DAWSON REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

1: NÄN KÄK NDÄ TR’ÄDÄL – ON THE LAND WE WALK TOGETHER



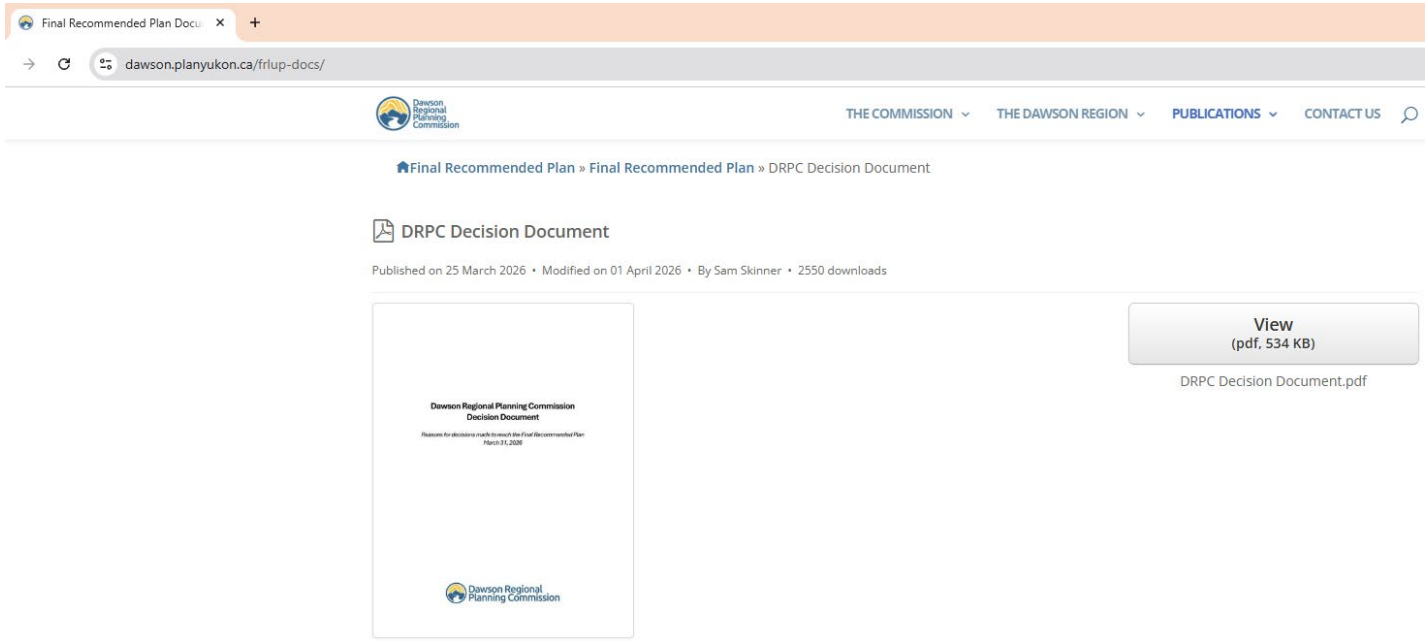
INTRODUCTION

This is a video series about the Final Recommended Dawson Regional Land Use Plan.

These videos provide a summary of the Plan.

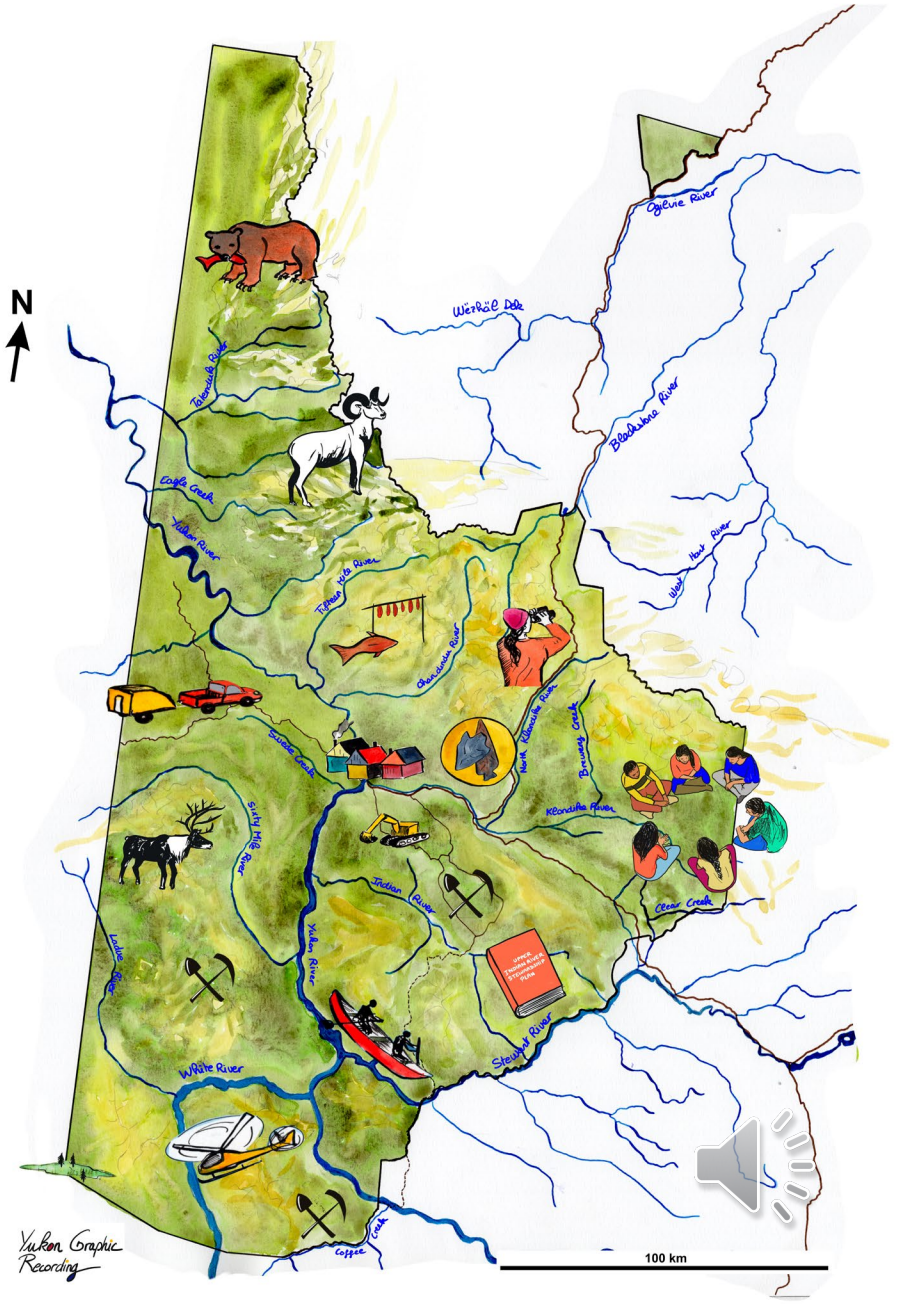
For full details, please refer to the complete plan and associated content: www.dawson.planyukon.ca

