
SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission

FROM: Tim Van Hinte

SUBJECT: Report for November 25 2019 to February 12 2020

DATE: February 12, 2020

The following is a summary of key activities completed by staff during the months of December 2019, January 2020 and February 2020.

1. Finance and Administration

Preliminary Work Plan and Budget 2020-2021: Following Commission approval at its December meeting, staff submitted the Preliminary Work Plan and Budget for 2020-2021 to the Yukon Land Use Planning Council for their consideration. Suggested minor revisions were incorporated and the document has been submitted to Yukon Government for their consideration and approval.

2. Public Engagement and Communications

In Your Words Report – Staff have read, compiled, and have begun processing and summarizing input received from the public and plan partners. Staff have prepared a draft “In Your Words” summary document for the Commission, to be presented at the February Commission meeting.

Engagement with Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in Citizens – Staff are working closely with the TH Land Stewardship Framework program coordinator to explore options for additional engagement with TH citizens. Actions include a dedicated session on February 20, 2020 for Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in citizens to share their values and interests in the planning region with the Commission, as well as participation in a community feast that evening at the TH Hall.

Engagement with Youth – Staff have reached out to Robert Service School staff and TH Cultural Education Coordinators to engage youth in the process. Staff presented to the Grade 12 First Nations Studies class on February 10, 2020 on the land use planning process in Yukon, its main objectives, and its background in the UFA. The presentation also focused on the DRPC and asked students to consider some key planning questions. Other engagement opportunities being explored include: development of posters for the school, a meeting with the RSS Youth Council, and attendance at an upcoming TH Youth Council meeting.

Meetings with Plan Partners – Staff attended the following key meetings:

- **Wildland Fire Management (Community Protection Plan)** – Staff attended a meeting hosted by Wildland Fire Management on the development of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Dawson.
- **YESAB Dawson Office** – Staff met with the YESAB Dawson Designated Office to discuss plan progress and projects of interest.
- **Cumulative Effects Working Group** – Staff have been requested to be part of a Cumulative Effects Working Group organized by the Parties. Working group meetings were held on January 16, 2020 and February 4, 2020. The main objective of the working group is to provide guidance to the Commission on how to address cumulative effects in the Draft Plan.

3. Planning Products:

Cumulative Disturbance Report – Staff held six separate meetings with technical staff to help review and update the Cumulative Disturbance Report. Meetings were held the week of December 9-12th, 2019 and involved representatives from both Parties (TH and YG). The objectives of the meetings were to review previously developed scenarios and to explore potential effects from surface disturbance. Staff are now working on updating sections of report that describe effects to heritage/culture/tourism and effects to wildlife/habitat/fish based on input received from the meetings.

Draft Plan – Staff have drafted a table of contents and draft work plan for preparing the Draft Plan, with tentative deadlines for certain sections to be completed. In addition, Commission and staff have begun drafting goals and objectives for the Draft Plan based on what the Commission has heard from the public, plan partners and the Parties.

Resource Assessment Report – Staff have compiled necessary/requested edits to the RAR and will be working towards finalizing the document in the coming months. The report will remain in draft form on the website until the document can be finalized.

Issues and Interests Report – Staff will review the public engagement report once finalized in order to determine if edits to the Issues and Interests Report are necessary. This work is ongoing.

4. Other Activities

TWG Meetings – The Technical Working Group (TWG) met on December 3, 2019 (Dawson), January 10, 2020 (Whitehorse, Dawson via teleconference), and January 30 2020 (Whitehorse, Dawson via teleconference).

SLC Meetings – Senior Liaison Committee (SLC) met on December 3, 2019 (Dawson), January 24, 2020 (Whitehorse), and February 5 2020 (Whitehorse).