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Re: KFF Presentation, Dec 4, 2019 @3:00pm

Klondike Farmer's Forum (KFF) was formed in 2018 as a way to build networking opportunities in the region. Our group represents North Yukon farms from Pelly River to Mayo to Dawson. We are currently working on infrastructure, shared storage projects, local marketing opportunities, and encouraging the development of agriculture in our communities.

The Klondike Farmer's Forum is interested in Dawson's land use planning as we have a vested interest to ensure that there is land available for those who choose to develop agricultural practices and businesses. While we recognize that those who are interested in developing agriculture have diverse outlooks and financial investment abilities and in addition to preserving arable ground, KFF is interested in innovative land use partnerships within the Klondike Valley. Some of these ideas, for your feedback and consideration are outlined below:

- 1) Subdividing of agricultural land- Lot sizes to be taken into consideration-preserving larger acreages for wholesale crops as well as making small acreages available for market garden/small scale production. This will allow for varied levels of investment ability and protect agricultural lands for future development.
- 2) Land partnerships made available on arable ground that is staked as mining claims but have minimal mining activity or that are inactive. Or on active claims to farm on non-arable ground and/or in partnership to develop agriculture into a reclamation plan. Could there be incentives to encourage miners to work with farmers? Or perhaps, once a miner is finished mining the land, can that land then be made available to agriculture for long term lease or title land?
- 3) Land partnerships for community agricultural development with Tr'ondek Hwech'in.

Currently, KFF is looking for land to house community agricultural infrastructure for prioritized projects such as: dry storage for bulk shipping and an abattoir. Individual farmers are interested in innovative ways to utilize non arable land and underutilized land.

I look forward to meeting with the committee, your questions and further discussion.

Sincerely,

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