
SENIOR PLANNER'S REPORT

TO: Dawson Regional Planning Commission

FROM: Tim Van Hinte

SUBJECT: Report for May - June 2019

DATE: June 7, 2019

The following is a summary of key activities completed by staff during the months of May and June 2019.

1. Finance and Administration

Letter to the Parties – Staff prepared a letter to the Parties on behalf of the Commission thanking them for their support, requesting clarification on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and requesting submission of YG's Issues and Interests document.

Draft Policies and Procedures – Staff revised the document to reflect comments from the Commission at the April 30, 2019 meeting. The final draft will be considered at the Commission's June meeting.

Provisional Work Plan and Budget 2019-2020 – Staff revised the provisional work plan and budget based on comments received from Commission members and YG Executive Council Office (ECO). The document was endorsed by the Commission via email. The work plan and budget will be appended to the Financial Agreement.

YLUPC-DRPC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – YG ECO has requested to review a draft copy of the MOU between YLUPC and DRPC prior to finalizing the Financial Agreement. The MOU will be appended to the Financial Agreement and will outline the relationship between the Council and the Commission. The MOU has been drafted and will be considered at the Commission's June meeting.

Financial Agreement – Council and Commission staff have received a final draft of the Agreement from YG ECO. Once the MOU has been developed, the Agreement can be finalized.

SLC Meeting – Council and Commission staff met with the Senior Liaison Committee (SLC) via teleconference on May 1, 2019 to discuss revisions to the ToR, timelines and the outstanding YG Issues and Interests submission. SLC agreed that an update to the timeline in the ToR is needed and proposed some updates for consideration including revising the submission of the Draft Plan to July 2020 and Recommended Plan to February 2021. In addition, YG will work towards submitting their Issues and Interests document to the Commission in time for its June meeting.

2. Public Engagement and Communications

Draft Engagement Strategy – Council and Commission staff met with John Glynn-Morris on May 10th to discuss a potential draft engagement strategy for the Commission. Mr. Glynn-Morris has submitted some initial thoughts for the Commission to consider and will be available to answer questions at the next Commission meeting.

Participation at the Gold Show – Commission members and staff participated at an information booth at the Dawson International Gold Show on May 17-18 in Dawson City. The show was well attended and a summary report will be presented at the Commission's June meeting.

CYFN General Assembly – Council and Commission staff have booked an information booth at the CYFN General Assembly from June 25-27 in Dawson City to promote the Commission's re-establishment and answer questions from attendees.

3. Planning Products

Resource Assessment Report – Work has been progressing well on the Resource Assessment Report (RAR) and staff will continue to work towards a final draft this summer. TWG staff will be delivering a presentation on the RAR at the Commission meeting in June.

Issues and Interests Submissions – Submissions have been received from TH while the YG submission is expected in time for the Commission meeting in June. Both Parties have been invited to present their submissions to the Commission and have been added to the June meeting agenda.

4. Other Activities

TWG Meetings – The Technical Working Group (TWG) met on May 9th and May 28th to work on action items from the Commission's April meeting.

Meeting with YGS – Council and Commission staff met with staff from the Yukon Geological Survey (YGS) to discuss information needs for the planning process. YGS will be hiring staff to update the mineral potential assessment for the Dawson Region.

CWS Priority Places – Staff attended a meeting via teleconference to learn more about the Priority Places initiative from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS).

Cumulative Effects Conference – The Senior Planner attended a conference titled "Cumulative Effects: Clarity and Direction on Land Resource Management and Responsible Development" in Calgary from June 4-6, 2019. Key topics included management tools for proactive planning, incorporating traditional knowledge and exploring case studies from across Canada.

Commission Field Trip – On June 20th, Commission members took a flight tour of the region to get a better appreciation of the type and scale of activities occurring on the land. The tour included both northern and southern portions of the planning region.