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## DAWSON SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

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**TO:** Dawson Regional Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Tim Sellars, Senior Land Use Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Report for April 2021  
**DATE:** April 28, 2021

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The following is a summary of key activities completed by staff in April, 2021.

### 1. Draft Plan Development

We are excited to be nearing the launch of the Draft Plan, with the hopes of gaining endorsement from the Commission by the end of our May 11-13 meeting.

Based upon working session with the Commission during the March 29-31 meeting in Dawson City, the staff have been preparing the Draft Plan for Commission approval. This work has included:

- Merging Modules 1 & 2 into a single document
- Developing options for:
  - o Wetlands
  - o Swede Creek LMU boundary
  - o Klondike Valley designation
  - o Coffee Creek LMU designation
- Filling in outstanding components:
  - o LMU management intent and values
  - o General information regarding sustainable economy, heritage, climate change
  - o Cumulative effects threshold definitions, approach and levels
- Improving the flow of the plan
- Removing redundant wording

We will also begin work on development of a simplified place mat product and a plain language summary version of the Draft Plan. These will be for the general public and will be less detailed than the full Draft Plan.

### 2. Communication and Engagement

As we move into the launch of the Draft Plan, we wish to reach the right target audiences in order to get a full range of feedback.

Anne Kennedy has developed a **communications strategy** for the Draft Plan that lays out the timing, media, and key messages. The first phase of communications includes direct mail, website communications, placing of newspaper adverts, and other communications. Your packages include the materials developed for the pre-Draft Plan communications. Another round of communications will accompany the public launch of the Draft Plan in June.

We are also working with John Glynn-Morris on an **engagement strategy**. This links into the communication strategy and includes plan partner meetings, public information sessions, and online engagement.

In mid-April we met with KPMA, YPA, Chamber of Mines, WCS, CPAWS, CWS and YCS. We also are meeting with the Dawson District Renewable Resources Council and Dawson District YESAB office on May 10 as well as the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elders Council on May 11.

My hope is to continue expanding the list of stakeholders with whom we are engaging.

### **3. Staffing Updates**

We are recruiting a new Land Use Planner to run the office in Dawson. We hope to have a candidate selected and in attendance at the May Commission meeting, subject to availability.

YLUPC has hired Andrea Kenderova as their new office administrator. Under our ongoing arrangement with YLUPC, Andrea is providing administrative support for the DRPC.

### **4. Exploring the Region**

I am interested to know from the Commission whether there is an appetite to get out to any area of the planning region to gain a better understanding of the land, environment and/or activities that are occurring. This summer may be a good time for such excursions.

### **5. Work Plan and Budget**

The 2020-21 Work Plan and Budget have been submitted to Government of Yukon.