
July 30, DAWSON SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission
FROM: Tim Sellars, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Report for July 2021
DATE: July 16, 2021

The following is a summary of key activities completed by staff from May to July, 2021.

1. Draft Plan Launch

The Draft Plan was launched June 15, 2021. This included a ceremony at the Cultural Centre in Dawson and an open house at the garden beside the office.

This was a great accomplishment! Thank you to the Commission members for the strong leadership and support we needed to move forward with the launch of the Draft Plan.

2. Communication and Engagement

There has been significant communication and engagement over the past 3 months.

Communication has included:

- News releases
- Household mailers
- Media briefing

Engagement:

- Meetings have been held with 20 different stakeholder groups
- Offers to meet with another 10 stakeholder groups and affected First Nations
- We are compiling feedback in a spreadsheet, which is part of your meeting package
- We relaunched our engagedawson.planyukon.ca website with many new functions and materials
- In the fall, we will be holding workshops and community engagement in Dawson, Whitehorse, Mayo, Old Crow, Beaver Creek and Pelly Crossing (subject to COVID-19)

We are also working on the following products:

- Survey for public and stakeholders
 - This will be available online and in person
- Plain Language Summary
- Pre-recorded presentation
- Workshop materials
- Methods reports

Engagement on the Draft Plan will continue until **November 1, 2021**

3. Withdrawals

On June 15, Government of Yukon put in place withdrawals from mineral staking for all areas identified as SMA 1 & 2 in the Draft Plan. These withdrawals are in place for 1 year.

4. Social Media

I am interested to know from the Commission whether there is an appetite to post our engagement activities on FaceBook. We have heard that many people get their information from FaceBook, especially the Dawson Town Crier page. At the same time, we know that the comments received are a concern. Therefore, we suggest that any postings have the comments disabled.

5. TWG and SLC

We hosted a TWG meeting July 13 and attended a SLC meeting July 27.

6. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements

The 2020-21 Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements are being provided for the Commission's review and approval. Since my start date was April 1, 2021, I will rely on the corporate knowledge of Nicole Percival as well as YLUPC staff to answer any questions related to these materials.

7. Decision Making

As we look forward to the next steps in the planning process, we will need to work on a framework for decision making. DRPC staff will work on some tools to support the Commission's decision making process. Our goal will be to provide information to the Commission in a way that provides opportunity to make decisions based on a clear understanding of the issues and the impact of those decisions.

8. Teamwork!

I want to recognize the hard work, creativity, tenacity, skills, knowledge and camaraderie that Nicole and Charlotte bring to this process. The support shown by the Commission members has also been an important part of our recent accomplishment. Being part of this team is exciting and motivational. Thank you!