For details about why certain decisions were made during the most recent version of the planning process, refer to the Commission's decision document: www.dawson.planyukon.ca/frlup-docs



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- Regional land use planning is required under Chapter 11 of Yukon First Nation Final Agreements.
- The Final Recommended Plan was released March 31, 2026.
- The Plan guides land, water, and resource management across the Dawson Region.



THE PLANNING PROCESS

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Dawson Regional Planning Commission established



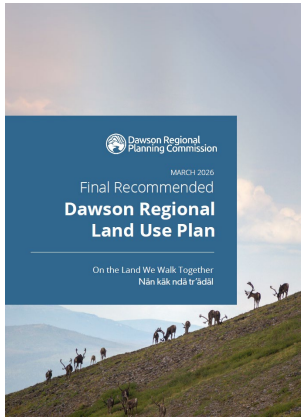
2021
Commission releases Draft Plan

2021-2022
Commission runs public engagement and stakeholder consultation on Draft Plan



2022
Commission releases Recommended Plan

2024
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Government of Yukon suggest modifications to the Recommended Plan



MARCH 31, 2026
Commission releases Final Recommended Plan

WHO DOES THIS PLAN SERVE?

This Plan serves the land and all people who live, work, and play in the Dawson Planning Region, including:

- Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, whose connection to the land goes back to time immemorial.
- Newcomers, including multi-generational families who have made the Region their home.
- Visitors.
- Assessors and governments.



NÄN KÄK NDÄ TR'ÄDÄL – ON THE LAND WE WALK TOGETHER

- Shared responsibility for the land.
- Respect among people.
- Consensus decision-making.
- Different worldviews working together.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- Gold rush-era displacement transformed the Region.
- Indigenous communities experienced significant loss and disruption.
- Reconciliation today means working together under modern treaties.



CO-MANAGEMENT

The meaningful participation by both Parties in the management of land and public resources within the Region and the implementation of this Plan in a manner that:

- Fosters a positive, mutually respectful, and long-term relationship between the Parties;
- Upholds and honours the spirit and intent of the Final Agreements; and
- Promotes the objectives of reconciliation.

As signatories of this Plan, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Government of Yukon equally share the authority and responsibility of implementing, monitoring, reviewing, and adaptively managing the Dawson Regional Land Use Plan. Co-management applies exclusively to the Parties of the Plan and, where agreed by both Parties, affected First Nations

VISION

- **For the Region**: The unique landscapes enable our community to build a diverse and sustainable economy. This economy maintains a rich cultural legacy and a healthy environment along with its associated biodiversity.
- **For the Process**: The principles of sustainable development, respect for heritage and culture, Traditional Knowledge, and conservation of fish and wildlife habitats guide the shared and respectful use of natural resources. Ongoing community stewardship, based on consensus-building, will achieve significant and lasting social, economic, and ecological benefits for all Yukoners.
- **For the Plan**: The Plan reflects community values and guides the coordinated and integrated protection, management and use of land, water, and resources.



PLANNING REGION

- Approximately 10% of Yukon
- Traditional territories of:
  - Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
  - Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation
  - First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun
- Adjacent to Peel Watershed and North Yukon planning regions
- Excludes:
  - × City of Dawson
  - × Tombstone Territorial Park
  - × Klondike National Historic Sites

