
SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission

FROM: Tim Van Hinte

SUBJECT: Report for July 18, 2020 to September 25, 2020

DATE: September 25, 2020

The following is a summary of key activities completed by staff between July 2020 – August 2020.

1. Finance and Administration

Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2019-2020: Staff submitted the Commission's Annual Report for 2019-2020 and audited financial statements to Yukon Government following the August Commission meeting. The Annual Report is available on the Commission's website.

Interim Report 2020-2021: Staff prepared the draft Interim Report for review by the Commission at its October meeting. This report provides a summary of work completed for the period of April 1 – August 31 and is required under the terms of the financial agreement with the Yukon Government.

2. Public Engagement and Communications

In Your Words Summary Report on Public Engagement – The final report was approved by the Commission at their meeting on August 3, 2020, and is now publicly available on our website.

Public Updates and Communication: Staff have been communicating more frequently with the public and planning partners this summer through email, Facebook and the Commission's website. The most recent public update was posted and sent by email on August 31, 2020. The next public update is anticipated following the October Commission meeting.

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

- Staff met with YESAB staff (August 26), Canadian Wildlife Service staff (August 31) and CPAWS staff (September 23), to provide progress updates and answer questions.
- **Cumulative Effects Working Group –** Staff attended the working group meeting on September 10th.

3. Planning Products:

Resource Assessment Report (RAR) and Issues and Interests Report – The final reports were formally adopted by the Commission at their meeting on August 3, 2020, and are now publicly available on our website.

Cumulative Disturbance Report - This draft report was prepared by YLUPC staff and explores cumulative disturbance of human activities and describes potential effects of future land use in the planning region on select values. Staff continue to work on updating this report. This work is ongoing and is focused on:

- Updating future land use scenarios for placer, quartz, forestry and oil/gas sectors; and
- Adding a qualitative discussion on cumulative effects from surface disturbance and linear development to key values.

Draft Plan Development - Draft goals for the plan were adopted by the Commission at their meeting on August 3, 2020 and are available on our website. In addition, staff began key work on the Draft Plan including:

- Exploring priority values/objectives with the Commission for different areas of the region and drafting management intent statements for these areas;
- Developing potential strategies to meet goals and objectives;
- Mapping preliminary Landscape Management Units (LMUs) for discussion; and
- Drafting introductory chapters.

4. Other Activities

TWG Meetings – The Technical Working Group (TWG) met on August 20th and September 15th via video conference.

SLC Meetings – Staff and the Commission Vice Chair attended the Senior Liaison Committee (SLC) meeting on August 26th (via teleconference).