increased access, risk of impact to fish bearing streams, cyanide, cumulative effects of NAR, the need for a variety of management plans to be implemented, outcome criteria for reclamation and closure, mine infrastructure design, contingent on RLUP completion, social impacts on women and girls, mine security, and White River First Nation interests.
 - **Values:** Caribou, climate change, fish and wildlife
 - As a response to a staff question regarding what valued components are being looked at for the project – YESAB indicated that it is too early to share that information.
- Senior Planner highlighted cumulative effects (CE) as an issue that DRPC is working through for the Draft Plan:
 - The Committee is considering CE and have received comments and input. It is too early for them to disclose details.
 - Commission can refer to YESAB's 'Bulletin' on CE for general information.
 - Potentially have a meeting in the future to discuss CE in the region.
- How does the planning process fit into the YESAB process?
 - YESAB asked if DRPC will have materials to submit to the screening process? Ideally it would be best if the Draft Plan were submitted before the Screening report is complete.
 - As the Commission develops information that might be useful to YESAB process, the Commission will consider what they can contribute to YESAB.
 - YESAB suggested that it would be helpful for the Commission to share information to assist their process.
- Note that any materials shared with YESAB are made public as their process is very transparent.

Agenda Item 8: YESAB Dawson Designated Office Project Summary (Tab 7)	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Planner updated the Commission on key projects that have been submitted to YESAB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighted projects that have strong conditions and recommendations specifically referring to wildlife management and access management ○ Provided update on the project that Commission commented on 2019-0182 Rural Residential Land Application Km 22 Dempster Highway Result: YESAB recommended the project not proceed. • DRPC staff met with YESAB staff to discuss YESAB project registry to create process for DRPC staff to easily monitor projects that are happening in the region. 	<p>Action – Staff to continue to forward new projects undergoing YESAB review to Commission members.</p>
Agenda Item 9.1: Draft Plan – Review of Plan Concepts	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Planner presented the Draft Plan concepts to be used in the development of the plan for the Commission to consider. Key concepts included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landscape Management Units (Draft map released publicly, LMUs are still in draft form and subject to change) ○ Land Designation System (Non-prescriptive zoning, overview of the principle of zoning i.e. protected areas, integrated management zones and overlay zones etc.) ○ Special management directions vs. General management directions (location specific vs. region-wide) ○ Cumulative effects management (update) - Cumulative Disturbance report is still being worked on. In addition, Cumulative effects working group is working on modelling effects management for the Fortymile Caribou herd. ○ The CE working group project will likely be complete in Spring 2021 after the Draft Plan is submitted. • Chair expressed that she would like the plan to be flexible and adaptable. 	<p>Action – Staff to re-order LMU numbering for clarity.</p> <p>Action – Staff to post Plan Concepts presentation on Commission website.</p>

Agenda Item 9.2: Questions From the Public	Action Items
Comments	
<p>Commission answered questions from public (both in person and online). Many of the questions were technical in nature focusing on process and planning concepts.</p>	<p>Action – Staff to enquire about a Han name for the planning region with TH staff.</p>
Agenda Item added – Update from YLUPC and Parties	Action Items
Comments	
<p><u>Update from YLUPC</u></p> <p>YLUPC Director provided an update from the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yukon Mineral Development Strategy (MDS) submission – submitted by YLUPC to the MDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YLUPC submitted a series of recommendations to the MDS related to FN relations and integrated resources management (particularly YESAB and YLUPC working together). In reviewing the MDS submissions from other individuals and agencies the DRPC process is mentioned often. • LEADS group (CYFN & YG) – Undergoing a review of Chapter 11 and looking for ways to improve the implementation of Chapter 11. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ YLUPC is hosting a series of workshops to assist in the LEADS work. DRPC staff will be invited to these workshops. It will not take up too much staff time but their perspective would be valuable. • Yukon Wetland Policy Draft #6 – YLUPC Senior Planner submitted comments on latest draft of wetland policy. • Yukon Water Board – Board is holding hearings in October regarding placer mining and wetlands. YLUPC director suggested that Commission may want to join the meeting via Zoom. • YLUPC is participating in an adequacy of funding review for Commissions and the Council. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> YLUPC Director suggested that the Commission begin to think about rolling out the Draft Plan to the public in March 2021. <p><u>Update from Parties</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> YG – no updates to provide. TH – will be sharing draft conservation priorities with Commission tomorrow during the working session. TH have dedicated a lot of time to this submission and have worked internally with Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) internally, along with TH Citizens. 	
Agenda Item 9.3: Next Commission Meeting Date	Action Items
Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 1-3, 2020 was proposed as the next Commission meeting date. 	Action – Staff to look at availability of TH Hall for the proposed dates and report back to Commission.
Adjournment	Action Items
Comments	
<p>Motion: To adjourn regular Commission Meeting #6 and move to In Camera session. Moved Dan Reynolds 2nd Debbie Nagano Passed by Consensus</p>	
<p>Approval at Regular Board Meeting #07 – 20\21 (December 15, 2020) By Motion #2 at Regular Board Meeting #07 – 20/21</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ DRPC Secretariat </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> December 15, 2020 _____ Date </div> </div>	